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Today on The Jay Doherty Podcast:

The Message, The Motives, and the Facts. These three things are all coming into question under the political surge the fastly growing COVID-19 pandemic has brought on. As doctors, financial analysts, cable-news reporters, and The President continue to be biased towards their own vocation, the sprawling Coronavirus just gets bigger. What are the facts, who are the new players, and what should you be paying attention to?

Also, as the days go on, New York is hit harder and harder. State Governor Andrew Cuomo is in the middle of a grueling situation but his willingness to blatantly put politics aside has allowed New York to work efficiently and effectively with the federal government despite the initial hiccups. How does this crisis disposition allow Governor Cuomo to lead during a time of staggering tragedy... and what is the Trump administration doing, both medically and financially, to support struggling states around the country?

We'll answer all of that and more on episode 132 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](#)
- [CNN: Case numbers better than expected](#)

Before we start:

I want to note that Bernie Sanders dropped out of the race for President. It was long overdue. I predicted he was going to drop out weeks before he did but he basically waited until the last possible moment; until it was mathematically impossible for him to win the nomination, giving Joe Biden a clear path to the Democratic nomination.

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THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Now that the congressional action remains over (at least for now), the government is on to face its next challenge and that challenge remains infrastructure.

Going off of the news from this week, I can confidently reinstate my opinion that the best people working strictly from the federal government at this point are VP Mike Pence and SOS Mike Pompeo. Pompeo hasn't really been around at the briefings much recently but the overall presence of both of them (and only them) on a federal level has been far more calming than that of Trump, McConnell, Pelosi, Schumer, and the rest.

The reason for that largely has to do with the Vice President. Vice President Pence has been sort of a robot of information who happens to hold conservative beliefs during this entire virus. For example, here is him updating the world about how he, being the head of the *Coronavirus Task Force*, is structuring federal COVID-19 relief efforts. His message sort of contradicted the one that the President has been touting which relies heavily on rebooting the economy... Pence, likely at the advice of the doctors is more data-focused which is good... PENCE 1.

What the Vice President just said probably sounds really obvious to most people, particularly the last part, but the messages that we have been getting from The President simply do not align with the better, clearer, and more strategic messages that we have been getting from the Vice President and the rest of the Coronavirus Task Force and I say that very frankly... with all politics aside.

Coming into this week, I said that based off of the models that were released the week prior, it would be a pretty deadly week. Even The President, who has stayed very low-key on depressing news that, in his botched delivery, crosses into fiction at times, said last Saturday: TRUMP 1

There is good and bad news that has followed that statement. The good news is that, according to Dr. Fauci and Dr. Birx, the two top infectious disease experts on this virus right now, this week in terms of case numbers in The United States, is going a lot better than anticipated; fewer people are contracting the virus and fewer people are in need of hospitalization. The bad news is that the deaths have gone up as they had predicted. Dr. Fauci said very outwardly that the social distancing measures that have been put in place, and acted upon are working. Here is Dr. Fauci at The White House Briefing on Thursday summarizing what had happened so far. FAUCI 1.

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Dr. Fauci and Dr. Birx have been very valuable apexes of information throughout this entire virus... very reasonable and factual but still adding some emotion without botching the facts as The President often does. Objectively, the Federal response to this whole virus has improved greatly since last week and that largely has to do with helpful people on this issue like Dr. Fauci and Dr. Birx.

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Who was not helpful was The President and his minions. You may have heard the President, on TV, tout a drug called hydroxychloroquine. Scientifically, this drug is totally unproven to have any positive effect in battling the Coronavirus but for a recently discovered reason, President Trump promotes the drug frequently. The promotion first gained attention in late March when The President and Dr. Fauci were having a mild disagreement on The White House podium. Not surprisingly, Fauci's claims were rooted in facts and The President's claims were not. Here is a clip from an ABC News report by Cecilia Vega that showed their contradicting interaction... keep in mind, this was all on the same day, in the same hour, on the same podium... the report starts with a correspondent asking Fauci a question... ABC 1

Then, the President doubled down on his comments in a more recent briefing last Sunday where he said this on two separate occasions... TRUMP 2

Now, why do I bring this up? Well, because a New York Times article surfaced April 6 that said that The President has FINANCIAL INTEREST in a company that manufactures hydroxychloroquine.

If hydroxychloroquine becomes an accepted treatment, several pharmaceutical companies stand to profit, including shareholders and senior executives with connections to the president. Mr. Trump himself has a small personal financial interest in Sanofi, the French drugmaker that makes Plaquenil (plak - qua - nill), the brand-name version of hydroxychloroquine.

I also mentioned Trump's minions. Peter Navarro is one of Trump's minions and he is not, by any means contributing to the solution of Coronavirus. He used to be in the news a lot way back during the days of Mueller... he would spout on about how The President didn't do anything wrong and there was no collusion. He holds not one, not two, but three positions in The White House. He is the Assistant to the President, Director of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, and the national Defense Production Act policy coordinator. Many of those titles overlap and the third one was assigned particularly for the Coronavirus, but Navarro is someone who is very close to The President (not the task force) and likes to push agendas publicly. Here was Navarro talking to John Berman on CNN claiming that he knows better than Dr. Fauci on Coronavirus. NAVARRO 1

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Two things:

1. I agree that you don't necessarily need to be a college-educated expert on a particular subject to read certain studies, and that applies far beyond just medicine but when you stand on The White House lawn, as the personal assistant to The President, promote an unapproved drug your boss and his colleagues happens to have financial interest in, and then claim that you are providing a second opinion even though you have no known medical credentials, you are basing a statement out of nothing.
2. When Navarro touts these messages, he is not only undermining Fauci, he is diminishing the Coronavirus Task Force, The FDA, the long standing efficacy process for the approval of drugs, and really the medical system of this country.

In this case, particularly, it is the optics that make the situation bad. Fauci has said that he does think it will probably work, but if I'm a Coronavirus patient with my wellbeing (and potentially my life) on the line, *probably* is not going to cut it...

Navarro admitted there are actually deadly consequences to hydroxychloroquine that are rare and that it has not been fully or officially vetted like normal medicines would be. From my perspective, it is a bit risky to talk about medicine because I am obviously not a doctor... so I am going to refer to an [article about an expert from NBC News that says...](#)

It really comes down to: would you listen to Medical Doctor Anthony Fauci or Trump Assistant Peter Navarro?

THE ECONOMY

Other than the Federal Reserve, the Coronavirus Task Force is handling the vast majority of what states actually end up doing during this virus so both the Federal Reserve and The Coronavirus Task Force have incredible sway over not only the economy right now but also the health and wellbeing of everyone.

Speaking of the economy, do you remember that stimulus package that passed Congress a couple weeks ago? It feels like a lot longer than that but Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin tentatively confirmed the timeline of the package he originally laid out about how soon Americans would begin to receive stimulus checks has been sped up by about a week at a White House briefing this week.... MNUCHIN 1

To remind you, the qualifications in order to receive benefits from the Congressional Stimulus package [are, according to the Washington Post...](#)

But you cannot receive benefits if you are

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- A person who is 17 or 18 years old.
- Many college students between the ages of 19 to 23.
- Adults who can be claimed as dependents.
- Nonresident aliens (in other words, those without a green card).
- Estates.
- Individuals who earn more than \$99,000 or married couples earning more than \$198,000.
- People who haven't filed 2018 and 2019 tax returns

Narrows the playing field significantly, making it a lot more fair because the money is going to the people who need it most... and that is really what both The President and Congress are trying to communicate to the American people despite the fact that it has been very hard (from a technical standpoint) for small businesses to receive funds from the stimulus package. Communication is key, and unusually, the President has been doing that himself a lot these days which is good and bad. It is good because he can be the facilitator of experts and take credit for bringing them to the podium but it is bad because you have to hear him mislead everyone. Nonetheless, in times of normalcy, you would usually you have a Press Secretary do that, right?

KAYLEIGH McENANY NAMED PRESS SECRETARY

Well, the now former Press Secretary was Stephanie Grisham. You have probably never heard that name because she is exiting her position as Press Secretary without holding a single briefing.

Kayleigh McEnany is replacing Stephanie Grisham as The White House Press Secretary. Kayleigh McEnany is a die-hard Trump loyalist. She is probably the most articulate all-out Pro-Trump advocate on cable news, which is sort of a narrow strikezone. In order to be articulate, you have to lie but what is unique is that she really knows how to handle people, particularly members of the press when they ask her a question. She was often complimented (and invited back multiple times) when she was a regular conservative panelist on CNN. I remember Anderson Cooper even saying that he invites her back because she is just so aligned to Trump; more so than maybe even the Republican Party.

[As The New York Times writes, Ms. McEnany was...](#)

named Republican National Committee spokeswoman in 2017, and joined the Trump campaign as national press secretary in 2019. Along the way, she has been a vocal defender of Mr. Trump on television — the main role the president has long believed the press secretary should play, according to current and former advisers.

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One of her assignments as press secretary, according to a person familiar with the press operation, will be to build out a rapid response team similar to what exists in the campaign, and possibly, to eventually give press briefings.

Her television outings, like others who have defended Mr. Trump, have often been at the extreme end of the administration's talking points.

And that is certainly putting it very lightly... MCENANY (:55). We are going to take a break.

BREAK

CUOMO HANDLING OF CORONAVIRUS IN HIS STATE

Right now, the big concern has shifted internationally to the global epicenter of the Coronavirus and the global epicenter is [New York](#). The man of the month(s) is NY Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. The President and Cuomo have worked surprisingly well together considering Cuomo is like a dynasty Democrat holding state office and Trump is a new coming Republican holding federal office. We have seen in other states that bipartisanship hasn't been working out too well but I am glad to see that Trump and Cuomo have been working together relatively seamlessly, despite the hiccups before the numbers grew in NY... CUOMO 1

The President, at least from what I have seen, is more letting Mike Pence handle the logistics of the virus and really dealing with the epicenter of the virus and, as the President likes to say, be a proponent of statistical data concerning hotspots and the rest. Here is The Vice President giving an update on what the federal government is doing for New York specifically. PENCE 2

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