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Today's Show: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

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Today on The Jay Doherty Podcast:

Coronavirus continues to grow and politics continues to interrupt. As the intensity of the virus grows, so does the partisanship on both sides. I'll continue my monologue about the scary models released by the CDC. How is the U.S. Government doing in these tough times?

Also, some tech news to drift away from the usual these days... Apple continues to make the headlines despite the omnipresent COVID-19. The company recently purchased the popular weather app "Dark Sky" and they are going to be pulling the plug on the Android version. Also, cell phone carrier T-Mobile has acquired its steadfast competitor Sprint... what do these changes mean and how will they affect the millions of people who use those services every day?

And an interview with someone who is using COVID-19 as an opportunity to entertain. Music influencer Michael Heidemann has been hosting live streams where he -- and various artists around the country -- are casually performing songs over the internet to occupy and delight the many people who are required to stay inside these days. He deems these "Lockdown Livestreams". Where can you listen to Michael, how often is he doing this, and how did he come up with this idea in the first place?

We'll answer all of that and more on episode 131 of The Jay Doherty Podcast.

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COVID-19 Coronavirus

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO STAY INSIDE AND TO NOT SPREAD THE VIRUS!
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO BE GRATEFUL TO DOCTORS, NURSES, ETC.

NUMBERS UPDATE

- [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus COVID-19 \(2019-nCoV\)s Map](#)
- [NBC: 1,000,000+ Cases](#)
- [538: Modeling is "really freaking hard".](#)

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THE FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONSHIP

Now that the congressional action is over (at least for now), the government is on to face its next challenge and that challenge is infrastructure. Quite honestly, and I am not saying this subjectively, the federal government is failing at everything related to what I like to call crisis infrastructure... N-95 masks, beds, ventilators, etc.

And Trump is at least mildly accepting of this lack of infrastructure. Perhaps his beliefs tie more strongly to the conservative doctrine... one of those beliefs being that the federal government should be minimally involved and the governors of actual states are more intimately familiar with the needs (financial, medical or otherwise) of the states that they govern over.

Nonetheless, the politics will always interfere... and with Trump, semantics and show business are really the things that make him mad. You may remember that, in the beginning of this virus, the coastal states out West were hit extremely hard, particularly Washington and Oregon. Actually, the first case of the virus in The United States was in Washington and it was thought that Washington was going to erupt with cases... in fact, [an article back in early March](#) suggested that the case numbers were going to be nuts if the government didn't act.

The state government did act... Democrat Governor Jay Inslee was one of the first to take measures before other states did in the early days of this virus, only a couple days after Trump said this in South Carolina... TRUMP 1 But you may remember that Jay Inslee was once a Presidential Candidate... he did not last long but he was on the ticket until August so he clearly does not like Trump... and on top of that Mr. Inslee was outspoken during the early days of the virus saying that The White House was not doing enough.

And, as you will see, Trump's strategy in dealing with people who don't like them is to (a) attack them publicly or (b) not speak to them, lie, and delegate the work.... In a stunning development, he chose option B and pushed the work to VP Pence... and honestly, on a federal level, the two best people during this thing are Pence and Pompeo. With the obvious exception of Dr. Fauci, Dr. Birx, and all of the people who are contributing to the solution to this crisis, everyone else (meaning Trump, Mnuchin, McConell, Pelosi, and *maybe* Schumer) have not done too well during this thing... and by not done too well, I mean they have done little of value apart from the passage of the stimulus... which, by the way, should be the focus of their jobs... supplemental legislation should be the forefront of Congress's mind during times of need like this.

Now this was a couple of days ago, which makes it *old news* in these circumstances but you will see why I am using this particular situation as an example... Here's Trump explaining his communications strategy of blockage (option B) at The White House podium last Friday...

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I think this clip really illustrates publicly how bad Trump's temper can prove to be in times of a crisis... I am sure lots of Presidents have felt that way in the past but I don't know why Trump would point that out publicly and why he doesn't have the guts to help someone out in a time where they share something that is in need of great attention; that is both of their citizens are infected at large scale and many of their citizens are dying frequently

Now, if Trump were sitting in front of me right now, he would say that Inslee started the feud by running for President... well, he dropped out and now you are the President. Also, it's one thing to be a jerk if you offer some goods/services to make up for your lack of character (and I'm referring to Trump here) but it is another thing when you don't have any material... and by that I mean the personal protective equipment like masks and other things that I addressed before...

THE INFRASTRUCTURE

I am by no means suggesting that it is Trump's fault that there is a massive shortage in the federal stockpile of masks and ventilators. I think we should, as a country, rally around the government (both state and federal) and anyone that is out there trying to protect us, no matter how much we don't like the people sitting in those seats of power. So, I do think that it is important to support The White House, The CDC, and other U.S. intelligence agencies in these sorts of situations, but the problem is that the federal government is running [dangerously low on personal protective equipment](#).

The good news, though, is that, thankfully, each state is not wholly dependent on the Federal Government for everything. In fact, as I hinted at before, it is historically assumed that the state government should be the first one acting (which is why you are hearing so much about the governors of your states in local newspapers) and then the state could and should call on the Federal government for assistance. Trump actually hinted at this notion during a press conference yesterday.... TRUMP 4

Nonetheless, the capability of that infrastructure assistance remains limited... and the federal government should be more embracing towards states and really less secretive. The administration is trying to lay this out like the Federal Government is supposed to be supplemental (which it is supposed to be) but then Mr. Snake Oil Jared Kushner comes into the press briefing and reiterates Trump's claims...g and then the administration gets sneaky for really no reason... KUSHNER 1

Daniel Dale, a reporter for CNN, [tweeted out the about page](#) before and after the press briefing...

Not the first time... [Dirty Money documentary on Netflix](#) exposes how awful Jared Kushner is.

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And, In most sentences you hear about infrastructure even apart from Coronavirus, the word China is likely used... because China is just the international manufacturing machine for all things... and they make so many products for the world to use... and that includes masks. Obviously, this virus started in China so it makes for some awkward tensions between China and the nations that are being [affected by this virus](#) (4th para). China is hoarding them, says [NYT](#).

In terms of nations that are being affected by this virus, Russia has, at least proportionally not really been one, but in a surprising, and in an inherently suspicious move, [Russia President Vladimir Putin SENT PPE to the United States](#). Here is President Trump at The White House confirming that... TRUMP 3

Trump makes it sound like Russia, out of their generous hearts, donated the equipment but no... SOS Pompeo said the U.S. paid for it but would not say how much. And, obviously, on this large of a scale, it doesn't really matter for two reasons.

1. The equipment is saving people's lives
2. The United States, while we are running *low* on money considering we've just spent upwards of \$6.5 trillion on a stimulus bill that hasn't entirely gone into effect yet, we have the money but we don't have the masks. For The United States, the question is not supply and demand but efficiency and infrastructure

So, overall the equipment is needed in the United States but Russia always has an ulterior motive and we will likely feel the consequences of their mischief whether we can see it now or not.

CHRIS CUOMO INFECTED WITH CORONAVIRUS

CNN Anchor Chris Cuomo became infected with Coronavirus and when I saw this, I was just shocked and sad. Regardless of what you think of Chris as a host, I can say that he is a really nice person... at least to me... and I mean that very seriously. I actually met Chris once for a couple of minutes and he was extremely welcoming and nice... he actually let me ride down a CNN elevator way back in the day... he was really nice and he is really smart too. I actually think that he is the best anchor on CNN by far... and I really only started thinking that after he got his Prime Time slot which suits him much better, both in terms of content and style, then the New Day morning slot.

Anyway, the relevant news here is that he tested positive for Coronavirus and he is isolating and doing his show in his basement. He initially announced it via [Twitter saying...](#)

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Chris's brother happens to be named Andrew and Andrew happens to be the governor of New York. Andrew Cuomo actually addressed his brother's diagnosis during one of his frequent press conferences on COVID-19 with some snark... CUOMO 1

The value that one can gain from seeing someone like Chris (or any other news anchor) test positive for something is that it gives them firsthand experience of what things are like. Last night, Chris was on CNN and he described how he was feeling... it is sort of long but I don't think that there is often this much inside perspective... Here's Chris... CUOMO 2

Chris also said that the fevers and the effects you will feel as a result of this virus are so intense that you can begin to hallucinate at times... he said that he saw his father, Mario Cuomo, who died years ago, sitting at the edge of his bed... + encouraged following social distancing measures. If you are taking this lightly, you shouldn't... here's Chris... CUOMO 3

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APPLE BUYS WEATHER APP DARK SKY

Lots of reaction...

Dark Sky is a fabulous weather app. It is hyperlocal, widely used, and delivers up-to-the-minute forecasts about tons of areas throughout the country.

Apple just bought the company for an undisclosed amount and the worst part is that not only are they shutting down the Android part of the app, but worse they are shutting down the API... :(

The API (Application Program Interface) is this platform that Dark Sky allows competitors to reference to source the weather and then extract the data of what Dark Sky is providing into a different and more brand-specific platform.

- [Dark Sky Blog Post](http://jay-doherty.com/dsblog) (jay-doherty.com/dsblog)
- [CNET](#)
 - Save
- [T-Mobile](#) (surprisingly transparent)
- [BBC](#)
- [Wired](#)

T-Mobile COMPLETES SPRINT ACQUISITION

T-Mobile has been on quite the spending (or acquiring) spree in modern history. In 2013, T-Mobile bought Metro PCS (now called Metro by T-Mobile) and now, they have bought Sprint!

T-Mobile will call Sprint *The New T-Mobile*

T-Mobile CEO John Legere is out and Mike Sievert is taking over everything. John Legere, by the way, is an American treasure... you can find out why on T-Mobile's YT channel.

In my mind, the four cell phone carriers are (and have always been) AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, and Sprint... the big guys being AT&T + Verizon. The small guys being T-Mobile and Sprint. The bigger of the small guys (T-Mobile) just absorbed the smaller of the small guys (Sprint). As a result of this corporate supersizing, there are now three major cell phone carriers to choose from.

If you are one of the 54 million people who use Sprint, immediate changes will be minimal. It will be the same price, same website, same everything for now.. Really, the only places you can

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look when you are trying to find out the logistical consequences of a massive acquisition like this one is the actual [website](#) itself... and it looks promising. [FAQs](#)....

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AN INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL HEIDEMANN

[Michael Heidemann](#) is a "nationally recognized Music Journalist, Grammy Awards Member, South by Southwest Mentor and a fabulous on-air personality. Michael has interviewed hundreds of musicians, artists and pop culture celebrities in the music/ entertainment industry."

He joins the show live to talk about what he has been doing in his field to help people through the Coronavirus in an entertaining way. Michael, welcome to *The Jay Doherty Podcast*.

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