Why I Hate Incels

The Politics of Self-Pity

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There's an interesting moment in the manifesto of the Unabomber in which he reflects; "nobody would have paid attention to us if we hadn't started killing people". There's something unusually honest in him, saying that nobody would have ever cared about his manifesto, his philosophy, his politics; if he had not started killing people.

When you look back at the last 20 years of what happened in the vegan movement and you look ahead to the next 20 years of the vegan movement, it's remarkable that we as vegans aren't thought of that way. Right, like. Amazing that nobody or nobody with a high enough public profile, nobody notorious enough. In the news in the press has taken that step that you've seen Yarovsky hint at again and again that there's something inevitable to vegans actually taking up arms, taking up guns, holding people at gunpoint and demanding that they close down slaughter houses.

So I'm the last person to say that veganism has no history of terrorism whatsoever. Discussed many strange examples. On my channel, however, you know it's fair to say that the incel movement in cells, the whole political discourse around in cells would not exist if they had not started killing people. Right. Whereas veganism has not been tainted in this way, it's not thought of in this way yet. Now those of you have been in the vegan movement for five years or 10 years. You might remember there was one news story that came out of France. Is now closer to 10 years ago. From memory, I'd. Yeah, it's nine years ago. Like. There was one news story in France of parents. Who malnourished, their own baby and social services got involved. Parents were vegan. Now I remember responding to this on my blog before I even had a YouTube channel and I pointed out that very few of the. Journalists commenting on this had even read the judges decision, which I read in French. French was not great, but I could. I could still read and understand that in French, and I remember quoting that and talking about it on my blog. Before I had a YouTube channel. Only nine years ago. That was one case of what I would presume would be one pair of very eccentric hippie parents who were malnourished, their child, and the judge himself said. A vegetarian diet is not on trial here really meaning a vegan diet is not on trial here. Judge probably didn't know the. The nutritional adequacy of a vegan diet is not this is just about two parents who happen to be incompetent or responsible and and how we deal with. As a. How we deal with that is a legal system as a child care system, you know so on. But I've I mean, for at least five years. But probably it's more like 10. That one case that went to court and what the press said about it, it created a cloud over veganism, not just in France but in America. To my knowledge around the world, maybe it wasn't that influential in India or China. Don't know, but you know. This this one case and those. Those aren't people who decide to become violent. So when you look at a phenomenon like the in cell phenomena.

To my knowledge, there were really just two incel killers. Maybe I can think of 1/3. But anyway 2. There were two instances that were really covered in the press that really, you know, got tremendous attention publicly both in the United States of America, of guys who publicly and directly identified as killers. People killing for this movement, killing for this ideology killing due to this kind of. Social analysis or complaints? You know it's it's. It's not based on a complaint that they personally, as individuals, can't get. It's based on an analysis of our society and a claim that society has to change to suit them. You know, I mean, it is in this sense, a political movement. It's not a religious movement, you know. It is a political movement, political movement we all despise. But it's a political movement whose prominence and political significance has entirely relied on the massacre. Now this is. We're thinking about many different angles for many different reasons. So you, you know, one of the most notorious was this guy who was obviously mentally ****** in Toronto. The the one in California. He also he. He was diagnosed as having autism. So you know, in case you don't know, autism is a form of mental retardation. So definitionally, this person is is mentally *******. The guy in Toronto you can just watch the police interviewing him. And you can come to your own conclusion of whether or not you would include him in your. Of mentally, I am telling you I would, and I just sorry if you if you really doubting this, you know, I mean fair enough in a sense. Who gets to define who's mentally ******, who who doesn? Well, what if you have been in grade school with this guy? What if you? What if you had been with you in Grade 6? What if he? Been with you in math class now. I wasn't the best student in math myself. In great sex, you know. But you know, I mean what my teacher said to me. Again, many of them were furious with me. Was look, you're too smart for this. You're brilliant. You're one of the best students, but I can't motivate you to care about math like you're sloppy and you don't care. You're not. Not trying. Completely true. I I didn't. I didn't care about doing well in math in grade school, but you know, there were other kids. Teachers didn't get angry with me. I was intelligent and I just didn't. I wasn't trying hard, you know, whatever you want to say. There were kids where the whole tone of discourse, the teacher was totally different, like. Ohh, we got to bring in a specialist. We got to help this kid. Oh. This kid can't do math and it's. It's on a whole different level, you know, this is actually mental retardation. Is actually a learning disability or impairment? And they all the teachers only get angry. No point yelling at them and you know, at least at my school they'd call in someone you know there were. And there were different. I have specific memories of this for my own. You may not remember your childhood that precisely, but my point is, if you look at these guys and even just look at film clips of them talking into the camera, I said that police interrogation I think is very telling. Then you imagine. What if I had been in school with this guy in Grade 6? You know, well, maybe he wouldn't have been in the same classroom as you at all. Or maybe you acknowledge this would be one of the quote UN quote special needs kids. Is someone who who would? That kind of OK.

This is my point.

We're living through this period of time of phony optimism about non violence in politics, right? Oh, well, so optimistic that we're going to end global warming by having physically attractive young women in bikinis. You know, holding up a sign on a sidewalk. This is how history is made. This is going to change the fate of. This is going to change the political priorities in our leaders. You know, Boris Johnson is sitting there going. Damn, that's a good looking woman in a bikini holding up a sign, I think. I think I should make 4 illegal. This is what you think and all those good looking women in bikinis who called for the end of the war in Afghanistan. And I'm using this broadly just indicate all the ridiculous things people do in the name of nonviolence and St. activism. Isn't all good looking women in bikinis, but there's plenty of that to go around. How effective was that after just 918 1/2 years? You know the women in bikinis had their way. Nonviolent St. protesters. The pedestal activism, all this ********, all this hand wringing and heart bleeding. Gee after after 19 1/2 years you ended the horror. And look how it ended. And look what a better place the world is. You got your way.

You look as in case you don't know a long time viewer the channel. You may or may not be or now but some. Oliver, who also has his own YouTube channel, Oliver Shields, has his own YouTube channel, which I support. Share links to periodically he. To me, just in passing a few days ago, he. Oh, you know how much has the philosophy of Eisel Mazard changed in six years? You know, I don't know how he took it, but I said from my perspective I was being. I said, look, look, dude, you know, like, if anyone knows, you know, he could give an interview about how much my political philosophy has changed in six years because he's been watching the YouTube channel for at least 5. Like dude, you know you have changed. Well, look, I mean, I was there. Um. I'm forgetting if it was during the year 2001 or just at the beginning of 2000 and. But I. Marched in the antiwar protests at that time. So again, I just forgot. September 11th, 2001 and then October, November, December. I would guess it was just over the line into. Into 2002, but there were there were peace protests at that time. Non violence. Peacefulness. That set records for many cities around the. It was the the largest piece, the largest protest of any kind, largest St. protest, largest political demonstration they'd ever had in the history of the Western world. And I think those records still stand. I mean, like you know, here we are. More than 20 years later. There hasn't been a bigger protest. There were people saying, hey, we don't want to invade Afghanistan, we don't want to invade Iraq. Now I've changed. I mean, you know the man I am today. I would. I would have signed up to join the army. I sit though, including my ignorance. Like the other problem is sorry don't. This is just a direction. If you really understand how stupid George W Bush was. Are you willing to be in an army under the command of George? That's a very difficult question and it it probably wouldn't have been the American army. Probably would probably join the French army or the British Army. Would join some other army. And gone to fight where you don't distrust your leadership. And by the way, Long story short, I do blame George W Bush. The

stupidity of George W Bush and Barack Obama. Why those wars went away? Did all right.

But here's my point. Consider consider the political efficacy of just two men of just two men who engaged in massacres. And what they've done for the incredibly unpopular incel movement, the political significance in our times of fear. Movement consider the efficacy of the Unabomber. And again, with all humility, he said. Nobody would have ever taken an interest in his philosophy. Nobody would have ever taken interest, say politically, if you had. Started. Killing people, OK. So you look at that and then you look. The. War movement and look at any other example. A kind of pro solar power movement. Guys have probably seen. There are any number of kind of peaceful St. protest based movements. An anti fur movement. A pro bigam. I don't feel it so much right now because the type of people who would engage in terrorism don't talk to me anymore. They know I'm anti terrorism like in this sense. I'm anti violence and I'm trying to extricate of political movements like veganism. Like you know, I want veganism to be a legitimate democratic movement. In my opinion, the same with the gay rights movement was now, well, I don't know, can you got maybe there were some gay rights terrorists like, I legitimately do not remember anyone engaging in a mass. In the name of gay rights, it would be understandable. Like gay rights is, it's still this day in Muslim countries, for example, but in some Christian set, as homosexuals is so bad, like you could I can understand gay people getting to that limit where they really want to engage in in terrorism. But you know, I say again and again, look, if we're really going to accomplish something in veganism has to be kind of democratically legitimate. It has to be scientifically legitimate, like there are different kinds of legitimacy that we really. You know, we really need to build up that basis. And I also talked a lot about the life of a creative artist, the way in which we have to do things that are really creative and really. We have to make our own Bambi. We have to make our own animated movie that gets this message across to adults and children that parents and children watch a movie that makes the case. There are a lot of things we have to do. In my opinion and in terms of my argument, you know, and I, you know, even in countries that don't have democracy like you've talked about Communist China or something. To think the path of violence is the way to promote veganism within Communist China. Just being honest you, it seems to be fundamentally. So I just say in terms of what I feel about this issue now for many years, other vegans have known that I'm anti terrorism and anti bounds. Don't hear from those people anymore. But when? First started the YouTube channel. I did feel it 'cause I did hear from those people. And I felt like we were sitting on a powder. I felt like we were sitting on a time bomb where it's like, well, the clock is ticking and sooner or later in the same way that one person shapes the public perception of incels that you have an incel killer. It gets this into the headline. So on in the same way like the clock is ticking, and then there's going to be a vegan killer, you know, and then everyone's going to see vegans this way, at least for five years, maybe 10 years, maybe 100 years. You know. Where the meaning of veganism politically will be changed forever by the violent act of just

one man. And some of you remember there was a. Was it in Hungary or was it in the Ukraine? There was one guy in Eastern Europe, someone in the comments will remember. There was one guy and he took people hostage on a bus so he didn't kill anyone, but that was that was close and he demanded on the bus. Demanded that the Prime Minister or president of that country make a statement of of veganism. And then he let the hostages go on the bus. Some of you will remember that. Sorry, I apologize. Remembering that as if that were Ukraine, but maybe I just have Ukraine on on the brain because Ukraine's in the news so much, but somewhere in. Europe. It wasn't Russia. I don't. Don't think. Russia, they would have tolerated that. And you know, the guy ended up in jail and that that was in the newspaper headlines briefly and then and then disappeared. Well, you know what? If the next time, what if it's someone who does exactly what Gary Arrowsky encouraged begins to do? Played that clip a million times where he was talking about holding, holding people. So when the audience says sounds like Chechnya wasn't chechny. A. OK, you know. In cells or movement. Nobody sympathizes with. Nobody thinks their perspective matters. Nobody thinks they have something positive to contribute to the reform of our society. That. The political progress of the political transformation or society in future. Not even 1\%. Of the population would agree with insults like if you tried to set out the Incel manifesto and then poll people say, how much do you? Do you agree with this and you know we live in a society where. You know. Than 1% of people agree with Sharia law. More than 1% of people agree with ******* Catholic and Christian notions about what's you know, there are a lot of unpopular philosophies that pull in more than 1\%. Okay. No. Again, I think if you were honest with yourself, if you set out a vegan manifesto, that was really honest. About the world vegans want to live in. No more pet dogs. No more pet cats. No more hot dogs. No more hamburgers, right? It's. You know, if you pull just on. Coats, more than 1% of people say, you know, we can do with it for coats. How about leather basketball shoes? You you wanna go to New York City and pull people say, yeah, we're gonna make it illegal for you to ever wear or own Nike Air Force ones again to ever wear leather basketball shoes, leather high heels. Leather purses. Or if you actually spell out for people what? A vegan society is going to mean vegan legal reforms are going to mean it's less than 1\%, right? Than 1\% of people would support those reforms. You see, there's something there's something comparable here. But this totally unpopular, totally despicable political movement in cells and look, let me just say a little bit more about despicable. There was a time when people responded to homosexuals with. Quorum with revulsion. And this was really even encouraged. You know, these people were regarded as disgusting, you know, and that they made your skin crawl just to talk, just to have them on the news. And so. And there was a process. And look, I mean, I do think that partly just reflects the culture we had on television and radio and movies before that. Now I I say this also still to this day, it's very rare to see someone with a disability. On on, on camera at all. And it's especially rare to see someone with a with a facially visible disability. Like if there's someone in a in a wheelchair, they still look like a movie star from the. Based up, you know, and it just

comes up in different. Conversations with my girlfriend and stuff, you know, people don't know what it's like to have a face to face conversation with someone whose face is really kind of ugly and malformed. Maybe they're twitching or they have. Problems. They really grow up watching television where EU. People like the actors who play the ugly role on television. They're plain, but they're fundamentally good looking healthy people. And you don't know what it's like to spend time around, you know. Really, really hideous people saying, like, that's something you. To. You know, if you actually get involved in humanitarian work involved, caring for the sick and the downtrodden, the poor, if you actually, I've described this before being in Cambodia for me. And for the first time, having a conversation with someone whose face was caved in by a bomb, he's got a seriously deformed face. People who are, you know, horribly mangled by bullets and bombs and you know. You get used to it. And the good news is you really do. Had a. He had a deformed face just due to a type of birth mark. Was just a birth abnorm. And I got used to it. I'm just telling you honestly, maybe the third day I was at work. You look totally normal to. I, but you know, like the first day, the first you just not used to looking at someone. OK, well, look, you know what? We had to ****** grow up as a society. We had to really accept gay people. As normal and you know there was a, there's a little bit of push and pull on both sides there. But you know, yeah, talking to. An openly effeminate gay. A gay man who doesn't try to act straight and seeing that on TV, he listed them as a news broadcaster or whatever other we've seen them interviewed on the news. Hearing and caring about the perspective of gay people and having a kind of mature response to how these people talk and act and not demanding that they live up to our our expectations for what's normal. So I I feel within my lifetime I'm in my mid 40s by the way. I've seen that change in the Western world, where where gay people went from being pariahas. To use a loaded term to really being accepted even by their critics, like there's a level on which it's not cool anymore to be freaked out or disgusted by gay people in their appearance and their behavior. Yeah, you know, and by the way, I'm not claiming all gay men are. I know all kinds of ways to be gay, but, you know, yeah, obviously. You know, the real conflict is with gay men who, in their appearance or behavior, are very obviously not. Are very obviously not behaving the way we would expect a a straight person to, so that's why I'm mentioning effeminate gay men specifically, obviously with lesbians. We could repeat this whole discourse. You know, some women you can't even tell the you can do a woman for years. Mentions she's. You can't tell. There are some women and the first day you meet. You. Know you know, same with vegans, by the way. You can. You cannot tell someone and there are some people for the first day you meet them, you know they're vegan, you know? So I'm just saying this kind of revulsion, this kind of judgment. It's not. It's not built into the. It's not an automatic or default like there isn't A cause and effect relationship that exists like an equation in physics. You know, it's established and remains the same forever and ever. You know, instead On the contrary. How we react to these things? Yeah, it's culturally conditioned, but it also reflects a kind of moral commitment. On our part. But yeah, when you look

in the faces of these in cells, right, you feel a kind of revulsion, like even on YouTube. It's not just that their ideology is despicable and revolting. They are despicable and revolting. These are exactly the people we want to. And don't want to listen to. And so it's very rare to write anything down.

But I have a few.

Points I want to go over here. Here. Lurking behind this, you know, to to a massive extent. Some interesting comments coming in, so I'll just disagree, Michael Wright says. Welcome to the audience, Michael. I don't remember, Micah says in cell. In cells mostly result from inherent issues with with hookup cultures in cell C dating as a game or challenge to overcome rather than organic means by which to learn who someone is. The issue with hookup culture is that it's inherently show. OK. So I'm taking a totally different approach here. I'm not saying. That what you've just said is is false or totally irrelevant or something. But just notice the way I'm approaching this, the way in which it's it's different. I saw a YouTube channel almost at. The other day I was searching for something and I end up seeing this YouTube channel. And. This guy is 6 foot 4. And he considers himself ugly. He claims his analysis of his situation is that he is an incel. Sorry and I should clarify that it's not that he's insecure. Just that no women want will say, want him. He can't *** ****, can't get a girlfriend. He can't have any. He claims that it's because he has an ugly face. And interestingly, his cross the bear, one of the reasons he created his YouTube channel was he was complaining that the Incels all think that height is is the. They. Like our society is prejudice against short men short man can, he said. Well, he's 6 foot 4. And and he's saying no, the reality is just that he has an ugly face and that's enough to Ann. That. Oh, get. Rid of the. Sponge. So the sponge is kind of sticking out the side. So he was making the argument that no, being tall isn't enough. He's tall and he still has all these problems and the reason why I didn't call him an insult was hilariously, this guy hit a turning point in his life where he rejected Incel ideology. And he instead embraced "black pill" ideology. And he said, look, he really feels that that as a philosophy, the incels are wrong and that the reality is that he is just a guy who's too ugly to *** ****. Now I could show you this guys. Right now I shows you and it's he doesn't have an ugly face. He does not. It is one. Percent a self justification and delusion for him to think it's because he has an ugly face and I'm not claiming nobody is in that situation. I saw a YouTube channel really at random about a week ago. And it's just very rare to see. It was a guy who had a hideously deformed face, really, like he one of his eyeballs was down where the middle of my cheekbone is his whole face. Was just born that. It's not his fault, and it was. I mean, he'd had reconstructive surgery when he was a baby. His face had been even. And surgeons had tried to make it work. But right, you know that guy had a had a horrifying face. His. It's not ethical to he was born with a really deformed. There are some people for whom you say, well, look, you know it's it's your face, your face. Terrifying to people. So obviously it's going to be really hard for you to have a relation with that that exists. I'm saying this particular guy who. 4. If you click on any of these videos, say no, the problem isn't that you're ugly. Not that you have an

ugly face. The problem is that you're stupid. And I see the whole insell discourse, the whole thing as a cope for dealing with stupidity and even outright retardation. That a lot of these people are mentally disabled and that's why women don't want them and that's why they can't speak in complete sentences. Whole discourse about social skills. Is a cope right? So

Self pity and being self pitying. Unfortunately in English these are really used as insults. You denigrate someone or you dismiss what they have to say. By reproaching them for being self pitying, I mean in in English, if you say to someone you're just feeling sorry for yourself, it totally dismisses what they're saying is of no reality. It shouldn't, but it. That's our culture and that's our, that's our language. If you characterize anyone, whether it's a politician or a celebrity or your own friend or relative, if you say to them, you are self pitying, it dismisses them. If they tell you about their problems and then you say what? Said to me is self. It dismisses the substance of what they say and I think self pity. There are really at least two very different concepts that are masked and misrepresented by our language, by our, by our cultural tradition.

What could be more important and what could be more meaningful in instigating personal and even political change than self pity, than sitting down and feeling sorry for and reflecting on how terrible your situation is, and I would just point out somebody else feeling sorry for you can never. Be a substitute for that like you know, sorry my relationship with my mom is not that close. But back when I was in university, there's no way my mother feeling sorry for me. Can have the effect or significance of me sitting down and feeling sorry for myself. Like here I am in university. The university is terrible. The quality of education is terrible. The other. I'm in class with are terrible. My professors are. I have no hope for the future. I have no plans for the future. No possible career in front of me. Um, like you know, it was a really bleak, really terrible. My. My mom didn't feel sorry for. She didn't understand. She wasn't capable of understanding. And if I tried to talk about these things, which I didn't do, but once in a while, she kind of started a conversation with me on her own terms. Wasn't me, Richard? She talked to me about what going to university was like in the 1960s. You know? And she went. Oh, well, you know, when I was in university and I was writing articles for the newspaper, and I was doing this, you know, I have a YouTube video on this channel of my mom talking about her. If you want to hear her perspective about how wonderful her time in university was, now I can tell you something else. I know my mom real well. She learned nothing while she was she. She came out of university just as ignorant as.

She went in.

The you know the the level of erudition my mother had by the end of her university education, it was 0. She might have had a lot of fun in in going to university in the 1960s. Everything was so different, you know, significant universe near society and what kind of job we could leave to and everything else, and whether or not you can even get employed with everything's different. You know, I just say this is a good example because. Who else could you have in your life? Who's going to feel sorry for

you? It wasn't the situation my mother never thought of me, but like in theory, you can imagine a parallel reality where my mother comes to me and says, look, I can see you're really suffering. I can see you're really down like there must be something really wrong with your situation at university and I feel bad about you and let's talk about what you're going to do about it, what you do to change it with my mother. Never happened. Never, and I hope. I hope some of you have mothers who are that. That involved in your in your in your life.

OK. When you think about the meaning of the term self pity, what it means to be self pitying, I think there are two very different ideas that are misrepresented as one and the same in our language and cultural tradition because one element of being self pitying, well remember this is sitting down and really confronting and really reflecting on the extent to which you are sad and then engaging in an analysis of why you're sad. And what you're going to do about it, and I'm just being real with you when I say I don't think anyone else can do that for you, not even your mom, not your best friend not your therapist. There's anyone who can really help you with that.

I do think probably many people had this. I think someone can just say to you in like 1 sentence like dude, you're really you're really. I can see you're really messed up. Like messed up by this or you're messed. Someone can say to you in one sense, man, I can see you're really unhappy about your job. Someone could see you in one sense. I can see you're really unhappy about your marriage. They can say that, and that can lead you to reflect. It. It can instigate this because you may be kidding yourself. May think you're happy with your. You think you're happy with your career? You think you're happy with your marriage? And that could even be the breaking point where you then sit down and engage in in self pity and reflection. But I don't think anyone else can feel sorry for you in that in that way.

But for many of us, there's a shocking moment of discovery. Maybe because you you've made a whole series of compromises with your job. Like OK. Guess I can tolerate this. OK. I guess it gets worse and worse. And you're telling yourself it's OK. Very common in commitment relationships. Have a. A girlfriend, a husband or wife. And they are treating you worse and worse or something about how you relate to each other and the relationship is getting worse and worse, but you compromise and you tell yourself you're OK with it. Tell yourself everything is fine, and actually you're miserable and you're cracking up. And you at some point have to stop and reflect on it. Now. I think this also points to the importance of self pity, because if in this sense, if you were more self pitying in this positive, constructive analytical sense, if you had been reflecting on what was wrong. Your job. What's wrong with your relationship? At all those stages sitting up to it, right? You wouldn't kind of reach that breaking point, you know and probably you would have made different decisions along the way. Now obviously I don't have to go. This at. Everything I've just said is very. Of what? The struggles of of incels.

Now and it can lead to really hard. Admissions to oneself are things you have to admit to yourself can be hard to admit, hard to reflect on. So I described at length,

this YouTube channel from a guy who's. Foot 4. And he thinks the reason why women won't talk to him, why women won't date him, why women won't fall in love with them. He thinks the reason is because his face is ugly. And he's. I mean, if you just watch the video, dude, you don't have an ugly face but just. To him talk, you're sitting. Think something's really wrong with this. No, I. I don't know him, and if I'd actually gone to school with him or, you know, if I'd been in the classroom with him, I would have a better sense. But like this guy, I mean, if he is not mentally retarded, you know, maybe he's a drug. Some people have these really strange behaviors, their ability to speak and make eye contact and hold him just because of addiction can totally explain that. Maybe he's a video game. A lot of these guys, they made themselves retarded through years of smoking marijuana and playing video games. I'm using marijuana intentionally. Of course, you can also destroy your life with methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine. You can use harder drugs and have, of course. Most people don't want to admit the extent to which it's marijuana. I remember an interview with. I think he was a rapper who had formerly been a drug dealer. And I remember he said that when he got involved in drug dealing, he thought he was going to be with these dangerous, exciting, self disciplined men of action like you had this idea of who his colleagues would be and organized crime and. You know, the reality was he found him. He found himself sitting on a couch with a bunch of lazy guys who were playing NBA jam for 8 hours a day. But the reality was these guys would sit in the house on a couch, playing NBA jam, playing this video game again. Again, and then every so often, someone knocks at the door and shows up and they hand over a plastic bag or whatever you. And that was the. The Pika drug dealer wasn't accepting. It wasn't. My point is, you know, if you spend five years playing video games and smoking marijuana, whether it's 8 hours a day or 4 hours a day, it's with your spare time. It changes who you. It has these effects even if you were not born mentally disabled to begin with. These have, you know, cumulative effects and guys, you know again. My point is not here to humble brag, and it's not to outright brag either. I think you all know. Like if I gain 20 lbs of body fat, there will still be women who are into me and there still will be 10 years from now. To just because I'm intelligent, like reciprocally, nobody wants to deal with what a huge advantage it is to just be intelligent and well spoken, and let's keep it real. English is the only language I can do this in, right? I can criticize. It can be for another video. I could have become fluent in any one of the other languages I. It's a long list of languages, but I'm not English is the only, but at least I can speak my first language. Well, and a lot of these people, they. And I'm just being real with you when you see their YouTube channel or whatever, you know. I don't know why, like I can't look at this guy's YouTube channel and diagnose him and say, oh, the reason why you can't speak in complete sentences is this. But the basic reality is English is your first language. And you can't speak in complete. You can't communicate well in your own first language, right? What? What woman will be interested in that? The genders around. It's the same with women and men. If you meet a woman, tell you like, oh, something's something's really wrong with this woman, you know. You know, and again I think you guys can tell I'm not

dismissing the fact that some people do have an ugly face. Not dismissing the fact that some people do have an unattractive body, but I'm saying that this whole discourse is a massive. Cope with the. For the extent to which people don't want to look in the mirror and recognize that they're stupid, recognize that they're ignorant and recognize that their stupidity and ignorance is in large part a result of their laziness. You know, well, you spent your. ****** life. Watching anime movies and playing video games and not developing yourself intellectually? Newsflash, ****. Oh, nobody wants to eat lunch with you. Like yo before, you can fall in love before you can have sex before you can build up a more meaningful relationship. Like there's a really low threshold. Are you an interesting enough person that people want to go for lunch with you? OK. And again, it doesn't matter if I'm 10 years older and 20 lbs fatter than I am right now. All kinds of women want to go to lunch with me, including women who maybe like for the first time that day. That's been my experience my whole life. When I was 18, when I was 18, women thought I was 28. Everyone thought I was way older than I. Most nobody thought I was 18, but anyway, I was already old looking at 18. But you know whether I was 28 or whether I'm 58. Women are going to meet me and want to go up for lunch with me just because I'm an intellectually cultivated, interesting person and plenty of those women like it's subjective. Plenty of them don't think I'm. Some women think I'm attractive, but it's 2% of women or what? I I have no. I'm on. No ego trip that way, like. I think I think we at least recognize that this problem with the way young women are raised in America and we don't recognize that it's a problem with young men. I heard an. I know I've mentioned this on the YouTube channel before, but it was. Six years ago, I heard an interview with a woman who grew up in the Czech Republic under communism. So again, Czechoslovakia has changed really. But she grew up as a Czech under under communism. And then she at one point, somehow she escaped to the United States of America, and she worked as a model and then got work as. Actress, you know. And she said, you know, the difference is for her growing up, everyone acknowledged she was a beautiful woman. Nobody ever told her. That it was adequate for her to be a beautiful woman. No one ever told her this is all you need to get by in life like this is. Everyone told. Look, you're a beautiful woman. You better sit down and hit the books and get a degree in chemistry or something. What you studied, she said. Boring like. You got to work hard. Develop yourself intellectually. Academically. You've got to be prepared to kind of shoulder your burden in society and have a good job, whatever. And she said the minute she got to America now, admittedly when she was in America, she was involved with modeling and. She was involved in a certain subculture, but she did such go to America. She was in a culture where apparently every beautiful young woman was told. This is. You just need to focus on, you know, your hair, your makeup, getting a bra that fits you right. Learning to walk in high heels. Lot of women, then they're growing up. What they're told you're beautiful. You got to practice how to walk, how to walk in a sexy way. Don't fall over in high heels and nobody. Nobody's born knowing how. Walk in the high. That's an art form. These women have to cultivate. So. So nobody's born knowing how to do lipstick. Mean these things are learned. You know where they're they're. You know from a very early age. Again and again that your intellectual cultivation doesn't matter. I've met so many people, including ugly people. And. Like and, it's never occurred to. That this could be, or should be a priority in their lives. Now that side of our culture has. In the past of our time gotten so toxic it's got it's become so reporbative it's become such a source of shame and ridicule the bimboification of every good looking young woman. You know what I mean? That they're encouraged to become. It's gotten so extreme that I do think now there's a little bit of a sense of the pendulum swinging to the other side, where people are starting to mentate the possibility. That really it's important to encourage young women, beautiful or ugly, but it's an extra problem with with women who are beautiful. They need encouragement to be dedicated, self disciplined, develop themselves intellectually. Well, I've gotta tell you something, you know, like, let's get into some specific. Subcultures. Did you grow up around Hispanic people? I did. I did, I remember. Remember particular guys I went through went through school with a new Hispanic guys. And all their family ever encouraged them to do was play football.

You know what I mean?

No. So to be fair, this is not the only sub closest like this. I knew an Irish guy. And. You know the only choice in his family? The only like option he was given was whether he was going to play soccer, which they call football in Europe, whether he was going to play soccer or whether he was going to play rugby. That was a big deal. And he was completely expected to devote his life to either soccer or what, you know, now there are a few other sports in Ireland he could. Could been hurt. Or something. But you know, there are definitely white Australians where as young men like this is it like the the point of school is to participate in sports teams and like, Oh well, you weren't good enough to make the football team. Maybe you can do. Maybe you can just work like. That's all the parents are interested. All they they. You know, I'm just gonna be. The the few black friends I knew, few black friends I had in Toronto. They were black people who were in a state of rebellion against that, you know what I mean? They were in no way victims of that, that cultural expectation, but obviously I mean the high school I graduated from. We had black students. Being on the basketball team, that was it. There was nothing else. Was playing basketball. There was watching basketball on TV and there was playing video games related to basketball and that was it. Nobody questioned. There was no pressure on them and it was openly regarded that that what they did in their school courses was a kind of joke, was a kind of distraction that none of them thought it was important for them to learn to speak French. Give you an example. They would laugh. Laugh in your. So you think I'm gonna speak? You think I'm ever gonna use this the minute. Finish high. No, obviously no concept at learning algebra. It's very hard to convince a young person that learning math is important. No, OK, it's not old black. Toronto I knew black people who were part of the kind of living in a state of revolt against that where they're like, no, they really wanted to. An intellectually develop themselves. I I personally have not known Hispanic people of that character, but obviously they exist. They're out there. Hispanic people who reject that. But you know. My point is, this is so ubiquitous. That it's largely invisible to us and I think this guy, this particular YouTube 6 foot 4. Again, I don't know to what extent he might be born mentally disabled, but Even so, mentally disabled people can do their most to develop themselves intellectually. If. You're autistic. Do you think being lazy and playing video games and watching anime movies is going to help? Like if autism is your problem and you're just, well, maybe you can't develop yourself intellectually as much as some other person. Maybe. The amount you can develop and the way in which you can develop both qualitatively and quantitatively, it's different or it's limited, but still you can do the utmost for you, like you could be the best you can. Be intellectually and that's going to make a positive difference in every part of your life, and it's going to lead to relationships with other people, men, women, or whatever it's going to lead relationship. People that are actually based on intellectual admiration for you, respect for you rather than. Lust for your. I mean, either you got that or you or you don't, you know. But you know, as I say, like I'm aware some women who approach me in life, some women who try to try to initiate relationships with me. Sometimes it is Carla. Sometimes I am their type and. Click and that's it, and you can tell that's that's. Going on, but there are also women throughout my life who have approached me. Normally it's they want to go for lunch with you. You like? Normally, doesn't start with proposals of marriage, but you know, with their interests you they find you interesting and and my assessment, my belief is they don't think I'm attractive. They're not that carnally interesting otherwise, so I don't have to digress on this at any length, but you know. Uh. So someone someone is saying fix the audio, but what was it? It bad for five seconds or what? Not much I can do with this end. All right, I'm gonna. Gonna click. Looks like it's using the right the right microphone. Gonna click here. You should have heard about four. There on the mic. And if you didn't, it's using the wrong mic. But anyway, look guys, all right. Sorry, I mean it's probably just the Internet that went out for a second. Probably someone in this building started playing. Started playing with him saying, Oh well, it's too bad. Guys sorry, but I mean there's only. Only. Much so it said you said ****** for minutes. But a couple minutes is not that bad. I mean, yeah, sorry, life. Life isn't perfect, but it's not like the whole it looks like most of the time you guys were. You guys are following the following the conversation. Great comment from chickpeas anime was a mistake. Interesting criticism from Michael Harvey in the audience. Michael Harvey says ISIL and the general vegan crowd really hate Jordan Peterson. But he does a much better job at warning young men about becoming an incel and practicing stoicism, slash cleaning A room. I don't. I don't think Jordan Peterson gives you a working model for how to live a more meaningful life. Just being real and Jordan Peterson does not present you with a model for. Well, look, I'm sorry. I I apologize. I had no control over the. Nothing changed at this end, so someone said it was bad for about 8 minutes, but I mean you want me to start the live stream again like I can and I, you know, I hope it's. I can. I can just you know I can cancel and start again. But you know I. But it's so someone else says it's good. Was. Good. Maybe when people are listening to it afterwards, they're just going to. They're going

to increase the volume, but I would just assume, I mean, look, I apologize. I I will make a note of. Basically, the connection between my computer and the MIC I can change, but I'm using exactly the same connection that's worked. More than 100 times, like more than 100 broadcasts this this particular USB setup I'm using exactly, but I do. Do worry about that stuff and you know. But normally when happens you're you're completely powerless. Yeah, but no, I I do take that stuff seriously. And I've bought. How many microphones do? Have in this apartment right now 466.

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For at least.

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

But I just say we have a whole, we have a whole collection of microphones. I have spent a lot of time and money trying to get this stuff to work, but I mean, ultimately it's a miracle that this is technologically possible at all. I always said that when. Was in. Like look, it's amazing. I can. I can do this at all. But you know, it's also we. So guys, it's great to have 40 people going. I know a lot of YouTube channels have a much larger audience that don't get people on their live streaming seen somewhere lately, both vegan and non vegan. So I do appreciate your being here. If you have a second, if you could hit the thumbs up button. I'd appreciate that partly just because it helps more people discover the discover the broadcast while it's happening, and I'll help more people discover it later. My lighting has gotten worse, but that's OK. So I'm I'm I'm happy to respond to any of this stuff and I do think it's. I do think it's it's related. Other people are commenting on, you know, the stupidity of of Jordan Peterson, OK. Let's. Let's narrow this down so that it's more relevant to this conversation I've made. If you don't know, I've made videos that reach more than 10,000 people criticizing Jordan Peele. And I'm it's very meaningful to. I mean, if I die tomorrow, the critique of Jordan Peterson is actually significant. I accomplished in my life that I managed to reach that audience reach. His audience was it's it's something I put some energy and effort into. I but the claim of in advancing in the 1st 55 minutes of this video is that the obsession with your facial appearance and your bodily appearance is a cope in their terms. In the slang terms used by the incels themselves. Saying that's a cope right. And instead. What people are coping with, what they're distracting themselves from, what they're rationalizing, what they're making excuses for is their stupidity, their ignorance, their immaturity, and and again, I want to say, even the discourse about social skills. That's also a cope right. So whether or not women find me interesting. And then after finding me interesting whether or not they find me attractive or they can think about themselves being in. Relationship with me. Right, that doesn't rely on self-confidence that doesn't rely on social skills. Now. Sir, I'll use an example using the past. Let's say you're really not a very self confident. And you're not a very well spoken person, but you go into the theater and you start organizing and putting on a performance of Shakespeare's Hamlet. You do all the. You're the director and the producer. Not an actor, let's say. Let's say you're you're kind of an awkward person, you know, you're you don't have great social skills, all right. And you involve people

in this project. In the past I I well, whatever I can, I can give more details as to why this would be an interesting or politically significant, you know, performance of of Shakespeare. Well, there. Going to be some women involved in that, whether they're in the audience or actors or the the person does the lighting or does the makeup there are going to be some people there and they. Huh. You know this guy is kind of interesting. This is someone I'd like to have lunch. You know, not guaranteeing you're gonna have an amazing sex life, or you're gonna fall in. And get. And raise kids. But you are doing something interesting. You are being an interesting person, and even if you're kind of awkward in your way of speaking, you're not. Don't have great social skills. Don't have good communication. You're sitting around and talking to people, but why you decided to mount this? This performance of Shakespeare? Motivated you this, your interpretation of Shakespeare? What you care about and what how you feel about this and so on. Now there are. And by the way, I don't think Shakespeare is. It can't be. It can't be cosplay. It can't be video games, no matter how erudite your opinion is about video games, about the differences between the Famicom Disk System version of EXCITEBIKE and the NES version of excitebike like you know, I I can sit here and give you very sophisticated opin. Video games. But you know don't. But my point is, in choosing Shakespeare is to say it doesn't have to be researching the cure for cancer. It doesn't have to be the future of democracy in. But. Quite intentionally used the democracy in Myanmar as an example. In my most recent video. Let's just mention that briefly. What if you did the research? What if you really got involved with a humanitarian effort and a political effort? You know to achieve democracy in in Myanmar, what if you, you know what? If you put years into that? What if you started learning one of those? Doesn't matter if it's Shan or you know, standard Burmese. You know what? Whether it's one of the minority languages in Myanmar, whatever you know. That's interesting. And you know, I'm gonna be real with you. This is my experience. I'm not that good. I'm really not OK. My experience is women who have never ***** heard of Myanmar before. Wanna go to lunch with you? Like it's not just other women who are interested in researching the politics of Myanmar, and there will be women who are like, huh, this is a country I've never heard of before. They know nothing about it. They meet you under whatever circumstance they hear. You talking in an intelligent way about the politics and history of Myanmar. You know, and they're like. I'm interested. Interesting. That's someone I want to go to lunch with. Whether or not you have sex with them or fall in love. Them or whatever, right? You know, there's something really significant. So this this is branching off from Jordan Peterson. OK, I think. The commitment to care about the future of Myanmar is actually an act of rebellion. It's not conformist. You're not just fitting into the shoes your parents sit out for you to fill, or your grandparents sit out for you to fill above and beyond. And with no relation to kind of conservative conformist conception of society, right? You have come up with this idea. You have nothing to do with me and Mark. Going to learn the. You're going to study history and politics and in your small way you're going to get involved. Going to contribute what you can contribute to that discourse. It is actually a meaningful. Act of rebellion. I think this is the difference from anime, right? What's wrong with just watching anime on TV? Like. Think about. What's wrong with just playing video? Well, I do think it's partly because, well, it's childish. It's conformist. You're embracing a form of entertainment that's just been set out for you. Now look, I mean putting on William. I mean, again, I've talked to this earlier videos. Let's say I feel it's a great example. Let's say you are a black teenager. Living in Chicago. And you. Want to be part of the basketball scene and you don't want to be part of the drug? Don't want anymore part of the hip hop scene and you as a black teenager in Chicago, decide what you want to do is put on a performance of William Shakespeare. Any of the plays could be Hamlet, whatever, with an all black cast. And implicitly this is a way of reaching out to other young black people in your community and saying, hey, look, I want to lead a more meaningful life. Who's with me? Also, there may be other subversive things there politically, like maybe politically you make this into a commentary on Donald Trump or something like there are ways in which the performance of Shakespeare can be politicized. So it's an all black. Performance of. I'll just point out this isn't just black. You could be Japanese and you're in Japan. You're born and raised in. You, an old Japanese performance of Hamlet, and it's a commentary. You do it as a political commentary on things in Japan. Very easy to politicize this, and for this to have social. All right, I'm pointing out that there is a subtle sense in which this rebellious, in which it's challenging the status quo and trying to transform the society we're part of. It's it's railing against the indifference. Of our. It's railing against the flagrantism of our society. It's challenging the complex. Agency of our society. And that's what's different from anime. And that's what's different from from playing video games, you know. I think this is ultimately lacking from Jordan Peterson's model of a meaningful life. You know, now look. So I've I've read Jordan Peterson's book. Own his second book or. His second successful book, which we've looked at a few pages. It's unbelievably stupid and terrible, but you know, I'm familiar with your peers work. I've criticized Jordan peers. I can't sit here and tell you that all of his advice is bad. I would compare him to a fitness instructor who just tells you to try really hard. You know that advice alone? If I if I do that, I can start a website, I can start taking my shirt off and I can start filming myself doing 200 push ups. You 100 push ups a day too, which is. I think everyone in this audience can do 200 push. Who? Who? Has done 200 pushups this month, yeah. But you. You know, you could men and women. It's an attainable goal. I can start the 200 push ups a day website and 200 pushups a day challenge and fill myself. Up and. If all I have to say is, hey, try really hard or hey, you could try. You know, a huge percentage of people will benefit from that advice, even if it's totally banal. Know what I mean? Umm. So like on that level? You know, of course I can't say everything that Jordan Peterson says is wrong. People here are. Wicked. Yeah, I agree, you know. However, we are sitting this is damning him with faint praise like we are setting the standards incredibly low and I think it's it's very meaningful to point out that the advice he's giving it, it simply doesn't work for in cells. I mean, there is nothing there for young. Men to respond to and build on. Isn't

the model. And there certainly is a model of how to make progress as an intellectual and look again alright. Not everyone can make progress as an intellectual right. Some people are so severely mentally ******* that this isn't open to them, but one more time of people who are moderately mentally disabled, right? There is a question of doing the most you can do and the amount, the extent to which you can improve your brain, even if you're somewhat mentally disabled, right is so much greater than the extent to which you can improve your face. Or you can improve your body. Really limited, right? Now I'm tempted to get in talking about Christian Leah, you know, to to branch off. I guess we'll come back to to Chris and Leo in a minute. So I I'm gonna treat this person as anonymous. A fan of the channel wrote in to me. And he is mentally disabled and he described his situation and I will just say he is significantly mentally. He's not just slightly mentally disabled and he has some kind of social worker assigned to him, some kind of caseworker or talking about a situation. And he said completely matter of factly, that he was just not going to attempt to finish.

Cool he.

Was just gonna get on with. One and I sent him back a passionate and clearly worded e-mail saying no, this is the wrong decision. You're wrong. And I said, look, if you go back to high school two years from now and you finish high school, and if you go. To high school. Five years from now. That will still be really meaningful for you in your life, and I didn't like I didn't tell him his business. I said look, maybe you're right that this year you can't go back to high school and maybe not next year. You know, for all kinds of different reasons. But every year you are going to get more mature. Going to get more self-discipline. Going to get more focused. And maybe just two years from now, you can go back to high school and you can complete. And that's going to be so significant in your life as opposed to and what he was talking himself into was just that he would accept basically living as a janitor for the rest of his life. He was going to get a really low level of employment that he. Get without going to high. High school again because he's aware of his mental disability. No, this guy, I don't know what his limits are, but my point is this is me encouraging them. I said more than that. I've said more about the way in which the challenges of high school would actually be meaningful and important for like you are going to learn. You don't think you're going to? By going through this process in high school.

OK.

So this guy. Obviously it's just based on his own description himself. Completely accept that he is really mentally disabled. Is a significant mental disability. I'm not. I'm not dismissing it. I'm not being like some gym coach who says everybody can do 200 push ups or. Can Bench press 400. You. Some people aren't going to make it, but like the point is, he can make progress from where he is today to being a better person in the future. May. Intellectually, he may never be able to do. The things I do. And some of the things that are effortless for me, maybe a lot of effort for him, but I'm still encouraging him, right? Still encouraging to do the utmost and this guy I've alluded to the six foot four guy. ******* all. Good looking people who are on

YouTube like, I'm sorry. Any any good looking successful YouTube male or female you look back at the last five years of their life and you look. At the next five years of their life. You know. If they just make the effort to cultivate themselves intellectually, if they just make the effort like, you know, we're all born stupid, we're all born ignorant. But this is something you can change and it's something you can change is going to have. Profoundly positive consequences for your whole life, for every aspect of your life, not just getting laid, not just your sex life. Just who you marry. If you want to get married or so. Everyone does. But yeah, including that. You know your intellectual development is going to is going to pull that along with you now look.

I already.

Mentioned the particular install I was talking about. There was 6 foot 4. He doesn't have an ugly face. He has a he has a normal face. A normal like his face is. Looking for a guy his his eyes is nothing wrong with it. You know Kristen, Leo is one of my one of my. Adversaries, you're on YouTube. Kristen Leo is a YouTube where I don't particularly like I. Don't like her? I don't like her intellectually. Don't like her? She claims to be a vegan. She buys and sells leather on her own website. Sorry, just give an example what I mean when I say ethically there's a lot wrong with Kristen Leo. Her latest video consists of her admitting that she has gotten into plastic surgery. Now I say admitting because I have no reason to think that this is her first experience with this. But she's already now doing Botox, so. She is about 30 years old. Yeah. She made some videos, I think when she celebrated, she went from 29 to 30 talking about the the cost for the decade and her her birthday celebration. So.

OK.

Now, look, I'm going to be real with you. For me personally, subjectively, Kristen Leo is ugly. Like to me, she's not even plain. I perceive her subjectively as an ugly person. Her experience in life. Is of everyone treating her as a beautiful person. She has been involved in modeling. She has been an airline Hostess. People used to say. Stewardess, she is she still to this day? Models on Instagram and models these clothes and boots and shoes that she sells and resells. Has this business. But she takes a picture of herself in the clothes, and there's no doubt a very large part of her YouTube viewing audience is the result of her, you know, presenting herself sometimes in a bathing suit, been revealing a tire. In these videos, you know that her her physical. Farther so. She is someone in her own society, in her own career she has been treated as beautiful. She's regarded. Beautiful person. You get to age 29, you get to age 30. And she is an incel. I mean, she doesn't identify with the Insell philosophy, but she has made a whole series of of videos bitterly recriminating on the fact that, like there are no men really meaning there's no men for her. That men don't want her and the men she could have. She's not interested. I've been to Athens, right? A lot of guys in Athens watch football. A lot of guys in Athens drink beer like I get it, but obviously 99% of them are not vegan. Percentage of people in Athens are vegan. If you want just those three requirements. If you want a man who is vegan. Doesn't drink alcohol, doesn't watch football on TV like we're not even sending a super high intellectual standard. I'm not

gonna ridicule her like, you know, I get it. It's Hard Out Here for a pimp. That's an old that's a song I already was the 90s, early 2000s. That song.

Melissa: Of course.

Who, who, what, what, what? The name of the group they won an Oscar for Assumption. It was only a century. No, no, no. As I. They won an Academy Award for its its place on the soundtrack, and it was one of the first rap albums to born in a an Academy.

Melissa: Award. Here's a. Song by DJ.

Wow. So that was the original. I guess I thought it was Three 6 Mafia. Did it anyway. No big deal. Anyway, it's Hard Out Here, you know? Like I get it. So. Yeah. So there's more. That's it. Was more than one. Of the song, that's what that is. Yeah. Yeah. No, that's that's one. Them. Three 6 Mafia put out a song called it's Hard Out Here for a. Joseph, that's the most important. If there's one thing you learned from this video, there's one thing you take away from. It's obviously the most. Thing This is why I like doing live. Honestly, I like this kind of stuff that comes. It wouldn't be here if it were this kind of focused. Edited video so you look at this woman, Kristen Leo, and I've admitted for me, subjectively, she's ugly okay. And you think okay you reach age 29, you're looking at the 30 now you're 30. What are you going to? Where is it going to go from here? And it does not occur to her. To develop herself intellectually, it does not occur to her that the type of men she wants 'cause she doesn't. Man, she doesn't want any man she yet. Those men will have intellectual standards and intellectual expectations that exclude her or she's not living up to it that way. Of her time and energy are going into her body. The clothes she wears, like her appearance in that sense, how the outfit is put together.

Her.

Hair. She puts a lot of time and energy into her, into her hair, her makeup. And now as she gets older, increasingly plastic surgery, including Botox injections, you know? So she just had some procedure done to her lips, which makes her look like a woman who's had. Surgery, like from my perspective, that doesn't make you more attractive, makes you less attractive just because it tells me something about you about how vain you are and so on. You know. Kristen Leo is in some ways an ordinary example, and she's in some ways an extraordinary example, because this is someone who has earned her living for many years, coming on YouTube and talking about politics. No, I said already to me subjectively. Kristen is ugly in some other universe where I was single, where Melissa and I had never met, like, where I was totally single. Let's let's crank up. Let's say I've been single for years. Some of you know I've been single for a long time. If someone asked me cuz by the way, Chris and I we were way less than 6° of separation apart. Known people who know Christian. They're not that many vegans on YouTube. If a. Of mine said to me, hey, look. You know, Kristen is down. She's been single for years and she's complaining about it. You're single. What do you think about meeting up with Kristen? My answer would have nothing to do with her hair, nothing to do with her clothes, nothing to do with her face. You know what, I. Nothing. You know, the reality is that probably if Kristen Leo had tried to develop herself intellectually just in the past five years, we don't have to go back 20 years just in the past five years. If she had given it 110%, she probably would. Somebody I'd be interested. And was it just means you want to have lunch with them? You. Well, this is an interesting person. Is. This is a brilliant. This is an intelligent person. You want to have lunch with them, and if that person lacks self-confidence. And if that person lacks social skills, a woman who is attracted to a man who is interested in a man who finds a man interested. She will be emboldened. By his lack of self. That's like a good thing for her, a woman who actually wants a man, right? Even if she just wants him at step one, she wants him at lunch. She will take advantage. Of his lack of self-confidence, she will take advantage of his. And so she will put herself in a command position and she'll she'll make it happen. She'll initiate the relationship and I don't even think I need to narrate that. If you switch the. That's true. If a man wants a woman again. Like, let's just say he wants to take her out to lunch. He's interested in her and she has bad social skills, right? She lacks self-confidence. Right. We all know what it means immediately to say that a man takes advantage of a woman's lack of self-confidence. Her low self esteem, right? Like for the person doing the pursuing, your lack of self esteem. It's almost an. It's not a, it's not a. It's not an obstacle to be to be overcome, you know. So just say these. These are all cops, like in their that they just say cope, you know, meaning it's a coping mechanism. Like, oh, you're going to blame the fact you have bad social skills. You're going to blame this going to blame that. And it's not any of that at all. It. The lack of of intellectual development. So sorry, coming back to it. I have like 4 things written down a piece of paper here. Really, the big idea I want to get across in this video had to do with self pity with feeling sorry for. So guys, I'll take a moment now to read your comments. If you want to say something like now is a good time for you to. Something I'll actually read them and respond to. But look, you know. I don't begrudge Kristen Leo. Her feeling sorry for. If anything, that's like the most positive part of what's going on, right? Like, I think it's totally fine for Christian Leo to reach a breaking point where she sits down and feels really sad and she feels really down bad. She sits there and she has pity for herself. Feels sorry for herself. And she reflects on the fact that there is no one for her in the society. Is no man for. She's never going to have the love of her life as she'd. It 10 years ago, or five years ago. It was. Like I think that's that's really meaningful and I think it's really meaningful to engage in an analysis of why that is, you know. And my point here is the correct conclusion is not that her lips are too thin and she should get fillers or Botox or injections or or plaster to make her lips thinner. Me to make. Lips thicker. You know, I think that's. I don't think that's the correct conclusion at all. You know, but the actual self pity is not the problem, like self pity leads to self analysis. It leads to analysis of the society. In the. You have the university. You're at whatever it is like, it can lead to political analysis, analysis on a larger scale. Goes way beyond yourself and your problems. It can lead. Really important conclusions about what's going to happen next. You know. And the the answer is not Botox injections. I think. I mean Chris Nolio's a really

good example, probably most of you in the audience are horrified that I've said to you that to me she's obliv whatever. I have my own subjective taste. I. Owning that it's subjective, right? But if you think she's beautiful or you think she's playing, you think she's good looking enough. Then, I've just said it's it's even more true because it's even more ridiculous. Why are you? Why are you engaging in? UN quote looks maxing as the as the insults say and and look, I'm sorry, the whole thing with ****** clothes and and hair. There is no heterosexual man in the world who says you know what? You know what made me fall in love with this woman. Know what made me first notice? What made me really interested in my my girlfriend or or my wife? It was that she wore these really hot shoes and they matched so well with the with. Dress and the and the nylon socks. Never there is. Is. Heterosexual man who looks at a woman and thinks, wow, she knows how to pick earrings that match with the highlights and accents in her haircut. I I want to have lunch. With zero. Zero like, not the shallow guys and not. Zero. Now there are some gay men who work in the fashion industry and they respond that way like they're not interesting. Like oh wow, that's a. Who knows how to pick high heels and knows how to pick earrings that all match the colors and where the like that exists. There, there, there are 0 heterosexual men who care about your ****** earrings. There were zero heterosexual men who care about your designer shoes and, On the contrary, there were a lot of heterosexual men who see that as a red flag because it's like, whoa, this is a woman. This is a woman who cares about wearing expensive designer shoes. Maybe she. To expect me to buy her designer shoes like maybe there are a lot of things. What your life is going to be like together if I move in with this woman, she can closet for her designers like there are a lot of things. There were heterosexual men. Actually respond to it negatively, but. You know visibly or invisibly, every heterosexual man cares about how intelligent you are. Even the shallowest guys, even the guys who swear they don't. Even the guys who will put their hand on a stack of Bibles and swear you that all they care about is that a woman has a nice ***. I I guarantee I've. I know I've known those guys face to face. Who say they just care about a woman? You get 5 minutes into the conversation. They start telling you about all the other things 'cause they know what it's like. Those guys, they know what it's like to start a relationship with a woman just because she has a great *** just because they were attracted to her. And then as soon as she moves into their apartment, soon as they're living together apartment, their whole life is horrible and terrible. Because of, you know, the intellectual aspects of what really makes a relationship work. Really matters they have to. They have to. With. So I could tell a ton of stories with this, but I knew a guy and he. He was in a relationship woman. She had been an aspiring Olympic athlete. So I I don't know. I think she didn't get to the Olympics, but she had been training to be an Olympic athlete, so obviously she had a very impressive body. Never saw. I never met. I just heard this guys story. And that's what he liked about. That's what he wanted for he he was very impressed with her, with her body and. She she had physically beaten him up numerous times. Had really seriously assaulted him. And he described one time when she was trying to

knock him unconscious. When he, you know, like it was, it was, you know, it was really that extreme. What he been through with her and you know I. I could tell a lot of details of that, but that was a woman who who became, you know, physically abusive and she was proud of herself. Thought it was like. You know, she wasn't ashamed. To beat up her. To beat the man who loved her, she felt like this was a distinction and mark of honor that she know like, and she's again. She's in training for the Olympics and she's going to. She can beat up her boyfriend, you know. Now look again that particular. I don't have any reason to think she's like a psychologically dark character. Think she's an. I think it sounded like she was just a really childish person who would never develop themselves intellectually, you know. And you know, I remember he told me the story. So he told me the story about the most extreme physical abuse where she was trying to knock him unconscious. Like she she punched him in the face like more than 30 times on this occasion. It was really serious or really protracted, you know, beating. And he told me what the conversation he. With her afterwards too. Where you know, he said to her. Know it's not profound, he. That if he had punched her back just once, he would be in jail now. And he, you know. How? The consequence would be and he said. You know, if he had, if he had responded with violence, she would be in the hospital and he would be in jail. So you know, how do you think you? You can do this. So, I mean, he got beaten up, but he didn't go to the hospital and she didn't go to jail, you know. But this. This was really this is really serious. I said to him after he told this story. I said yeah. But you didn't leave her. I was like. How long did it like after that day? Like I notice in your story, you don't say. Then I kicked her out. Then I let you. Stayed with her. Why you don't want and for how long? And you know he hung his head. Was like, yeah, you're right. Right. He talked. But no, he stayed with her. Tried to make it work. Now look, this is an extreme example, but my point is. Sorry that. He's the other big relationship, the same guy. The other relationship he told me about that made his life horrible was with a woman who was a. She was a professional stripper, and again, I'm not hating on, but all of these women, as I've told him, he chose them just because of their physical attributes, just because their body was attractive. And apparently the stripper was a really good looking woman. And he told me. Made his life horrible too. Point is like. The shallowest guys who swear that's what they live by. Intellectual qualities matter to them also. Ethical qualities matter to them also. And you know, obviously I don't know what that guy went on to do with the rest of his life, but I'm guessing the. Relationship. Got into wasn't with a stripper and wasn't with an Olympic athlete. He was probably started looking for women who had some of the qualities. That at least let him feel safe to fall asleep in his own bed, in his own apartment. Of thing. Sorry, but obviously I mean really simple one is sobriety. But yeah. Frankly, I think it's it's almost a fantasy to think that you can have a life that's just based on on physical attraction, physical appearances. People want to believe. All right. Guys, I'm going to catch up with your with your. Now for a moment by the. Sorry, Melissa. If you want to, I mean, I want to say it's a sad topic of conversation, but it's hard for me to turn to Melissa. Hey, you want you want to add? I know it's it's sad. But. Like fundamentally what I'm saying here is very hopeful and positive. Because I'm talking about the. You can't make. I'm talking about the way in which you can change and you can be a better person and you can live a better life. And I think it's totally incompatible with what Jordan Peterson does say is toying the battle with what? Insec have to say. You know, but I mean, you know, there's a sense in which this is actually a positive and uplifting sort of message, as depressing as it. Be sure.

Melissa: Yeah, I haven't made a YouTube video about this, but I've made Instagram posts talking about how much your philosophy has. My outlook on.

Yeah.

Melissa: Just your ability to change your intellect and improve on what you know you know. A more knowledgeable. That's something you really can change, whereas you can't exactly change your bone structure. Can't really do much to change like. Where fat deposits in your body, you know all these things, all these minor things that people obsess over and yeah, you know. I thought it was funny that we happened to to listen to that video from Chris and Leo yesterday because I had in the morning, walked around the city and seen these signs for lip filler, Botox and. You know all these different things that people pay money for in order to feel better about themselves. When I can really see, you know, the truth, know what you're saying?

Yep.

Melissa: It's not necessarily about your appearance, it's really about your intellect. About. You have to say and how you say it. So yeah, I mean I I just. Don't really have anything. In disagreement to say.

Well, I mean, I guess it's also kind of interesting because you know. You know.

I began this conversation by talking about political violence and this. The. Political and social significance of the incel discourse wouldn't exist without massacres. This has been created through. Murder, you know, murder as a public political act, you know that galvanizes it one way and then the other, you know, force here is just these guys claim or the complaint that they either they can't *** *** at all, they can't have sex at all. Specifically that they can't have loving. Marriages, you know, a lot of the discourse is about that. Not just about sex. It's about love. It's about marriage and having children, that is. That is part of this course. You have been living for the last five years in a situation where you have no problem getting laid. You're in a loving relationship with someone who supports you, and that that's not a question. I mean, you don't have to study to *** **** within this relationship or whatever. You know, that's not your issue at all. But you know, you really are in a position to feel. Transformation of how your whole life has gotten better and gotten more meaningful because of the work you've done. Intellectually, and I'd say too, like I think you could contrast that to how meaningless it. There was a time when we both worked on improving our ability to to bake, to bake and cook. Know to bake bread that adds nothing in my life today. Like I, you know we. We can bake bread today, but

like you know what, there are other my point being there are other things. Worked on. Um, that are not totally meaningless. I mean that baking bread more meaningful than watching anime, you know, you know, you have also developed physically you've started. Before she met me, she'd never lifted weights at the gym. She's learned to lift weights. Know there. Other things, but like I the fact that. Other things exist in your life. Look, I think that even gives more of a perspective to like gives more of a sense of scale to the enormity of how much the intellectual development matters, you know. Oh yeah, I disagree, if you. Want to disagree? Yeah, you.

Melissa: Know, yeah. I know it was just a response to one of the comments that you received, but I am very interested in how the fact that so many people are taking medications for depression or for ADHD, how this could be. A role. In the insulin. Even the role that they played in the massacres that have been carried out by people within the in cell movement, you know, because getting together with you, I also credit that the beginning of my sobriety. Yeah, right. Yeah, me that has really. The the distance though the. Time that. Had to reflect on it has really made it very apparent to me just how much smoking marijuana every day for years in my life really held me back and. Drinking alcohol really helped me back to any time that I had on the weekends to, you know, cultivate myself intellectually. Was spending. Just complete waste of. Yeah, completely wasting my time playing video games, watching, watching video games.

Yeah.

What you want to sitcoms of graphs that you are just crabbing to.

Melissa: Oh yeah, no, it's just.

Yes. Yeah.

Melissa: You know, I appreciate what you said. I didn't watch anime, but I understand your point about. It's like, you know, these are the things that are laid out for you. Because there's a sense of frust.

Right. And most any kind. Meaningful life. For example, if there's right.

Melissa: Ration. That's something that's really challenging the status. I agree with you and I didn't have that creativity, but I do have the depression. I did have the. Sense of anxiety and feeling like where is the future here and wanting a sense of direction.

So so I want. I want to. Off here, but I think I think this can come back like you can. Can continue saying exactly what. Saying control to see just one. The few things that we do on this piece of paper, I want to talk about is when you think about self pity and the positive value. Of self pity. The positive importance of feeling sorry for yourself, right. I would contrast that to the effects of marijuana, like from my perspective and and by the way, I said this when I was 15. I said this when I was 16. Said this, when I was 17. This came up with my circle of friends in high school. I I was talking about. Then from the same perspective I'm talking about. I said back then is what is so dangerous about marijuana is that it allows you to think you're happy when you're not. Like the effects of. Of course, compared to methamphetamine, they're subtle compared to, you know, heroin. So you know, I understand, like you can conceal like the effects of marijuana, it's possible to keep your day job, you know, and and people

aren't. Suspicious of you the way cocaine makes them. Of you the change in. Behavior and so on. But even then, I feel like I could add a. Bunch of footnotes. It's often very obvious this is what smokes marijuana and they're people who very successfully. Pardon me. There are people who very successfully conceal hard drugs in their career. I'm so actually there are a lot of exceptions to this generalization, but never. What I said already when I was a teenager and I everyone I knew at high school was going marijuana was look, the problem isn't the direct effect of the drug itself. The problem is that you're not sitting down and reflecting on how unhappy you are like. In. In the terms we're talking about. That it's concealing. How sad you are that it's misdirecting you away from self pity. You know, like if you're unhappy at school, if you hate your teachers at school, you're saying why and you got to sit down and think about. I sent another tough love e-mail to one of my one of my Patreon supporters recently, a guy who was still in high school and so mentally disabled or isn't. My knowledge it's a totally different. Guy was still in high school and he was saying to me dismissively how what his teachers are teaching him. High school is crap and what's in the books. Crap and I really pushed back on him. Said. Well, here's what I think is the problem. I think you're on an ego trip. I think you know, you feel like you're too good to do the work and do the studying. And actually you need to do 110% of the work like they give you this history textbook. You think it's crap? You're probably right. It's probably a bad. Well, why don't you do the ****** research? You know what's wrong with it. You don't just read it. You don't drag your feet into the minimum. You do 110%. Read it. And you go out and get other like I was talking. Through in effect, this is how to be an intellectual when you're still alive. That's what it. It's at a much lower level than being an intellectual in your 30s, but still look, instead of sitting there petulantly and being I'm not going to do the work, I'm too cool to do the work. I'm too cool for my professors. Too smart to read this history textbook. No, you're not. If you were actually too smart, you'd read the history textbook and you do the research and you'd have all the footnotes. You. Exactly. In what way? This history textbook is? So that you understand exactly the lies your history teacher is telling you. You can even prove. You can even stand up. I don't recommend standing up in the classroom, but you can start a YouTube channel and you can get on YouTube and explain. Like let's say it's Texas here in the state of Texas. Is what the textbook? This is what my teacher said. And here's the ways in which it's wrong. You're now. You're an. Now you're starting to develop as an intellectual not. Feeling like you're. You're you're too good for it. So forth, right? Sorry that digression even still add marijuana to the equation. You got a sulky, sullen kid who feels they're too smart for their teacher, who feels they're too good to do the reading, too good to deal with the textbook, right? And now they're getting stoned four days a week. They're smoking marijuana. The word complacency isn't isn't powerful enough to get at what I'm saying. Look, if you think this is a fork in the road like either you feel sorry for yourself.

Either you engage in self pity or you feel sad. Recognize that? You really reflect on it like you really, you know, really analyze. Why am I? Why am I unhappy with high school, with my career, with my girlfriend, with all the things that make you unhappy? Maybe it? Maybe some of it's political. You live in a society where you hate the political establishment, whatever it is, where you really engage in self pity productively. Here's another fork in the road. You get stoned and play NBA. You smoke marijuana and sit on the couch. Whether it's video games or watching a TV show like South Park. Whatever. You sit there and laugh and smile in them. Inebriated state, this is the sense in which I think marijuana is so dangerous. And again, for me, I think it has everything to do with self pity, with the recognition of how sad you are and then engaging in a kind of productive analysis. To to move. And I didn't even mention. Of course the other reason why you may be sad is because you don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend. Don't have a husband and wife you can't. Probably don't need to, but. And people do cope with. In in those ways too. So they take away. But you know, if you have more to say specifically on the marijuana issue in that, you know, marijuana.

Melissa: Yeah, I definitely do. I I won't. I won't speak on it for that long, but.

I do think it's cylinder.

Melissa: Most people don't know everything about my life. You are one of the few people in this world who I've really shared like. So many things about my life and you've.

She.

Knows everything about my. Also, it's not like I'm mysterious.

Melissa: So you know I. That, you know, I'm talking to you here, but I I'm also talking to the. Doesn't really know all the ways in which I felt hopeless in college, too, so I really relate to what you were talking about with. Nobody can feel the. Pity for you, that's. And I didn't even have that because it may be the roles are just different with with females versus. It's just like, you know, there was a lot of coddling that went on. And what I talked about how how helpless and hopeless I felt about my career.

Oh, you're doing fine.

Melissa: Yeah, yeah.

You're right. For women, it's worse. Oh, you'll do great, sweetie. You're doing fine. Yeah, I I. I'm filling in the blank culturally, I know exactly.

Melissa: Like oh. Study really hard and you know you'll pass your classes and OK.

And yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Melissa: What about when I did it class in the classes? You know, that was such a blow to my confidence. Such a blow to. Myself esteem when I when I wasn't doing well in school and it was partly because I was starting to rely on marijuana to cope with some really awful things that happened in my life, you know?

Good.

Melissa: It's like. Just marijuana, I agree with. It allows you to be complacent, allows you to be happy momentarily, and it's not.

Right.

Melissa: Effects don't. It everyday. Right.

Some something can do multiple times that.

Melissa: Yes, exactly. It comes to habit.

But you're not confronting the the causes for your own.

Melissa: Habits, you know? So I just. Yes, you know exactly what I'm talking. I just say you know, the negative effects that it had on my, you know, I just can't believe now in the position that I it's hard for sometimes it's easy for me to lose sight of this. But the state that I'm now. I I. Bad about the times of the day that I'm just not, you know I'm not. I'm not hurt and there are times that you know, I I just screw up on something, some paperwork or something. I don't know exactly. Yeah, because.

You're in a scattered city mine.

Melissa: For whatever reason, I'm just not not with it at that moment like that to me, just those those periods of the day where I feel. Or lethargic. Like I want to do everything I can to avoid that. I cannot believe for years of my life like I was inducing that in order to sedate myself and feel, you know, try to feel better about this one. That was really not the right way to go about.

Right.

Melissa: It so yeah, I know this is only partly related to this in selfhom.

But yeah, I think it's. I'm just going. I think it's a. Parallel like in your case it wasn't related to getting laid, but in every other aspect it's the same. Like that's. That's my feeling about it and not to consult you. But I think you could imagine if you had been fat and ugly, then it would have, it would have. Exactly the same. I mean, you know.

Melissa: Yeah. You commented on how some of some of the. Just focusing on your body, focusing on your appearance is a is a. Cope saves this vocabulary.

Yeah.

Melissa: Yes, I I really do think 202 distract from just life of cultivation. Someone's stupidity. Someone's ignorance, someone's inability to even express themselves in their first language. A really good point.

Yeah.

Melissa: You know, we spend so much time as a society in our. We spend so much time watching television and consuming things we don't really spend enough time cultivating our ability to to speak. I think this is a problem modern age, so you know this. This aspect of it.

Yep, Yep.

Melissa: Umm. I really think that's that's crucial. And adding drugs to it, adding marijuana to it. You think that improved my speech? No. You put me in a state where I didn't have to speak and I was just, you know. Yeah. So I just say.

Yep.

You're you're constantly sedated. Yeah. So look. There's a comment from the audience here and you know I'm not. I'm not here to ridicule you and and make you feel bad about yourself, but I do just want to say in reading this comment. I think you're a

terrible person. I could reflect on why this comment makes me think you're a terrible person, but it's it's possible you don't know how. Any of these people? You're just a very young person who has no real world experience and it. Be. You could be both young and a terrible person, so here's the comments from someone in the audience called and potato. Quote being a lifelong student means nothing if you do nothing with it. I know a lot of unemployed or underemployed intellectuals who are not impacting their communities in any sort of meaningful way. Close quote. So again, it it's just there's no this comment makes me think you're a terrible person, all right. In the army. You can have 10 guys doing exactly the same job. Let's narrow it. Let's say it's the French Foreign Legion. And I know because I looked at joining the French foreign. I know what their daily routine is, so every day they're doing exactly the same exercises, jogging, jumping hurdles. Shooting targets. They have a certain physical training. Sometimes it involves things like digging ditches, getting into fox holes, stuff you know, OK. So you know. And every day they literally do exactly the same job. Exactly. OK, but one of them is developing himself intellectually. One of them, in his spare time, is really reading about politics and history and say they're learning a language, becoming fluent in foreign language, you know. You think that doesn't matter? You think, and let's say the other nine guys, let's say each one. Them is. One of them, in his spare time, when he's not doing this job near me, he's just watching sports on TV. One of them is just playing video games. Let's say one of them is. Alcoholic. Maybe one of them is a drug addict. Maybe one of them is just into soap? Maybe one of them is a *****, like he just sleeps around. He goes to nightclubs, and like, that's his whole life is pursuing women and prostitutes that he can hook up with a negligent, you know, they have different interests out of these ten guys. Let's say there. One who's intellectual. What does that look like after five years? If you. Show up at the army camp and see them for one day. They all they all shoot a rifle just as well. They all run the obstacle course just as well. That's what I mean when I say running hurdles. Have these military obstacles, but it's it is a. Like running. You know, they're jumping over hurdles and climbing walls. Oh, yeah, all ten men are the same. After just five years, OK, life is long. Where they at when they're 65, where they had after more than 40 years really. No, it's not just the. I chose that because that's a job where everyone is doing exactly the same thing. You can have 10 people who work in real estate. Can have 10 people who, I mean any conceivable job where you're basically doing. The same thing you know. And and you're. Underemployed, as you put it, the point being really, this doesn't have to do with unemployment or overemployment, does it? Can be a surgeon. Most surgeons are not. You can be a successful architect. You can have a high status job or nobody would call you. Underemployed, that's. That's immaterial because your employment has nothing to do with your intellectual development. As you'll say. Even true for me here on YouTube. I started a research. This is now years ago, but not that many years ago. Two or three years ago or I. I decided I had to learn the history of the the. Civil war. No, there's no pressure on me to do that for my audience. Way is part of my success on YouTube. You know to deal with my own

ignorance or from my own intellectual development so. Well, this is a chapter of history. Have put the work in. I am still now like literally like today learning more about the American Revolution. And that research is linked to. The history of the Civil war, by the way, in a in a dynamic way. One helped set up the other. I don't need to to finish my book. I don't need to for this YouTube channel. Any of you could say we could list off 10 different things I could. To get more views on YouTube. I could throw a model in a. I can do a bunch of comedy videos that involve a woman in a bikini or something. All kinds of things I can do to be more successful as an entertainer, as a filmmaker, as as. YouTube. So I mean, even for me, like my intellectual development isn't really related to to my job. For an architect. Not what? It's your job. But obviously as a soldier in the military, what you're expected to live up to as an intellectual standard is very low. Need to be sharp. They need to be alert when you get up there with a machine gun, but you know. No, that one guy in 10 who's developing himself intellectually. It really matters, and with the passage of just a couple of years, you see the difference it it makes. And you know whether or not he may never be promoted in the military, the military doesn't need that many guys in intelligence. You know, they don't need. Know he could just keep on firing the machine gun for the French Foreign Legion for his whole career. Totally. You know, whatever your job is. It 99. You know what? I only want to say 90% of the time I'm going to say 100% of the time. Your intellectual development isn't really related to your job. Even if you're a painter like Picasso, your commitments to leading a meaningful life or being a lifelong student and developing yourself as intellectual. Really has nothing to do with your success as a. A painter you know. So no, I it really matters and it it really has tremendous effects. The other thing I'd say here, I mean. It makes me think you're a bad. So partly I think you're a bad person because the way in which you've linked this to earning money, which it doesn't just have nothing. Deal. It it's kind of antithetical to overtime here. But the other thing is this statement you've made not impacting their communities in any sort of meaningful way. Who? Who is beholden to their community? Nobody. Like guys, you don't hear that side of my nihilism all that often. You think I owe the city of Toronto anything? You think I have a moral obligation to be involved in or care about the politics of the City of Toronto? I don't. Each one of us, we choose the burden we're going to take on in life. Now I did go to City Hall of Toronto. Did get involved in municipal tax? I did a long story. I can talk about that and I learned from that experience. Know that was educational in a way. University never can be. First, education. Political science. Different from act. Doing the politics, being literally being in the same room as the mayor and actually getting up at the microphone and giving a deposition and so on. You know, there's a way in which I I come, but I made the decision. That I was going to go to Cambodia and get involved in Cambodia politics, right? It's it's totally your choice, ex nihilo. All right. You are not beholden to any community. You are not beholden to any nation. You are not beholden to any religion, right? The choice is yours, and this is part of the liberating. Empowering message of nihilism, right? The fact that your parents are Muslim. Doesn't mean you have to be

Muslim. You also don't have to be an anti Muslim like you don't have to become an atheist who is engaged in the critique of Islam or trying to convert people from Islam to you can be born Muslim and decide to go to Cambodia and be involved in Cambodian polit. That have nothing to do with Islam. Will wear the other. You can be born. Let's say you're born in Syria and you can move to Toronto and you can get deeply involved in the politics of Toronto or Chicago or Los Angeles like it's on you. But. Being an intellectual has nothing to do with earning money. Out of your intellectual moment, it has nothing to do with the question of whether or not you get a promotion in the military because you're an intellectual. And normally they do. Note those guys like, Oh yeah, there's the Here's the one guy in 1000 who's reading books in a spare time. And they will note it down on the record, and they'll mention it to the guys in the Intel Core and intelligence or in. Sigint core signals sign, and so they'll note it down for the language was like, Oh yeah, we do have a guy who reads books, you know, maybe you'd be interested in in him for some other kind of training or or some it does. Does happen sometimes, but also they don't need a whole lot of. They need a lot of guys who can fire machine gun if they don't need that many guys working in. The point is, your intellectual development doesn't have to do with earning money. You're not beholden to earn money, and you're not. No reason to assume you can monetize that. And also there is absolutely no sense in which your beholden to your community or any community. And if you don't like the community you're born into, choose a new one and start your own even. Like literally you can go to an abandoned ghost town and buy a house. \$5000 there's you can get a you can literally start your own community. In the physical, tangible sense. You know what? I I they'll probably I can move into a town in in Utah with my five biggest fans. We can start a Community life, be hard. You know. So I mean it can be a community that doesn't exist or you can you. You can choose Myanmar. You know, it's it's all on you in that sense. And again, so look, I I won't go into this in any in any. We started this talking about in cells, right? Are you ****** kidding me? That your intellectual development doesn't matter in this sense. If you have a bunch of guys who are currently in the US Marine Corps who all go to a bar together. This. I give you a very, very specific example. There is a U.S. Marine Corps base that's a short drive outside of Los Angeles. Not worth getting into the details and every so often a whole bunch of those guys. These are the young, strong, physically fit guys. U.S. Marine Corps. They go into Los Angeles to try to *** ****, to go to a nightclub or go to some other place like this where they can meet women, 'cause their life on the basis for. OK, start this until this course. Let's just say you are a woman.

Frock. They could.

Go to the dance club at at Disneyland. You know, I mean, they may not be, you know, maybe a wholesome place like this. Not some den of sin. Like let's say they go to Disneyland together. You think it doesn't matter the difference between the soldier who is just a video game addict who in his spare time on his bunk bed, is playing a portable video game system and the soldier? One his spare time on his bunk bed is

really developing himself. Self intellectually, that makes such a difference to women. Even the women who've never really thought about it, like women who don't, aren't aware they're looking for an intellectual man. They meet this guy and he's sharp and he's interesting and he's profound. Here's this other guy who does exactly the same job and earns the same amount of money. In this case, they're in the same physical. Let's say they're all training at the Marine Corps, and this guy is dumb and out of it and. He spends his time doing is playing video games and watching anime like sorry, this isn't the only sense in which it's meaningful, but this video is addressed in large part to the the in cell phen. Of course. And. How abominably shallow do you think people are? My claim is even the people who identify as shallow, even the people who go to Disneyland, were saying things rather than like there are dance. Know there are dance clubs and things. No, there. There are kind of middle-aged and and or teenaged, you know, attraction design. I think people do hook up at Disneyland anyway. You know, even people who tell themselves they're only looking for someone with a great body. It even matters to them, you know, and the vast majority of men and the vast majority of women, they don't. They. They wouldn't. They're just looking for someone with a great body, so no, it matters on that level and then it matters even more in terms of all the other friendships. And all the other connections you you have in your life and look, you know. Sorry, it matters in prison. And of course it matters within the prison of the of the vegan movement. You know who, who is friends with me? Who's trying to be friends with me and who's trying to be friends with Kristen Leo. Who is trying to be friends with Tess? Beg. You know, if all you are is a body. That's all you've presented yourself. That's all you've tried to develop you. That's that's all you've got to offer, you know. And that's how you relate to people. You know, you think again? Of course, this has an impact on your love life, your romantic life, whatever. But in every other part of your. It's huge too. And then you know what, if you want to have some impact on some Community, whether that's Toronto City Hall or the Civil War in Myanmar, you know, well, what then? Can Tess beg really? What can Kristen Leo really do? What can you do? And now ask yourself, who are you going to be 5 years from now? Like the positive message I'm giving you is even if you are literally test bag, even if test bag is watching this right now or you are someone who has been living a life similar to. Bag for the last five years. Think about the person. You could be five years from now. Could be someone whose opinion matters. Matters in the civil War in Myanmar or at City Hall in the city you live in, or in a different city hole somewhere else in the world you've never been to in a language you don't even. Yet you know. I mean guys, I've talked a lot about. Moving to Los Angeles. What if instead I moved to Guatemala? Just give you an example. So today I speak 0 Spanish 0 and you guys are going to see me practicing the Spanish language. OI. I do not know the Spanish word for to have or the Spanish word for to be like French. I'm at a certain level, German. I'm at a certain level, like there are many other languages. Spanish is 0. Do you guys think I would be incapable of making my political opinion matter? In Guatemala, five years from now. Starting today from 0 Melissa what we're talking about El Salvador. Whoo. Politics in El Salvador, you don't. And again, it doesn't even matter like I could start here like I don't have to move to El Salvador first. Could spend the next two years getting deeper and deeper into Salvadorian politics here at my desk in Canada. Get fluent in Spanish or get as good at Spanish as I can do and then I can move to El Salvador and try to roll heavy. You think just me as one. No friends, no contact, no movement, nothing behind me.

You.

Think you think it wouldn't create ripples? I already did that. I mean, I've done that in different countries. I know I had some political impact on on the fate of the tiny nation of Laos in the capital city, Vancou. Ver. There was one Polish guy I talked to about that about his own political the political consequences of what he'd stood up for, both he and I were really interested in ecology. So it's interesting to interest, to compare notes on that. No. You you think one person, one intellectual, can't make a difference. In in El Salvador, El Salvador, Guatemala. And I'm pointing out I have no advantage. I don't even speak Spanish today. Probably most of you in the audience speak more Spanish than I do. At 0, right? But what if your test bag? If test bag moves to El Salvador, she can't do **** except take a ****** photograph of her *** on the beach in front of a sunset. That is the ****** upper limit of what test egg can do. And in the next 5 years, it's not going to be so cute. Getting. We all. Where's she going to be 5 years now? Where's she going to be 10 years from now? If you are Kristen, Leo, Kristen, I ****** defy you. Go to El Salvador. The **** can you do? And obviously, El Salvador, like politically, it's in a tough situation, but you know, not as dangerous as Libya. It's not as dangerous as Syria. It's not as dangerous as Myanmar. It's not as dangerous as Cambodia, you know, really your life is not going to be in danger in. El Salvador, Guatemala, and the way it would be actually Egypt. You want to get involved in Egyptian politics? Woo high risk. This can be the end of your. Easily, easily. You can end up martyred. I was gonna **** around with Egyptian politics, no question. Anyway, so I'm just saying I don't trivialize this, but you know the problem is that Kristen Leo hasn't developed herself intellectually in any respect in the last five years. And that's why she can't do that. Pardon me in the next 5 years, right? Or if she can't prove me wrong, hit the books, Kristen, and maybe you can do that. Maybe you know, maybe starting out with Tess Beg or Kristen. Leo, give it a 10. And.

Yes.

When you do that, if you do that anything meaningful, anything interesting in your life, people will want to go to lunch with you. You know, women will find you interesting if you're a man. Men will find you interesting if you're. If you're a woman. I obviously I can't promise you you're going to have an amazing sex life and maybe you won't. Maybe have other problems, but you know that is basis. The start and in my opinion, that's the whole incel movement is coping with, you know, and obviously like their fantasy is that there's a beautiful woman out there who is going to appreciate them. Why all these sit on the couch playing video games and watching anime while

making no effort to be a better person or no effort to make the world a place? What they. They want a woman who's going to love them just the way they are and women love. Men, they don't love children. They don't love an adult man who still lives like a child. Not what any woman is looking for. They're. They're not looking for a man who is still doing anime on cosplay and and video games. Oh wait. Like obviously all these things you can get away with having a little bit of video games in your life or a little bit of anime in your life. Think I have to digress. To do that, not, you know, it's not that every woman is looking for a intellectual Superman who's totally totally devoted to that, but. You know, obviously the the social political context we're in is not one in which I have to have to make that argument. Have to make the moderate argument for moderate self indulgence. The problem is we're drowning in self indulgence. And, you know, people would rather. Engage in murder. Rather. Engage in terrorism in the name of this. This doomed political movement then, you know, deal with with these real problems personally, or scaling up and political. Otherwise. You know, I'm saying. Umm. So I just want to say again, so guys, I am going to read more your comments. This is a good time to comment that will actually read. You say you know. The unabomber. He published books just within the last couple of years, some so I forget to what extent they were published in 2021 or 2020. But he published several books just recently. And people are reading. People are talking about them and I considered I did some research. I considered reading those books in order to criticize them here on on. In terms of something that's that's going on. So that's a whole political movement built on murder. Now. You know.

The unabomber. He was an incel and actually his political and personal history has everything to do with inseldem before the term existed. The major crisis in his life, what drove him to live alone in the woods. And what drove him to become a? And drove him to reject teaching at a university campus. Was his inability to get.

An older woman told him just flattery has given told him that he was. Was very handsome. Was extraordinarily. Good looking and he cloned to. He clung to this compliment his whole life, and he thought of himself as extraordinarily good looking and wrote himself extraordinary good looking. And he again he. It's exactly like the incel philosophy in somebody. He was blaming society that he, even though he was this extraordinarily good looking man, couldn't find a woman and couldn't *** **** and didn't have any romantic options. And this is because of the conspiratorial, evil nature of our society, which I do not digress into. It's the same. Same kind of strange world hating. Delusion that insels sink into. Which is to say is different from self pity. It's different from sitting down and analyzing. Why am I so sad and really dealing with that right world building fantasy delusory fantasy, paranoid. You know, fantasy is, you know. And you know, he talked to very few people, but then he had one conversation with one woman whom he somehow befriended. And he asked her about. So this is just one conversation. 1 old woman was nice to him when. Kid and said, oh, you know, you're really handsome, you're, you know, some people say that to kids all the time. Doesn't mean. You know, some people just say encouraging things. They tell little girls they're pretty and tell little boys are handsome and doesn't mean anything. He clung to this this notion. He was really. And then you have one conversation with one woman, and this is out when he's already a middle-aged man living in a cabin in the woods. He's already run away. Run away from any type of woman and she was just very perplexed by what he said about himself. And she told him. She told him that he was run-of-the-mill. Like you know, he wasn't ugly. You're one of the mill looking guy. Not. And this had a huge devastating impact on. He had clung to this notion that he was extraordinarily handsome and was really entitled to the adoration of women.

Now I know what I'm about to say sounds unbelievable, you can Google it, you can research it, this is very easy to back up with innumerable published sources. You may not know this, but the Unabomber was a heterosexual who spoke to medical doctors about undergoing transgender surgery. And this shows how really mentally disabled the guy was. His reasoning was that he was a heterosexual man who couldn't get laid. So therefore if they could surgically transform him into a woman, he would have an easier time. Be able to get late like he'd be able to gratify his instincts as a heterosexual man. By undergoing plastic surgery that would, that would make him a woman, and then he'd have sex with men, right. Like, sorry that. You know, if you like, you know, and like, the level of misconception here. So like, you're going to take a heterosexual man who's lonely and is an incel. You're going to give him silicone breast implants. Like, that's what we're talking about, you. And then he's going to have sex with a man. Like, there's so many things wrong with this.

But he actually went in and did the interviews, you know, there's a process of interviewing with doctors before you can set up an appointment and undergo that kind of transgender surgery and at that time, this is many decades ago, so I forget when this was that you can imagine that screening process was more demanding than we had to talk to a psychiatrist, an established look or are you really the right candidate for this surgery? I do hear things that today, so many of the doctors are so encouraging that people are just rapidly waved through, encouraged to get transgender surgeon right away without this kind of psychological screening. Anyway, this was actually crucial to his breakdown to his deciding that the whole university was evil. That the whole academic establishment was evil and that the whole of society as he defined it was evil. And to go into seclusion and go into rebellion, However, we have his diaries, as I recall, he wrote them in code, encrypted diaries and this yearning his in cell Rage Against society. It didn't stop. It didn't end. Like he kept writing in his diary. How much it would mean to him just to have a woman to hold his. Like even if you had a relationship that wasn't sexual, if there was a woman who could love him, and this is just very psychologically telling once when he was a little kid. An older woman told him just flattery has given told him that he was. Was very handsome. Was extraordinarily. Good looking and he cloned to. He clung to this compliment his whole life, and he thought of himself as extraordinarily good looking and wrote himself extraordinary good looking. And he again he. It's exactly like the incel philosophy in somebody. He was blaming society that he, even though he was this extraordinarily good looking man,

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It was just this delusion of that he could get. Made this way. So for some of you, if you've never heard this stuff before, I realize how bizarre it sounds. Trust me, you can. Can Google it? It's just the truth. This was the political and psychological and sexual experience that created this terrorist, the Unabomber. He really is kind of the original in cell. Terrorist.

And.

So you know, his rejection of society, his notion of his own superiority and entitlement, and I just add, is a significant footnote. We do not know if he was autistic. Or sorry is because he's still alive. Still writing books. And he may. He may in the next. Years be more politically. Yeah, influential. I I don't know. Obviously, I think his political philosophy is incredibly stupid, but not everyone sees it that way. You know, he was enraged by the sound of lawn mowers on other people's property, and that's very typical for autistic people. I have one friend who is autistic. Don't have a lot of friends. Who are autistic and I have just mentioned I have several fans of the channel like they're not my friends, but they write to me, they talk to me. Are autistic. And very often, those are really the criteria that give it away. The inability to cope with the feeling of. Shirt collar. It's called ambience sensitivity to things, the inability to cope with certain kinds of noises. Those tend to be so. Look, I do not know to what extent was the Unabomber just an incredibly stupid person. And to what extent did he actually have a condition like autism? Like an actual form of mental

retardation. You know, I could tell other other details here are related to his his very strange sort of sort of stupidity. But yeah, I ask you, you know, when you look at the messaging? About ecology today, when you look at the messaging about global warming today, when you look at the messaging about veganism today, and I have been actively warning against this for like 8 years. You know when you are delivering these messages, you know, yes to young people, but also the middle-aged and older people. When you are telling people this is the end of the world and this is the, this is this crisis should have to make a difference in it. Have already been science fiction movies made of. About this, the army of 12 monkeys movie terrible movie Don't See it. I only saw a few minutes of it, but that was a mainstream movie starring Bruce Willis. I was a Bruce Willis action science fiction. There have already been science fiction movies made about this that the ecological. The same ecological hysteria that the Unabomber fastened on to. Well, as I say, really, it's this kind of in cell rage that's motivating his downward spiral. It's my analysis, but there's a lot. Evidence to back it. His own sexual crisis of identity. And his sense of intellectual superiority and his sense of moral spiritity and even his sense. He thought he was an incredibly handsome person. You know his sense of Spirity was he was entitled these things and couldn't get them, and this fueled it.

Uh.

You tell me. Aren't we supposed? On a power cord, aren't we sitting on a time bomb? Isn't it just a matter of time until someone does? For veganism, what these few? Maniacs did for the in cell movement. Right. Well, that becomes the face of the the definitive political significance of what inso you know. Obviously it's easy to imagine if those. Killings hadn't happened. If those massacres hadn't happened, you could have a totally different discourse about in cells that had never been in the newspaper head. Right. Well, isn't it just a matter of time now whether it's someone responding to the instigation of Roger Hallam at Extinction Rebellion? I have many videos or some responding to the instigation of Gary Yarowsky. Or, you know, numerous other radical voices. And look, you know. And like in a sense, this already happened with the Unabomber. Just the Unabomber wasn't vegan. We're lucky the Unabomber was an insane ecologist. But he killed an 8 rabbits. He spent all his ****** time chopping up rabbits. Horrible. I think also deer once in a while, but as I understand his diet was mostly rabbit you know? So he lives in the woods in this horrible cabin, spattered with blood. Or he slaughters wild animals. Was one of those crazy guys. Well, you know, it's not even something new. What already happened with the vegan movement? Already happened with the Incel movement. What already happened with the Unabomber? It's very easy to predict that sooner or later, somewhere in the world, there's going to be just one crazy guy, if not ten, who takes away the narrative from us forever. Well, we don't get to define what veganism is and what it should be anymore. Because just one. Just one act of violence. Has drawn the lines in the sand for us all. Babe, if you want to talk, I'm going to read. Comments. You say for me, these are really genuinely the same issue. But I know I. We've covered a lot of ground, but hey, this is a Bella shell, you know.

Melissa: I wanted to respond to this discussion about the Unabomber. That. In his thought process about not being able. *** ****. He, he decided. Discuss with a certain this transgender surgery.

To yes, right. But also psychiatrist just mentioned it.

Melissa: Yeah, yeah, yeah. So yeah, he would.

It has a lot to do with psychiatry.

Melissa: It's so illogical if the pool of people interested in being with you as a heterosexual man was as small. It was.

Right.

Melissa: Why would it be a larger pool of people who are interested in you being a transgender woman?

Right. OK.

Melissa: So this. A level of I'm not claiming it makes sense.

Go on. Yeah, yeah.

Melissa: Process going on there for lack of thought process, just emotional thinking on his part because he's. Lonely, right?

We have a saying in English. Grass. Green on the other side of the hill. On, yeah.

Melissa: So I just wanted to say that this is just a level of selfishness too, that I remember an old video of yours where you were discussing this, this concept of being somebody. In the transgender community, where you expect the other person in the relationship to to have that desire for somebody who is transgender, sorry, if you're not not too much sense, but.

Yes.

Melissa: You know. When you're in a relationship with somebody, you can't be thinking totally selfishly about your desires. Have to be thinking. Does the other person desire this? So in this in the universe case, OK, who is going to be in a in a situation where they're desiring this person? And what do you bring to them? What do you bring into their life? And and it's it's this very self-centered thinking that I see also. Other videos that I've seen of insults that are talking about, you know, feeling so lonely or like you mentioned, you know, I wish I just had somebody to hold my hand. Well, OK, you know, can you instead think of what you can bring to somebody else? And isn't that more meaningful than just somebody holding your? And it's more childish to think. Well, I just need somebody with me to not be alone, you know. That that is not attractive. I agree. You in that in that sense that women. Attracted to. Men and men and women are not. To children.

Men, not toys kind of thing, yeah.

Melissa: Exactly. In the sense so I know this is not not not on the point that you. Just ending with about. You know eventually. Something will happen in the vegan community. Some some vegan will.

Yeah.

Melissa: Incite some violence. You know, like that, that is, that is concerning to me too, and I agree. We are at the stage where you said recently it's molten lava. It's not.

Yes, right.

It's very liquid.

Metal as opposed to solid steel, yeah. Still a good still a good. Boulton Lava as opposed to solid stone. It looks just as well.

Melissa: Sure. Yeah, yeah.

It's still malleable.

Melissa: Right, yeah. Right. And we have to the people who are trying to think 100 years in advance like you, you know, people are thinking, what is the future of life on planet Earth ecologically. What is the future of life on planet in terms of animal suffering? The people that we want to have their voices heard, we want that to be. We want veganism to be viewed as a rational movement, something that you know, something that can really make a difference in the world rather than. This this type of. Impetus massacre. You know, like this is what's going to make something important. That's terrible. Know it's the wrong way to go about this. It's also in the sense it's it's childish. It's it's ridiculous to think that this. Going to. In the same way that you know, protesting with signs on the street and yelling is also childish to think like well. If I'm. I scream loud enough, or if I you know. Chant loud enough with my group of friends. Then something will change then.

Wait.

Melissa: The government the government will change his mind and make some.

Yeah.

Melissa: Know path somewhat.

But so I want to stick on that, just to be fair to the other side. And I'm sure you felt this. Your childhood if. Grew up. Part of the problem is that we're constantly being shown on television. Vision examples to the contrary, even if they're one in a million or they're one in a billion, you know what I mean. Now I can way back when I was a small child. Yeah, like. Is a really small child. You know, you look at TV and it seems like people play the guitar and become famous. All and wealthy all the time. Right. OK. I. You know, I was a pretty cynical kid. I didn't believe in that form, but it's completely understandable just given the way. Whether it's newspapers or television or radio, the way in which they are selecting out that one person in a million and showing the showing you that kind of extraordinary success again and again and again you might think that just anyone could be an Olympic athlete also growing up. You. Think anyone could be OK but but in this same way. Whether talking about violent political protest, non white. Right. That you're seeing the counter examples again and again very often with false causality assigned to them. So you know you will have a headline that says Vietnam War ends. And you'll literally have a photograph of attractive women in bikinis with, you know, flowers painted on their body like, you know, sexy teenagers protesting in streets win. Vietnam War ends this completely false cause and effects relationship is presented to you again in newspapers and on

on. Even we saw a news item this. You know, like there's totally false sense of how politics works, is preventive, and also that it's the one exception. The one case out of a. It's the one case out of a million. I'm not going to get into a lengthy, deep critique of the media this way. There were news broadcasts about the Pro Democracy protests in Hong Kong, saying, hey, it's working, it's working, it's working. And then you don't get news broadcasts saying it's failing, it's failing, it's failing. Like, just chronologically, even if you were optimistic for the first few days of those protests in Hong Kong, after a certain point, you should have been reporting on examining the extent to which it's failing Myanmar senator just over one year ago. Hasn't gone off that long. The current prot in some ways the history of Myanmar was back thousands of years, but. Current. Of the Pro Democracy movement in Myanmar. You know, again, I I this is all. In my memory. You got this news reporting saying. It's. It's working, it's working and then just really briefly you get, it's not. It's not really working.

You know you.

Don't get an in depth interest analysis of of the. So now, now you know this isn't exactly the same as talking about the way in which musicians become celebrities. Or they're. They're not the same, but I'm pointing out there's a similar kind of misperception of reality that from childhood forward seems natural. Now, mea culpa. In this video I've mentioned the example of justice. Two people in the in cell movement who engaged in massacres, and they've changed the whole Western world. Had a huge impact. There's no way to understate or overstate that these were two acts of violence of I would just say. You know. Transformed political discourse, including, I mean, so it was mentioned Jordan Peterson and people like Jordan Peterson. They've been talking about it. Care about saying conservatives left wing people, feminists, what's been going on in feminism? Certainly been galvanized and transmits. Huge. Huge. Impact. So I mean that also is is cherry picking. How many massacres have happened in Bolivia? Many massacres happened in. How many massacres have happened in Cambodia? One Cambodian in the audience showed it to like an. You know, there's no there's no such impact. Mean whatever, even. How many people are being snuffed out in Myanmar? Many people being killed in Congress, China. You could have massacres like there's like. Also, this is like only looking at the tiny minority of musicians or actors, or that that have a huge impact. So there's very little effort. Sometimes you can talk about a song that was recorded. So actually, you know a great example and this is this is kind of ridiculous, but there was one stand up comedian who made about Bill Cosby. And it wasn't even a funny joke. He just stood there on stage saying, look, it's crazy that Bill Cosby got away with rape. If you guys don't remember, there's just one moment, and that clip got picked up. Wasn't the first time he'd said it, and part of his routine for quite a while. It was. I mean, it wasn't even really a. It was really in the middle of a stand up comedy route. He pointing the finger at Bill Cosby and saying this is ridiculous. It's a tremendous consequences, at least with an American politics. I think Bill Cosby doesn't matter as much in Europe as he does in America. You know, he doesn't matter as much in Cambodia. For. But the the the. The criminalization of Bill Cosby put it that way. You know, it's had tremendous knock on. It still is so to my knowledge, I haven't watched. There's a new documentary film series right now saying I believe the title is we have to talk about. Cosby. But I haven't. Seen it. I see it. But yeah, this this is a tremendous importance. The death of George Floyd. Well, a lot of people get killed by the cops. You know, a lot of people die in strange circumstances. Like this is my. Is that it's it's very easy to convince yourself that violent protest will work, whether you're looking at the Unabomber or the incel movement, it's very easy to justify your mind. And it's also easy to convince yourself that. Sexy standing on the sidewalk in a bikini, holding a banner protest work. It's like I think for my audience, I've made so many videos talking about this. Already know why it's ludicrous to think that way. And even if you sympathize with the protest I just had film footage on my channel, whatever it was couple days ago, I had film footage. These people standing and holding a sign saying we want democracy in Myanmar. Is that how they created democracy in ancient Athens? Is that how happened? Ancient Rome? Is that what it's really? I think I'm. You can read Machiavelli, Machiavelli discourses. It's chilling the way he talks about huge numbers of people. And Machiavelli is telling you straight up, you want to have a Democratic Republic. You want to have a semi Democratic Republic because for the most part, Machiavelli is saying what a mixed democracy. Hybrid. It's not purely, it's not as democratic as Athens was, you know, but it has aspects. You want that? Maccabaei tells you straight up. You have to be willing to kill and die in large numbers and not just in one civil war, but again and again. The lesson he took from ancient Rome? You know what I mean? Like you know, it's it's. Oh, and sorry if this is too abstract for you. Want democracy in Cuba? You want to mercy in Syria. Really. You want democracy in Libya? You you want democracy in Cambodia? It's not going to be holding a sign. This is not how it. So yeah, you know, I'm, I'm just fleshing that out a little bit. Yes, it's preposterous. I mean, what is more preposterous? The idea that you're going to bring about the ecological transformation of society through terror. Or the idea that you're going to bring about a kind of transformation in gender politics. That's a good way to summarize what the in cells are on about through through terrorism, but in the same way that we're conditioned to regard. Successful movie stars, successful musicians look that the one in a million is made. The hollow type, the extraordinary exception is made into the standard in the norm. The exceptions to the rule in politics, the one in a million, is made the norm and then also, as I say, the cause and effect relationship is totally misrepresented and glamorized again and again. So. That's sadly the. We're working with that. You. I should probably say more of your say. I mean, you know, I realized I was partly responding to what you're saying and partly taking. Different direction.

Yeah.

Melissa: You know, I just. I'm just aware you know the. Impact of seeing those examples on television and even the responsibility that journalists have in covering these events and. And you know how many people work in Congress? That never get

featured in the news, or if they do, the changes that they've made are relatively minor and they don't become famous. Whereas the NFL killer, a famous person.

Well, just so just to give an example, think about what sobering that is. Think about how many people have become, say, the mayor of San Francisco. And they've never had the political impact of these violent. You can pick any example but like it's like right now for you. If you want to become the Mayor of San Francisco, like 20 years from now, if you have a 20 year plan to become the Mayor of San. Or almost any city or town you know. That's really a tough road to get on. But but but then they have to stand there and say, oh, well, I've. Less of a political importance then, yeah.

Melissa: Exactly.

That these terrible people are engaged in terrorism. Yeah, right.

Melissa: Exactly, yeah. Just a couple days ago was because. I happen to see that one of the mayors of Flint had passed away. He wasn't the current mayor, but. Just I've. Heard before, to be honest with you, even though I grew up so close to Flint, MI, you know, it's just in this way. Know I I I want people to recognize within the media. Like what? What we choose to talk about. You know that. Making these people out to be more important than they are. Also it influences the rest of the history of the world in a way that, like you said in in Colombia there have been massacres in in this span of time that we've been dealing with mass shootings in.

America.

Melissa: You know, but that hasn't been making the headlines. It hasn't been making history in the way that. Yeah, these insults have.

Select.

No. Look, I agree with you. So managing the comment section while you're while you're talking. I used the example of Extinction Rebellion who have not yet engaged in bloodshed. Shall we say they have not yet engaged in? I I've warned again and again. If you just listen to the lectures they're giving and Roger Hallam is going to university campuses and saying to. Teenagers. Some teenagers are stupid and some are mentally ****** like we would die with this. What? Some of these people are mentally disabled and to engage in acts of violence this. You. Some people are stupid and some people will scream. And if you look at what he's telling people, he's really talking them into. Frankly. That's my analysis of what he's. So I have film clips of him where he's making the comparison to September 11th. And I say, look, think about what he's saying. About how that's gonna. Like maybe a really intelligent person has a sophisticated perspective on. Like OK, in in some ways this is like September 11th. In some ways it's not. Well, not everyone's that abstract and sophisticated like some people are going to hear. This this segment of what he's saying about September 11th, they're going to think that's what they should do. Should do something. Violent like this, you know. You know, I've raised the. Anyway. I've raised the concern that there are hard working, honest people who became the mayor of a small town and they say, well, why doesn't my opinion about ecology matter and his does. You know, now there are other comparisons, Elon Musk. Musk is an imbecile. Why is it that what Elon Musk says matters so much more than a congressman than a senator than a parliamentary? You know, a backbench parliamentary official, a parliamentarian, elected member, whatever. You know, why is it Elon Musks? And some some activists, some activists who blocks the streets. Or perhaps an activist who engages in terrorism, or the Unabomber something. Why is it their opinion matters more certainly than the vast majority of people who engage in our semi democratic. Systems and and, you know, work their way up to work there, up to the top that way. Now you know part of the answer is exactly because our systems are only semi democratic. I think there are very good reasons why people don't respect their congressmen. People don't care. They what the Senate has to say they. And they care about what Elon Musk has to say. Care about? Kim Kardashian said it's not for no reason. If you were closer to the an ideal, I think you would have a kind of democracy where people are really involved. Gold and where it's people, the people who are like Kim Kardashian in your life are the demagogues at the pneus like, you know, I mean, like also politics in Athens was shallow in some ways. I mean every single, every single chapter in Plutarch lives. It always talks about ohhhhsa. Guys were. You know, like we were reading the life of Alcopia Addis, but any of the political leaders in Athens it, they were handsome. Mattered that they were, well, just mentioning like politics. Not all, not.

Melissa: That we have our power, that we have the ability to express our voice.

Yep.

Melissa: Don't do it.

Yeah, that's right. That's right.

And that's why people are in cells and that's.

Melissa: So the way you're talking about long ago now, you were saying that? Oh gosh, there's just. There's just so much to cover here. I did say, you know. You can go to your local zoning meeting at the town hall, but people.

Yes. Yes.

Melissa: Not doing. And most of the people that are there are old, overweight, just daughter ring old people and they just don't want things to change.

Yes.

Melissa: They just are afraid of change in their society. They probably have old races, ideas about just the community, what they what they want in their community. You know, this is a major issue and the the level that we do have democracy.

Right.

Melissa: In the United States, in Canada. In Europe, you know how many people are really attending these meetings. Many people, really. And I just want to say I understand what you were saying earlier too that like. You choose your own burden like you know the burden that you carry. Like you don't feel beholden to be a politician. Toronto just because. Grew up in Toronto, you know. You have taken on these political ideologies that that matter way more to you than.

Right. And what matters is what matters to. And ultimately, it's my decision whether it's going to be Cambodia or El Salvador or whatever. But it could. Toronto, when it could be Chicago.

Melissa: But if you attend those. Small meeting you do actually have the ability to make make waves. Know you can. Can really. Hear your voice.

1st so I. And I've had the experience, but I would say even more. Is kind of similar to the in cell thing. Even if you fail. You're going to learn something from that failure, and you're going to gain a perspective that matters, right? So let's say it's Detroit and you start getting involved in local politics in Detroit, and you decide these people are all idiots. I don't want anything to do with these people. This political process is let's, whether it's that it's corrupt or it's just it's not really democratic or like, you know, you have, you have that experience, you have your analysis of it, you see what's. Wrong with it. Even if it's a total failure at every step of the way, right, for one thing. You know that. And you can't read that in a university textbook on political science. But even university level study of politics, they don't teach you that. Don't. You know, like nowhere in the world, so you know. Now you've had that experience and now you know, so you get ***** ***. You. This has to do a lot with self pity. You feel sorry for yourself and now you've got to start making some decisions along the lines of what next? So what next? You know, maybe you just move to another city. Maybe you move to a small town. Maybe you live in a cabin in the woods. You find a different way. Maybe you become a creative. You become a filmmaker. Maybe you say you know what? Going to become a documentary filmmaker and. Going to show how ***** **. City Hall is I'm going to show a corrupt or democratic process. I'm going to show it's not democratic at all. Doesn't even have to be documentary film. You can do. You can make you know fiction, or it's a fictional narrative showing the way elections really work in America and the way the negotiations at City Hall really work. And you know where it's. It's this kind of thing. You can respond to this in all kinds of different ways. So like, you're talking about a situation where failing is worth doing. The frustration is worth. And then the analysis of the reflection on that, that failure, right, it's going to lead to something, it's going to lead to. Positive. And you know. So there's some intelligent comments here, but somebody says here so. Dangerous, Kitty says. Isil's argument assumes that even the biggest geek in the world can get some woman somewhere to to marry them. And then I think he or she is adding, I guess, for herself a. And if Incels could accept that they'll never get Margot Robbie, they can at least get somebody. Yeah. Anyway, Margaret will be an interesting example. I marvel Robin can't get me. I'm just being real with you. I would not **** marble Robin. She's below my standards. I would be rejecting her. You know, real talk. Umm, you know for all if you haven't watched the other two hours of this video, you know, watch the rest of it. You know you'll you'll get. But like you know, I know, I know. We're picking the example the guys have to give up the delusion they can get with Marvel Roby, but I'm in a position where Marvel will be can. 'T get with me. OK? But like you know. If you are going to City Hall and getting frustrated and failing and analyzing why

and then you're starting some new project. Whether it's a creative project or whether you say you know what I'm going to learn Spanish and go Salvador. Going to learn Cambodian, go to Cambodia you.

Yeah, yeah.

To take on other things, I can struggle with. Giving all these examples or you decide you know what City Hall is corrupt and hopeless, and there's no democracy. So I'm going to get involved with feeding the homeless like it could be you're going to do some kind of charity project. You, you, you. Like there were so many different ways to respond positively to the. Of democracy. I'm saying like I'm saying cuz Melissa was saying, well, if you do get involved in Marcy, you can still make some difference. And my answer is maybe. And maybe but my. Is, even if that's not your. Even if your experience is that you can't make a difference, and then you engage in analysis of why, that leads to something positive. But so Kitty, this person is using the name Kitty. That's the sense in which I think you can win right in your personal life, in your romantic life. Also by developing yourself intellectually in response to, you know, those those challenges again and again and again. And you know, all of these things involve other people who are. Eng. In the same meaningful struggle you're engaged in, like doing humanitarian work. I'm just using disease to visualize. Even if you just literally feeding the homeless, you set up that kind of humanitarian foundation. You're going to meet people who find you interesting and they want to have lunch. You and. I'm not saying you do this intentionally as a way to meet members of the opposite sex, but I think you can imagine even if you have lunch with. An elderly couple like it's a married couple, and they're also doing this kind of humanitarian work. And you're an interesting, intelligent person. Disciplined intellectual doing this political act and this charitable act. Probably saying you know what, we have a granddaughter. We, you know, they may not say it to you. May try to introduce your granddaughter and. It brings people into your life who actually respect you intellectually, who actually respect you ethically. You know, and who want to be a part of your life in a in a meaningful way, you know. And I'm glad by the way I see that someone potato was not too offended by my my, my thoroughgoing response to his, his or her comments earlier. We're left to guess the gender of. Of salon potato. Another interesting comment from someone potato. Imagine if these highly intellectual people committed to improving this aspect of themselves instead of choosing instead of choosing not to because it's difficult, they could contribute so much more to their communities.

Hello. You can see.

I mean, this is someone who says a totally different set of values for me, a totally different perspective on the world. So selling potato, I notice you say that I'm beholden to my community, or we're beholden to our communities. Why not my grandparents? Why not my parents? Why not my? But that would be more of a traditional Chinese view of the world. Like you should study Confucius. You should develop yourself intellectually so that you can do honor to the ghosts of your deceased ancestors. So because like you're beholden to your parents and your grandparents, why don't you work hard

and develop yourself intellectually, so you can contribute to your own parents? Right now, we don't think that way, but I'm taking the next step and saying, look, I have no obligation to my parents. I have no obligation to my grandparents. I have no obligation to the City of Toronto or the City of Chicago, right? Like mile, this doesn't mean I live a. Without obligations. I recognize that the obligations I have are the obligations I choose, and those obligations can change. The good news is that taking on those obligations will change me also.

Right.

Now the other thing I find fault with here selen potato work again. Your view of the world is just incompatible with much is very different. You notice this comment begins by saying imagine if these highly intellectual people did X, you know did did this or that. Nobody intrinsically is a high intellectual person. Right. It's a Melissa. Five years ago. I mean, she was talking about it herself earlier. Who was Melissa? Years ago, who was Melissa 10 years ago? Right. You build this up brick by brick. Who I am today is the result of a process. And by the way, there are aspects of my intellectual development. Neglect. I was talking to Melissa met yesterday about to what extent should we spend some time on math. Because I I used to have jobs where I did math all day, every day. You do. You build it up. Build it quickly. Well, you know now for many, many years, I've neglected my ability in math. It's not some great tragedy in my life, but you know, you have to recognize this is there are ways in which intellectually I've let myself. Generate the ways in which have pressed forward, it can't. Can't be. I never learned to play a musical instrument. Never learned to drive a car. Ways in which I just never developed skills and so on and so forth, you know, but like, you know. You know, I'm rejecting this idea that you're born an intellectual. Is part of your character. Whether fixed by birth or by the social class or parents by anything else, I am radically optimistic that Kristen, Leo and Tess Beg and Ally Hardy. All of these people could be. They could become intellectuals in just five years if they wanted to. If they gave it 110%, you know, and I can use male examples too. They're even more saddening and a lot of them are guys. I've I've communicated with and I've I've spoken to directly. But you know who? Would James Aspie be today? If just five years ago, you know, he started watching this YouTube channel. Know James. Aspie has seen this YouTube channel. I don't have to get into why, but I'm less than. Degrees of separation from these. What if he had taken seriously the message of this YouTube channel and started leading an intellectual life? James Aspie's life to my knowledge now it consists of lifting weights. It consists of smoking marijuana. I believe he identifies as someone who smokes marijuana every day, but if not nearly so, he's a heavy regular marijuana smoker. And intellectually, he is just completely. It he's gotten stupider and stupider as he's gotten older. These more and more ignorant these more and more pathetic intellectually, physically, still looks good with his shirt off. Can still. That's exactly what he does. He stands on the beach in his, in his underwear or in his bathing suit, and he poses. He's kept the other. I don't know for how long and I don't know if he uses steroids and other performance enhance. I don't know if he uses testosterone booster. You know, that's the most common one now is so-called. Testosterone boosting therapy to you know, but it really is the same thing as steroids. Is gear people and boosting your testosterone to superhuman levels. It is. It is. What's? It's what's thought of as a steroids, even though on a chemical level it's. Different type of chemical from steroids. I don't know if he does. I don't know if he'll keep doing. You know, like I I I don't know that physical side of it. But you know, James Aspie is a terrifying example of what it's like to grow old when you embrace the unexamined life. When you embrace this unintellectual anti intellectual life that is just not worth living. And so just to give him credit. James, aspie. Reaching out for a more meaningful life. He is trying in his way to be a political leader and intellectual. What makes it so tragic? He's trying to be a leader for the vegan. He's trying to convince he has his own political and ecological aspirations, and he even tried, as I discussed at length, he tried to be a kind and economic leader. Know he's tried to do other things, but you know the the desire and the yearning is there. The attempt and the motivation is is there. But instead someone asked the audience why do you keep mentioning El Salvador? Why don't you pick up a pick up a newspaper, OK? Don't you get up to date with? News from El. There's a lot going on. El Salvador is a really interesting place right now. What do you? Well, what could be more? What could be more important for? Talk about the no silver, all these, all these examples matter to me. I care about political future El. I care about the political future of Cambodia. Like it? It doesn't mean nothing to me, guys. Umm. All right, just catching up with your comments and then I think we're going to call it a wrap. If you guys have a second hit the thumbs up as I say, it helps people discover the video. When it when it goes into goes into cold storage here on YouTube. Yeah. So we get some more comments from selling potato saying that he he agrees with a lot of what I'm saying. Is great. I happen to hear it. Yeah. So I saw potato makes an interesting .1 of song potatoes points has been to say that I didn't live a soul of cystic life as an intellectual that I did things that mattered, like going to Cambodia, going to Cambodia to do research in humanitarian work. So. I that's a point I made and I think that's part of our discussion about what the difference is between watching anime. And doing something meaningful, no matter how low we set the the requirement for something meaningful because Shakespeare, Shakespeare isn't that much more meaningful than anime. But it is Shakespeare isn't that much more meaningful than playing video games? But it is. Over this this threshold. So I I do think you can reflect further on the precise way in which my studying the. Language and caring, both Cambodian politics and going to Cambodia, the way the ways in which it's more meaningful than the things most in cells are doing with their time. And most most married men are doing it. Married men don't complain about not getting laid, but they spend all their time watching sports on television. Maybe they watch anime. They're married men who play video games. Anime. Most people are wasting time this this is. However, some potato. I've said this in other. This isn't the first time I'm saying this. You know. My life in Cambodia was a failure. Like everything I wanted to do, everything I aspired to, everything I tried to do in Cambodia failed. Now there's

a very positive element to that. I was just describing you go to City Hall, you get involved in democracy and you fail and fail something positive.

Melissa: I would say I my sense of optimism about that at the time when I made the comment that, you know, we're using our voices democratically.

Right.

Melissa: Meetings is based on the fact that I didn't do it myself, yes. I have to say that.

Right. No, and this is an interesting it's instructive because, and the contrast is I say, well, if you do that, you're probably going to fail. But that can be really rewarding anyways, right?

Melissa: By contrast, you. You were involved in the Green Party at.

Right. Yes, yeah, yeah. I got involved in politics at several levels. Yeah. Yeah, yeah. Melissa: I mean, you did it. So I'm just I'm speaking out of having. I have no experience politically really in the real world, but you have a. More political experience. Right, right.

But I would just mention Melissa, you've seen totally fit the woman. There's the woman from Saginaw, MI.

Melissa: Yeah.

Yeah. So, Carly Hammond, she's she's a YouTube political person. Who respond to me once on Facebook, but only once. Want to talk? It's cool. You know what do you. Of Carly Hammond and Saginaw MI. What do you think? The Young Turks. They're all YouTube channels that show you what it's like to try to participate in elections and try to participate at City Hall or again, elections and democracy. At at any level and. It's nothing is the same as doing yourself filling yourself. But my point is I think almost all of them are. All of them are showing you family, so everything the way I talk about Cambodia. Likewise I really talk about it as a failure, but it's somewhat meaningful failure. So I'm not. I'm not being a cynic. I'm not being caddy, but like, did I save one person's life in Cambodia? No, you know what, I. Like it's just not the case that I saved a human life. Now conversely, it's possible to be like a work in the medical field to be an EMT or something. Work as a nurse or work as work on an ambulance. And you did go to Cambodia and save someone's life, but. Really kind of meaningless. And if you hadn't done it, someone else would. Been on the job that day. It really. Yeah, you went to Cambodia. You see if this guy's life. But if you haven't been here, someone else would have been driving the ambulance that day. ****** nothing, really. Like so, the saving the life thing is in some ways you know. And in terms of outcomes, no, I don't want to get into details. The work I did in Cambodia did have some impact on the world, did have some real world. But even if it didn't, even if we say look isolation. And humanitarian work and what he tried to do, even if we say it failed to such an extent that it had 0 impact, which it didn't. I just don't want to get into cataloguing my accomplishments and and what they were. There was some in fact there was some. But my point is this is still good. Still. It's still positive even if there are no. Positive consequences for society, for community, and that's why I refuse to talk about this

stuff as being you. Being beholden to your community as an intellectual. I certainly don't think you're beholden to the consequences to the outcomes this way. Like it may sound surreal, but like you can get involved with. Feeding starving people like one of the simplest forms of charity and you fail to feed even one starving person like you know your whole charity. Your whole political movement is a failure. Mean. I know it's difficult to imagine something being a total failure that way, but I've I've read about case studies. I've read I've looked at case studies. You can have charities that accomplish none of their goals, and still, especially in the context of this conversation, we're still talking about developing yourself, intellectually leading a meaningful life.

I mean.

I guess what you don't accomplish anything. Anime or playing video? So, you know, in a really weird sense, I'm kind. I'm kind of focused on the worst case scenario and pointing out how how wonderful it is and that and it's true. I do think of my own experience. It's not false humility. I think of it as a as a failure, and so on.

Hey Cortana.

OK, so dangerous Kitty has made a series of of comments. You know, again, I sympathize, but it's it's kind of important for me to emphasize the way in which I disagree with you. So dangerous, Kitty. Quote I might be able to agree with ISIL if you define intellectual development broadly to mean being as knowledgeable as a person of average intelligence can be. In some important topic. So again, I don't think of intelligence. A static trait like height. I can't be taller and I can't be shorter unless I have a horrific car accident. Know what I? Like this, after a certain age. You're as tall as. Going to be and that's it. I I just do not view intelligence that way. I view your intelligence as something you can develop, something you can. Stand all their limits to this. Yes, in many many videos I've mentioned, I have one brother who was born mentally disabled and if I haven't said it before, I'll say it now. To my knowledge he was mentally disabled because his mother attempted suicide during the pregnancy. So it. Tragic, but as far as I know, it's not genetic and sense of DNA, his mother, who is not my. It's different woman, you know, attempted suicide during the pregnancy and this. This is exactly what my father told me. And obviously it was one of the greatest. In my father's life. We we do not know to what extent my father's own psychological problems were a result of that experience. To be honest, I just don't give him that much credit and I already. I already know what a terrible person my father was before that, like in the years before that, so I don't treat my father as a. Of this at all. But nevertheless, you know so. I look at when I look at my brother's collectively, I can't say all of them are born with the same intellectual capacity. I have put it that way, however. So you know, to continue dangerous Kitty's comment, quote James Aspie couldn't do what you do. ISIL nearly as well as you. I mean, it would be good if you read a book once in a while and didn't smoke weed, but OK. This is what I'm saying to you. Sincerely, this is with no false humility. And again, I look at most of my brothers. Brothers who were not born. My brothers, who were not, you know, their mother didn't attempt suicide during pregnancy. You know, I look at the other brothers, my family of whom are intellectuals in any way. Know, I mean you don't know. How far he could take it. You don't know what a wonderful person he could be today. Intellectually, if he had gotten on this path five years ago, if he got in this path five years ago. You don't know and he doesn't know either. Now there is this. There's nothing interesting about her. So unfortunately, if you look her up, you're going to want. There's this YouTuber called Ali Hardesty. And she was put on legal prescription methamphetamines at a shockingly early age. I forget how old she was. But her parents took her to get assessed for attention deficit disorder. And she was given these pills and basically she was told she was. She was always going to be stupid and she needed these pills to help her cope with being stupid. She was given an excuse to not really study and not try hard and not develop herself intellectually. And you know her being told that her being given that diagnosis probably had a more profound influence on her life than the drugs.

Us.

But the drugs have a big impact. The drugs being mentioned here they are methamphetamines, they're. They're not illegal, but it's the government and the healthcare system giving methamphetamines. And, you know, among other things, you know, they ruin your sleep. So they do make you feel more jumpy and energetic during one part of the day, but they ruin both the quality of your sleep and the quantity of your sleep. They have quite a range of negative side effects. In her case, I said this before she questioned methamphetamines. Whatever, Before she questioned her diagnosis with attention deficit. Before she questioned the drugs and the really negative impact there, back when she was positive about them and was just making videos saying, hey, it's great, everyone needs to be on these drugs and she was only saying positive things but made her life better. You know my assessment of her was that she was a person of normal intelligence, or to be honest, even a little bit above average intelligence. But she had been given an excuse to be a self, self indulgent, lazy nitwit. And to get on these drugs and get this drug habit going, and as a result, she dropped out of university, that she was definitely intelligent enough to complete a university education. And whatever, you know, and I'm just saying this honestly, if James Aspie did not live. The lifestyle of James Aspie. In all these ways, you don't know how far he could take it. Don't know how intelligent. He could be I'm. There's no one I can bring on camera to tell you what an idiot I was when I. 18 years old, you. Sorry, I've been 16, is even better. There were a lot of. There were people who thought I was ****** there. People thought I, you know, people thought I was really stupid. I was dumb once you. I was ignorant once I had to work my. You know. Out of. You know you don't know. Positively. What James Aspie is capable of, or what ally Hardesty is, is capable of. They don't know either, you know. So all of their limits are some people just born so mentally *******. So I have this one brother. He's never spoken a word. He's never spoken a sentence in any language. You know his his his mental cap is is. We can never even go to primary school, let alone university, you know, OK. With that footnote set. Right. You know, I don't buy it. And I, I I just, you know, I I don't believe that there is this innate inequality that separates me from my own brothers with the exception

of the one who was born *******. I don't believe there is this innate inequality that. Me from Ally Hardesty or or James Aspie? That's why I'm so tough on them. You know, I'm so mean to them is 'cause. I actually feel they can do what I do too. And you know, even if you say, well, you know, it's a good way to play. He couldn't do what you do. As well, he couldn't do it. Do but in some ways he would be better. Like if other people lead the life of the mind and develop themselves intellectually, they're going to have some strengths. Just as I have some some weaknesses, you know, and look. So again, this this relates to what I think of as intelligence and what I think was intellectual. My areas of greatest intellectual weakness. S are the things that I find boring and where I cannot motivate myself. I cannot compel myself to do the research. I'll give you an example that you guys will find interesting and like in a sense I do too. OK. There are claims being made about the new solar power systems in South Australia. And Elon Musk is involved, OK. So there's a lot of false propaganda, some of it coming from Elon Musk, some of it coming from the government of government of Australia. How fictional are the claims about this amazing new solar technology breakthrough? Another person who is at the same level of intelligence as me or even a lower level of intelligence, just almost aesthetically. They might. Able to throw themselves into researching all the details of that. And they may, you know, like certain kind of guy would have in his garage a bunch of solar panels. And would, you know, like, he wouldn't just be doing the the research he tinkering with it. And he'd be really wanting to understand, like on an engineering level the. Even if it's nothing to do with. That and what he'd want to come on YouTube and really talk about, OK, look, people are saying Elon Musk made this breakthrough and here, like, get into crunching the numbers. The amount of electricity being generated. Here's how much it costs go through the government budgets for this. Is. Is it? What some newspaper headlines are saying now, as you can guess, I am suggesting to you that I'm very skeptical. I don't really believe that Sophia has made this this breakthrough that newspapers are claiming that. Have, but I don't know and I'm not motivated, you know, to to do that research. You know, I'm not to me like in a sense it's resting, but in a sense it's it's boring, right? So now, maybe, James, Aspie. If he had developed himself intellectually for five years in this sense, right, he might be really motivated to, to, to put in that work and get those. You see what I'm saying? Like even if you only think of that as an aesthetic difference between us, people can be much less intelligent than me and kind of get better results and better outcomes. There are going to be things they're better at, right? You know why? I neglected my ability in math. I feel like in the last 20 years or so, there's really been nothing meaningful. My life connected to math. I'm sorry. Let's say 10 years. You know, I that's how I feel about it. And maybe I'm wrong. Like maybe I'd be a better person today if I'd made math a priority instead of learning the Chinese language, which may be totally useless to. Like you know, maybe I'm wrong that some of these other things I studied, I shouldn't have been studying if I'd instead been doing math or electrical engineering. Guys I. I'm on. No ego trip here 0. I don't think I'm superior to people who get into electrical engineering. I don't. It's. You know

what I mean? And there are things I understand that they don't understand and there are. Vice versa, you know, there's some selective blindness on on both sides. See what I'm saying? Yeah.

I.

And look, you know. Again, I'm a fan of the channel, Oliver. Has his own YouTube channel. He always likes to bring up Karl Popper's concept of falsifiability. I will be the first person to admit that what I have just said to you is not falsifiable. There is no way we can test the scientific hypothesis that if James Aspie lived my lifestyle, he could be smarter than me. You know, there's no way we can test the hypothesis that in a five year period. Alli Hardesty could be could be positively motivated to develop herself intellectually and be as smart as me, or like, whatever. Gonna calibrate this test. There's no way we can test this or falsify it. If we go back to my hypothetical example from hours ago. Now of 10 different soldiers in the Army and one of them is sincerely motivated to develop himself intellectually and the other nine are not. I can't even test the hypothesis. The other nine be better soldiers, if they. Were intellectually motivated. This guy, but we can't even do that, you know. So I'm the first person to admit that what I'm saying here is dogmatic. What I'm saying here is optimistic and as I say, by mentioning my mentally *******. Sometimes what I'm saying is going to be wrong. Sometimes, and maybe the Unabomber is a great example of that. Maybe the unabomber. He was just too stupid. Like maybe he was literally *******. You know, like maybe he's just too stupid to ever benefit from education. Life of the mind, reading books or anything else you. So sometimes I'm wrong, but what I'm saying to you so passionately again and again is comedy. How many times will I be right in? How many instances are we talking about? Someone who really could have benefited? Who could have transformed themselves? Someone who could have transformed a small political movement like veganism. Someone who could have changed the fate of nations, whether that's a tiny country like El Salvador, whether it's a a small town or a big city like it's the politics of Chicago, it's politics of that scale. How many people could have changed the world positively through the creative arts? You know, skin the. They magnify the impact you have in the. You're just one person and nobody cares about your. You can sit around and feel sorry for yourself because your potentials or your your your ideas don't matter. Well, your ideas matter. If you make them matter, and if you just paint. If you just paint them in a picture, you create a beautiful painting. You create a work of art all of a sudden your ideas start to matter. Make a song that's kind of catchy and all of a sudden your ideas start to matter. Make a film, whether it's a documentary film or a fictional thing. You your ideas matter, inasmuch as you you make them matter, you know. You know, we don't know about how many people. Right.

Honest.

How many of these people, if they started leading a meaningful life, if they started prioritizing their intellectual development, they could change much, much more than. Sex lives. They could change much, much more than their own than their own personal

happiness. And I'm sorry, but you know I can't. I can't help but repress my optimism. I mean. It's two sides of the same coin. When I go to a university campus today, what do I see? I see people living the unexamined life. I see people. Completely committed to short term sensual self indulgence. No, nothing else. The university campus is full of people who only care about drugs, alcohol, getting laid, watching sports on TV. They may be playing on the sports team themselves. You have no idea how busy the gym is on university campus. You have no idea. How under utilized the library is? Know what I mean? Like for real, I've spent a lot of time on university campuses and the extent to which today university students. Live like you know, middle-aged cocaine addicts. Frankly, like they're they're what middle-aged people used to be like in the eight 1980s, you know? They're they're still. They're young, but they have no. They have no higher aspirations. They're living for short term self gratification and self. That's what you see on the university campuses and I look at the at the profess. I mean, it's the difference between the conductor and the orchestra pit. All the same. The students have the professors are the same. You know it's. I can't say it's the blind leading the blind. It's, you know. It's the same evil in the hearts and minds of the professors that you see in the students you know, all university campuses are temples to self indulge. You know they're not. They're not a road map to the life of the. They're not leading you on the way to developing yourself as an intellectual. Only exist to encourage you to become more committed to. Slave of reckless self indulgence, right? So, like my pessimism about the institution. My pessimism about the culture that is exactly the other side of the coin, where I look at these people, whether it's James Ashby or rally Hardesty or so many others, and it's like, look, there is a better person you could be today. If you'd made the same decisions I was making just five years ago, like, think about who you would be today, intellectually, ethically and emotionally, who would you be today if five years ago, you started living the way I lived? You know, you can't think the way I think because you know the way I live. You can't do what I do because you don't live the way I live and it's not overnight. I mean, five years is a good span of time, and then still today, now I look ahead to the next five years. There is this better person you could become, right? If if you. Started living this life. If you started challenging yourself. In this way. And I can't say that about weightlifting. I can't say that about yoga and that's all that anyone ****** says. If only you started doing. If only you started doing weightlifting, you could have a better shape ***. Know like that's it. You could have. A more appealing body. If only you started doing yoga, you started working at the gym. I can't say that to you. I have to say to you, 95\% of people who work their *** off at the gym in the next 5 years are still going to be ugly five years from now, it's they're going to be an incremental change in their appearance. Some of them are going. Get worse. Some of them are get. A lot of people fail on their ******* transformation journey. Or they get better looking, but it just this doesn't matter. There's no meaningful change in their life intellectually, ethically or emotionally, or it doesn't even lead to them sleeping with a better. Caliber of person you put in. All this ****** work into the shape of your *** and what you get out.

Of it, Jack.

****. You know, ****** Kristen. Leo starts getting Botox injections in her face, starts getting plastic surgery. Now you look like a plastic surgery hag. Look older, you look uglier. Look. You look. It doesn't bring a better man into your life and to some extent, frankly, she has psychological problems, doesn't overcome your immaturity, your lack of intellectual development, neither in terms of like economics and politics and that stuff, nor in terms of your sexuality. How you relate to men and what kind of relationship doesn't help you in those ways. Like you know. My optimism that people can be leading a more meaningful life is completely coeval with it's it's the other side of the coin with the assessment that the vast majority of people are leading meaningless lives, that they're performing way below. Their their intellectual potential. Now some of you can't relate. What I'm. Some of you are going to say that you were on a university campus the other day and you felt you were surrounded by. Brilliant, highly motivated people of all ages, inspirational researchers and people who want to make the world a better place. People are trying to develop their. Me. Maybe that's your subjective experience, whether accurate or delusional after visiting. A university campus in your hometown. Think about Egypt. Think about people who are born and raised in Egypt today. Male and female. This horrible, repressive religion. Well, actually a lot of your time and energy goes into the conflict between different ideas about what that religion should be. Divisions within Islam and like a lot of your time and energy. Sexually repressive religion. Intellectually oppressive religion. And now you're walking around a university campus in Egypt. These people have a lot of intellectual potential, right? Known Muslims, you. Come on. My whole life, you know you can meet intellectual Muslims. And of course you think, hey, you could be leading a more meaningful life. There's a better life than mine. But in their case, it's not lifting weights at the gym. It's not yoga. It's not. It's not watching sports on TV probably could be, could be watching sports. But it's not the particular model of the self indulgent life that dominates on an American University campus. There's a very different. Meaningless life that dominates on an Egyptian university campus, right? So I think all of you can relate to right away if you're walking on a university campus in Egypt. There's a lot of intellectual potential here that's going to waste. A lot that's being that's being squandered.

Appendix: Fact Check

There's a rumor going around in right-wing spaces online that – in its most bizarre iteration – has people believing that Ted Kaczynski (the Unabomber) was coaxed into gender identity issues by woke Jewish academics and psychiatrists. That he saw through their lies and fought back with bombs to try to strike back against this global conspiracy.

Quoting one of these right-wingers:

Ted was coaxed into gender identity issues by Academics and when he went to a gender clinic in Colorado, one of the first of its kind, and saw what transvestites actually looked like, he decided to isolate himself and then start killing people.

-The Systems Neatest Trick audio reading

However, the story is all bullshit, quoting Ted's autobiography:

...During the summer following my 4th year at Michigan... I had become thoroughly discouraged with mathematics. Music, reading, and other hedonistic pursuits bored me if indulged in to more than a limited extent. Thus, my life began to seem completely empty. I felt that I had nothing to look forward to or to live forthe extreme low morale that I experienced in the latter part of the summer after my 4th year at Michigan led to the second of the 2 episodes in my life that I am really ashamed of. I got into a state where, for I guess about the last 2 or 3 weeks of the summer, I was more or less sexually excited nearly all the time, with fantasies of myself as a woman. It makes me squirm to think of it, but I actually decided to make an effort to have a sex-change operation. ... When I got back to the U. of Michigan, I made an appointment to see one of their psychiatric counselors... However, as the time approached for the appointment, I felt a certain revulsion setting in. While I was sitting in the waiting room I turned completely against the idea of the operation. So when I went in to see the doctor, I just gave him a bullshit story about being depressed about the possibility of being drafted...

-Ted's 1979 Autobiography

So, now enter Eisel's retelling of Ted's life story. I would love to know what secondary source/s he was drawing from with this one.

I might be being too nitpicky with some of these, I could have forgiven him for getting the story mixed up from memory for some of them, but taken in their totality they make up a pattern of misinformation likely due to bias. So, it just goes to show me what else he's likely getting garbled.

Claim #1: "The Unabomber spoke to medical doctors about undergoing transgender surgery ... But he actually went in and did the interviews, you know, there's a process of interviewing with doctors before you can set up an appointment and undergo that kind of transgender surgery ... Melissa: He decided to discuss with this

transgender surgery. Eisel: To yes, right. But also psychiatrist just mentioning it. It has a lot to do with psychiatry."

My take: False, he planned to speak to his university counsellor, but changed his mind in the waiting room and so just talked to her about fearing being drafted to Vietnam.

Source: Multiple listed in this FAQ section: Frequently Asked Questions about Ted Kaczynski - Transexual?

Claim #2: "The Unabomber was a heterosexual":

My take: I think this is unlikely, at best it's better to stay agnostic. Ted had sexual experiments with other boys as a kid, he wrote that these males he knew up to when he was 17 featured in his sexual fantasies when he was around 25, plus he acknowledged on rare occasions having experienced flickers of soulful sexual feeling toward other males.

Source: Multiple listed in this FAQ section: Frequently Asked Questions about Ted Kaczynski - Bisexual?

Claim #3: "His reasoning was that he was a heterosexual man who couldn't get laid. So therefore if they could surgically transform him into a woman, he would have an easier time":

My take: This is debatable, part of the sexual fantasy that led him to take this action was picturing having sex with men as a woman, however there's nothing that I know of written by Ted to say that – even if he could have gotten the surgery — he would have actively desired to go out to try and get laid pretending to be a woman. I think it's more likely this was just a bizarre action he was desiring to take because he was suicidally depressed, so was desiring to take any action that he thought would bring some increased pleasure into his life, and it happened to be something in the form of sexual gratification. So in his head he might have viewed it as simply making his day to day life more exciting by adding this '24/7 kink' element, like the way some women wear chokers.

Source: Multiple listed in this FAQ section: Frequently Asked Questions about Ted Kaczynski - Transexual?

Claim #4: "You can imagine that screening process was more demanding than 'we had to talk to a psychiatrist, and establish look are you really the right candidate for this surgery?" I do hear things that today, so many of the doctors are so encouraging

that people are just rapidly waved through, encouraged to get transgender surgery right away without this kind of psychological screening."

My take: This is debatable, many trans people spend years of their life on waiting lists, need to show proof of having socially transitioned for years, see a psychiatrist regularly for years, etc.

Source: Life on an NHS transgender waiting list — BBC News

Claim #5: "We have his diaries, as I recall, he wrote them in code, encrypted diaries, and this yearning his incel rage against society, it didn't stop. It didn't end. Like he kept writing in his diary how much it would mean to him just to have a woman to hold."

My take: False about all his diaries being written in code. None of what Eisel talked about Ted writing was exclusively in encrypted journals. The encrypted stuff is mostly notes about his crimes. Also, the text where he wrote most about the sex change operation situation was in his 1979 autobiography. So, it's a wonder what Eisel read and is misremembering.

Source: Ted Kaczynski's Journals & Ted Kaczynski's 1979 Autobiography

Claim #6: "An older woman told him just flattery told him that he was very handsome, was extraordinarily good looking and he clung to this compliment his whole life, and he thought of himself as extraordinarily good looking and wrote himself extraordinary good looking. ... And then he had one conversation with one woman, and this is out when he's already a middle-aged man living in a cabin in the woods. He's already run away. Run away from any type of woman and she was just very perplexed by what he said about himself. And she told him. She told him that he was run-of-the-mill. Like you know, he wasn't ugly. You're a run of the mill looking guy. And this had a huge devastating impact on. He had clung to this notion that he was extraordinarily handsome and was really entitled to the adoration of women."

My take: False about him consistently having believed he was attractive and that he was constantly confused as to why women weren't fawning over his good looks. He wrote about questioning how attractive he was to women, plus he was aware his shyness and social ineptness was the main problem and he berated his parents for in his view being the cause of this. Plus, he was appreciative of having the notion that he may be more attractive than most be dispelled because it meant he could then reframe his past struggles through this lens. The experience was one of positive revelation, not negative devastation.

Source: Ted Kaczynski's 1979 Autobiography & Ted Kaczynski's Correspondence with his Parents

Claim #7: "He wasn't into cross dressing."

My take: False, he cross-dressed in his room. Unless your definition of cross-dressing is also having the nerve to go out in public cross-dressing.

Source: Ted Kaczynski's 1979 Autobiography

I think I'll stop there as that's enough to get the point anyways.

Discussion

AvgWebIntellectual Ted appears to have had autogynephilia (this term is thrown as an insult a lot but it's an actual phenomena). It would've been reasonable to transition if that was a source of gender dysphoria. And maybe the reason of his depression was due to that, but he just wasn't able to reconcile with it. It is a common joke in trans circles that Ted wouldn't have become the Unabomer if he had transitioned lol. Of course, giving this point any consideration would be against Eisel's narrative as well.

Also I disagree with you OP with regards to "this was just a bizarre action he was desiring to take because he was suicidally depressed". Nobody decides to just get a sex change because they're depressed. From his writing we see his gender was clearly a source of frustration and he wanted to act (this is his inner desire). In the end, he couldn't act because he was repulsed by the idea (this is his social conditioning). I'm not gonna give a diagnosis from a paragraph of writing, but not enjoying anything in life except the idea of transitioning sounds a lot like gender dysphoria to me.

Theo: It's certainly a strange puzzle to try to untangle. I'll try to explain some of my thoughts on the evidence that has me leaning towards a kind of 'suicidal depression motivated action', rather than an 'authentic felt emergent gender identity motivated action'.

Ted wrote about struggling with social ineptness in school, and that at the same time he would have these sexual fantasies of being disabled which I think helped him deal with the shame he felt about imagining himself mentally incapable to engage with other kids in the way that he wanted to.

These fantasies about being disabled shifted to fantasies of being a woman as I think a more complex way of dealing with shame about social ineptness, struggling with feeling of being excited by this other gendered group, what he felt was expected of him as boy, and so desiring an ego-negation escape from all this stress.

His writing in university always seems more to deal with his struggles with sexual desires rather than fitting in to gender roles also; "I never did get a girlfriend—or even one date," he admitted of his years at Harvard. "Consequently, I suffered considerably

from acute sexual starvation." In Widener Library, he found himself too distracted to focus, his thoughts drifting as he watched "the sight of female behinds swaying up and down the aisle.

Also according to David Kaczynski who read some parts of Ted's journals that aren't public:

I was able to learn that Ted began to have apparently some breaks with reality in his early 20s when he was at the University of Michigan. Interestingly enough, he stopped going to class, began to do brilliant mathematical work, but also began to have some delusions, believed people had visited him who you know we now know had not visited him. Approached the health service asking for help, but was unable to talk about his needs and began. To believe, apparently for the first time. That the problems were not inside him. That was what he had been worried about, but began to project them outwards and believe that the problems were located outside him, not inside him.

So, I think his delusions, sexual desires and ego-negation desires in suicidal ideation all factored into his brief desire to get a sex change operation, more so than gender dysphoria.

With compulsive kinks and hedonistic persuits (like drug abuse and video game collecting) there's also often a 'binge and purge' cycle where the person kind of desires there to be a big climax where their binging leads to such negative outcomes that they can come to the realization that they're permanently done with the habit. So making the counselor appointment might have been to do with that also.

Genoskill:

Claim #2: "The Unabomber was a heterosexual":

Citation:

(ii) Homosexual. Have you over indulged in mutual masturbation or in any other form of sexual activity with one of your own sex? Are you sexually excited by members of your own sex? Do you feel guilty about it?

I am not sexually excited by members of own sex. I used to be, but no longer do. Feel guilty about the activities mentioned above.

Source: 1959 Autobiography

Another citation:

In the interest of complete honesty and disclosure I will state two facts: (1) During my early teens I had a few homosexual experiences with another

kid my age. (2) I mildly dislike homosexuality. This is a matter of personal taste. My emotional involvement in it is slight, and it has no effect on my "political" viewpoint. In other words, I basically just don't care. What people do in the bed is their own business and not mine.

Source: Green Anarchy #10

Theo: If those quotes were the only evidence to go on for whether Ted was heterosexual or not, I can see why many would believe Ted was straight.

Ted had this to say about the 1959 Autobiography you quoted:

"Its trustworthiness is impaired by the fact that I resented having been talked into participating in Murray's study and therefore tried to avoid revealing too much about my inner self. I tended to downplay problems rather than speaking about them frankly; specifically, I understated the problems I had during adolescence with my parents and my school mates." — Truth versus Lies by Ted Kaczynski

Genoskill: Quoting the 1959 Autobiography too:

I did occasionally engage in masturbating and "stripping" with other boys (in Evergreen Park). This was an almost universal, or at least a very common practice, in my community, at least, though I don't know whether it is generally or not. But it was generally not done after the age of 14 or 15 thereabouts.

Later he says:

I am not sexually excited by members of own sex. I used to be, but no longer do. Feel guilty about the activities mentioned above.

In chapter VI of your link, he writes:

I consider homosexuality to be a defect. I don't consider it to be morally wrong, I don't resent homosexuals, and I have no interest in persuading them to change their sexual habits. I could easily be friends with a homosexual as long as he didn't make sexual advances to me. But I would still consider his homosexuality to be a defect. This is simply my own private opinion, I have no desire to impose it on anyone else, and I don't care whether anyone agrees with me or not.

... And in the 1979 Autobiography he says:

Still, what excited me sexually was girls. Males never excited me sexually. (If I had a fantasy of (for example) sucking a cock, almost the only thing that appeared in my mind was the cock itself — the rest of the boy practically nonexistent in my fantasy. Nor was I excited by the sight of other boys' penises ...

... also (Page 102):

... in fantasies of myself as a female, the emphasis was always on myself as a girl — the man in the fantasy only served to provide a prick. I have never been sexually attracted to men ...

I found this quote from your first source interesting (and sad):

Alone in his room, he was driven crazy by the sounds of the couple next door making love. Finally—and this is what broke my heart—Kaczynski decided to convince a psychiatrist to allow him to undergo the surgery and chemical treatments he thought would transform him into a woman, **not because he was transgender**, but because, as a woman, he might wrap his arms around himself and be held by someone female.

Theo: I think a lot of this is 'the lady doth protest too much'. His ideology was one of desiring everyone live as hunter-gatherers and so the meaning in life being survival, one's intergration into the wild eco-system and passing one's genes along.

If you had that ideology your bias would be to try and dismiss sexual fantasies you were having at 25 about specific males you knew up to the age of 17 as not meaning you were bi. Plus dismiss flickers of soulful sexual feelings you had for males later in life, etc.

Like I said in the post, I don't 100% discount that he might have been heterosexual, I just think it's unlikely. Then, I think it's even more unlikely that like a 100% heterosexual longing for women was the cause of his desire for a sex change. I think bisexual experiences could have played an important conceptual role in that, like 'I've been able to have sexual experiences with other boys without this social ineptness coming in to play as much', so the inability to access what it's like to have sexual experience with girls/women takes on a stronger longing of missing out. So, a kind of relating to woman as this totally alien species that he was frustrated he couldn't conquer which strangely contributed to his self-pity and desires for murderous 'revenge' to wipe out the shame/lack of dignity/honor he was feeling.

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à-bas-le-ciel. <youtube.com/watch?v=rbqdu1YAaHw> This is a partially cleaned up and abbreviated transcript.

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