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SPEAKERS

Beth Oljar, Jeffe Boats, Stephen Manning, Announcer, Dan Maggio, Stephanie Conant, Matt Mio, Dave Chow, Heather Hill

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- A** Announcer 00:02
The University of Detroit Mercy presents another brand new episode of Ask The Professor. Today's program was recorded using Zoom video conferencing technology.
 - M** Matt Mio 00:20
The University tower times ringing another session of Ask The Professor, the show in which you match wits with the University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. Somehow, he always ends up in the upper left. It's Professor Dave Chow.
 - D** Dave Chow 00:39
Oh, pleasure to be here as always.
 - M** Matt Mio 00:41
Excellent. How are the Medicine Hat Tigers doing the season?

D Dave Chow 00:46
They're just in training camp right now. Slow start.

M Matt Mio 00:48
Oh, start so okay. slow start. Yes. Just like the Detroit Tigers.

D Dave Chow 00:53
Yes. What is it - pitchers and catchers?

M Matt Mio 00:56
Pitchers and catchers. Yeah,

D Dave Chow 00:58
We shall see. It'll be an interesting season.

M Matt Mio 01:00
Yeah, Comerica Park released a statement kind of quietly saying, even though of course, the park holds 48,000, they were hoping to have about 8000 fans there on opening day going forward. So

D Dave Chow 01:12
Oh, good luck.

M Matt Mio 01:13
Yep. Good luck. Indeed. Yes. Someone who knows a lot about baseball, It's Professor Heather Hill.

H Heather Hill 01:20
I don't know if I'd say that. But thank you, Matt.



Matt Mio 01:23

Well, I was thinking about you today, because there was a news report of one Rick Porcello, former Red Sox pitcher.



Heather Hill 01:32

I have not been online today. So I would not be aware of that. The Red Sox don't seem to be doing anything in terms of moves this season. I don't know what they think they're doing. But I continue to be a fan.



Matt Mio 01:45

Of course.



Stephen Manning 01:45

Especially compared to the stupid Yankees.



Heather Hill 01:49

Well, yeah, I have to agree with that.



Beth Oljar 01:51

Everybody gets to hate the Yankees, because they're the Yankees.



Dave Chow 01:54

That's easy. I mean, that's like making fun of Ted Cruz.



Beth Oljar 01:58

It's like hating the Patriots. I mean,



Stephen Manning 02:00

Hey, Hey, Hey.

- H** Heather Hill 02:02
Has anybody created a phrase now, "I think I'm gonna pull a Ted Cruz."
- B** Beth Oljar 02:09
I'm sure that will happen. Yeah. His attempts to walk it back were pretty lame and
- D** Dave Chow 02:17
Throwing his kids under the bus.
- J** Jeffe Boats 02:19
Just own it, Dude.
- S** Stephen Manning 02:20
You can count on SNL to do a bit about that tomorrow night.
- M** Matt Mio 02:23
No question about that.
- S** Stephen Manning 02:25
I can't wait.
- D** Dave Chow 02:26
Oh, I know.
- B** Beth Oljar 02:27
That's a TV ad that just writes itself for Democrats. When the next -
- S** Stephen Manning 02:32
Just show the video of him getting on the plane. That's all you need to do.

- B** Beth Oljar 02:35
Yeah. Yeah.
- M** Matt Mio 02:37
Just like Ted Cruz. I blame my kids. Professor Stephanie Conant is here with us today.
- S** Stephanie Conant 02:43
I was hoping I wasn't gonna follow that one.
- M** Matt Mio 02:44
I'm sorry (Laughing).
- S** Stephanie Conant 02:45
Hi. that's okay.
- M** Matt Mio 02:47
What have you got to say about Ted Cruz? No. It's really sad.
- S** Stephanie Conant 02:51
Nothing nice. And they say if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.
- M** Matt Mio 02:56
Professor Stephen Manning is here with us today. What's going on?
- S** Stephen Manning 03:00
Um, What's going on? I had the first COVID shot this morning. Going down that road.
- H** Heather Hill 03:07
Which gives away somebody age a little bit?

S Stephen Manning 03:10
Yeah, the second one in three weeks from today, so -

B Beth Oljar 03:13
Good.

M Matt Mio 03:13
Okay.

S Stephen Manning 03:14
It was surprisingly efficient, too.

D Dave Chow 03:16
Where did you go?

S Stephen Manning 03:17
I'm in the Henry Ford system, through the University, and even as a retiree. And I went up to, you know, registered before age and all this stuff. And they said, "we're ready for you." And this was, I think, last Saturday. The first openings were today. They had tons of them all day, Monday morning, all day, Monday afternoon. So I just picked a random time. I mean, not too early, obviously. And it was there, it was up in Troy which I had,

B Beth Oljar 03:47
Gee! That's a hike.

S Stephen Manning 03:49
It's on Maple. That was the closest one you know, it was on Maple in Troy, and 20 minutes away. But it was very efficiently run. You know, your park, you go in, you get checked. Very - I was in and out within - Actually the most time is after you get the shot,

M Matt Mio 04:04

Right,

S Stephen Manning 04:05

You go to this waiting room and you wait for 15 minutes to make sure you don't have any, any any effects. So in and out, well done. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 04:16

Professor Beth Oljar is certainly waiting for her vaccination whenever that time will come.

B Beth Oljar 04:23

Yes, it would be nice if it would come soon, because these - I feel like I've survived the first wave of this, but these variants are kind of freaking me out. So yes, I want to - But I didn't identify myself as an essential worker, because I don't think my level of education is quite essential. So -

S Stephen Manning 04:42

You have a PhD, don't you?

B Beth Oljar 04:45

Yeah,

D Dave Chow 04:46

You have a cat that relies on you, don't you?

D Dan Maggio 04:48

You have three.

B Beth Oljar 04:49

I do, but there are - There are lots of other people who should get that thing before me and I have co morbidities so - I mean, I can wait my turn. I'm patient and - hope for the best.

M Matt Mio 05:00
You're patient.

B Beth Oljar 05:01
Actually, I'm not. I'm not a patient person at all. Except with students. That's it. It's only when I'm teaching.

M Matt Mio 05:10
Students and pandemics.

B Beth Oljar 05:11
Well, you know -

D Dave Chow 05:13
And litterboxes.

B Beth Oljar 05:14
I'd rather have the vaccine sooner rather than later but, you know, I will. I will trust that things will work out.

M Matt Mio 05:22
It will coincide with the change in weather and everything will feel new, like the spring. Professor Dan Maggio is here in his hipster studio apartment.

D Dan Maggio 05:34
Yes. I won the lottery. I moved. Hi, Matt.

M Matt Mio 05:39
What's going on Dan?



Dan Maggio 05:40

Not much. I'm looking forward to the weekend, wit nothing to do.



Matt Mio 05:45

So sorry. You messaged me the other day. You're like, please tell me that the fish fry is going to be -



Dan Maggio 05:50

Yeah. I want fish fry. So we're gonna look other places. Scotty Simpson's



Matt Mio 05:56

Scotty Simpson's. Yeah.



Dan Maggio 05:57

Where's that? Oh, you, you've talked about that. Yes. Well, we may venture off for some fish fry.



Dave Chow 06:06

Hey, Dan, I did see Republica's offering a good looking fish fry today on their Instagram.



Matt Mio 06:10

Okay.



Dan Maggio 06:11

All right. I could we could consider that.



Matt Mio 06:13

Put it on the to-do list.



Dan Maggio 06:15

So we did - We missed The Shrine, you know, it was kind of special.

- M** Matt Mio 06:18
And it wasn't fried. That's what made it so special. Everything was baked. So it felt slightly less bad. And then you walk in and they were making these, this tall, Sanders hot fudge cream puffs, and every table had a Brownie or a Girl Scout station added to it.
- D** Dan Maggio 06:36
So - So that's the other thing is that - it's really hard. I don't know if anybody else is addicted to Girl Scout cookies, but it's really hard to find them this year.
- S** Stephanie Conant 06:45
I haven't bought any this year.
- D** Dan Maggio 06:47
Yes. So the only opportunity I had, and I caught it on Facebook, The girls - some girl scout troop was - set up shop in the Berkeley High School parking lot last Saturday - two Saturdays ago. You could just drive up and just purchase cases -
- D** Dave Chow 07:01
Dan, go check out the Hollywood Market. They're usually inside the alcove.
- D** Dan Maggio 07:04
I know, but they haven't been.
- B** Beth Oljar 07:06
I meant to order some from Kendra's girls but I just -
- D** Dave Chow 07:10
We - Yeah, I think we missed out on that one.

- H** Heather Hill 07:13
It was a while ago though. I don't know where those damn cookies
- D** Dan Maggio 07:19
Heather, I will bring you a box of cookies. All I have is peanut butter.
- H** Heather Hill 07:22
No, it's fine. I'm not - it's - I just like to support them.
- D** Dan Maggio 07:27
So I did - I bought several
- D** Dave Chow 07:29
This is one way of getting Kendra back on the show.
- M** Matt Mio 07:31
Uh, last, but certainly not least on our panel for today is Professor Jeffe Boats.
- H** Heather Hill 07:37
You've got all the cookies, Jeffe. Right?
- J** Jeffe Boats 07:40
No, I was just thinking - I'm probably the only person here who doesn't eat cookies.
- M** Matt Mio 07:43
Oh, no.
- J** Jeffe Boats 07:45
I don't even make Christmas cookies.

M Matt Mio 07:47
You can traffic in them though.

J Jeffe Boats 07:49
I well, you know

D Dave Chow 07:50
Launder - launder.

J Jeffe Boats 07:53
See me down in the State Fair area peddling cookies. You know, as I walk down the street waving at the drivers.

H Heather Hill 07:59
You mean on Eight Mile? You got a problem with Eight Mile, Jeffe?

J Jeffe Boats 08:03
Eight Mile? No.

H Heather Hill 08:04
I can see it from here.

D Dave Chow 08:06
Like Russia.

M Matt Mio 08:07
Exactly. Exactly.

H Heather Hill 08:09
I think Eight Mile's a little closer.

M Matt Mio 08:11
Folks, you know, this is a program that can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. You can email us at ATP at UDMercy dot edu. You can find us on Facebook and Instagram, or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. We had a short chat before the show today and talked about the very real possibility, sometime in the not too distant future, where we might even be able to have some of our listeners on one of our Zoom calls. And we're going to obscure our faces and you know, mask our voices and see -

D Dave Chow 08:49
Pixelation. Lots of pixelation.

M Matt Mio 08:52
Exactly lots of pixelation, like those old crime dramas. But yeah, see if you can stump us and we'll see what we can come up with. Speaking of stumpage, I got a set of questions sent in by one Professor Stephen Manning, you might know him.

S Stephanie Conant 09:09
Conflict of interest.

D Dave Chow 09:10
(Laughs) Recusal!

M Matt Mio 09:13
You will see -

B Beth Oljar 09:14
We might know him from such shows as - this one. (Group laughter)

D Dave Chow 09:20

Along with Troy McClure

M Matt Mio 09:21
We'll see, uh - We'll see if Stephen remembers his correct responses or if any of us can come up with them here too. A little bit all over the map, but Stephen loves to traffic in that miscellany that is All-American life. Let me tell you,

H Heather Hill 09:34
Potpourri.

D Dave Chow 09:35
I'm out of it then.

M Matt Mio 09:36
A pot purry.

B Beth Oljar 09:38
That's right.

M Matt Mio 09:39
Which country, in a little more than just a decade, went from being Latin America's richest nation to its absolute poorest?

B Beth Oljar 09:48
Venezuela.

M Matt Mio 09:49
Yes, Venezuela. First shot, Beth. First shot. Little Venice, remember, from last time. Little Venice. It's kind of sad, kind of sad. The oligarchs took over.



Beth Oljar 10:01

Oh, well, yeah.



Dave Chow 10:02

Well, that's because Miguel Cabrera left.



Matt Mio 10:05

Yeah, exactly. Miguel Cabrera - Detroit's hugest sports icon now that we lost Blake Griffin and Matthew Stafford,



Jeff Boats 10:14

and half of Venezuela's GDP.



Beth Oljar 10:18

Exactly.



Matt Mio 10:20

So Washington State votes almost exclusively by mail. A study conducted by the Secretary of State in Washington State found how many potential cases of improper voting in a 2018 election out of more than 3.1 million ballots cast? We're actually looking for a number.



Dave Chow 10:41

Less than 1%.



Beth Oljar 10:42

Two.



Jeff Boats 10:44

I'm going with my answer of 10.

M Matt Mio 10:47
Heather, what were you saying?

H Heather Hill 10:48
Ten.

M Matt Mio 10:49
Ten? You're off by an order of magnitude; but as far as I'm concerned, you know, we're dealing with some pretty big numbers here. 142 cases of fraud.

D Dan Maggio 10:58
Hey, I said 145.

S Stephen Manning 11:00
I heard that

B Beth Oljar 11:01
Oh, wow!

M Matt Mio 11:01
You did? Holy Smokes.

D Dan Maggio 11:04
I want credit for these.

M Matt Mio 11:05
You got it.

B Beth Oljar 11:06
You got it.

D Dan Maggio 11:07
Just kidding. I was amazed that guess was that close?

D Dave Chow 11:12
You're a math guy. That's why.

M Matt Mio 11:14
I was obsessed by the percentage, which is listed here is 0.004%.

B Beth Oljar 11:19
Exactly. I was trying to convey that it's absolutely statistically negligible, but I didn't quite convey that.

M Matt Mio 11:28
But you know what the problem is, Beth, is the deeper we get into this stuff. You realize how much of the standard population does not understand statistics in any way, shape or -

B Beth Oljar 11:41
Right? Yeah, that's why we have it in the core.

J Jeffe Boats 11:45
That's right.

D Dan Maggio 11:46
The majority of the population can't handle a double turning lane. You can't possibly expect them to handle statistics.

M Matt Mio 11:51
I figured you were gonna say something like that, or half off sour cream, you know, one or the other.

- D** Dan Maggio 11:57
Well, my favorite story was when I went into a store once and pop two liter was priced at .99 cents. And I thought, Oh, what a great deal. I'll take 100 of them. (Group laughter)
- D** Dan Maggio 12:09
But -
- M** Matt Mio 12:09
Awesome. Awesome. The United States is home to about 7% of the Somalian diaspora. In which state is the largest concentration of Somali refugees?
- D** Dan Maggio 12:25
Minnesota.
- B** Beth Oljar 12:26
Minnesota.
- M** Matt Mio 12:26
Yeah, it's Minnesota. It is, um, to make the best analogy - for whatever reason, we have a very large majority population of, of Caldeans, that would be Christian Catholic, mostly Middle Easterners in the Detroit area. And I lived in the Twin Cities for about a year and a half. And it's kind of interesting to see how a culture can permeate a American culture like that. Pretty cool. Actually,
- B** Beth Oljar 12:55
That's representative Ilhan Omar is -
- B** Beth Oljar 12:58
That's right,
- B** Beth Oljar 12:58

one of those refugees actually. So

- M** Matt Mio 13:02
By virtue of being in power for 26 years, who's sometimes known as Europe's last dictator. See if you can give me the name or maybe the country they're from?
- M** Matt Mio 13:12
That's good, but that's not -
- B** Beth Oljar 13:12
Putin.
- B** Beth Oljar 13:18
Oh, um,
- H** Heather Hill 13:21
Musolini?
- D** Dan Maggio 13:22
Queen Elizabeth?
- B** Beth Oljar 13:23
No. Turkey, the Turkey dude - Erdogan.
- M** Matt Mio 13:26
Nope. The country - Uh, I'll probably give it away. The country starts with the letter B. as in boy,
- D** Dave Chow 13:32
Bella Rousse.

M Matt Mio 13:33
Bella Rousse's leader, uh, Lucashenko.

D Dan Maggio 13:36
Oh,

B Beth Oljar 13:37
Oh, that guy.

M Matt Mio 13:40
I mean, dictator for 26 years. Geez, try a little harder, come on. Go for a lifetime. What is California's share of the national gross domestic product of the United States of America?

B Beth Oljar 13:54
1/6

D Dave Chow 13:55
8%.

M Matt Mio 13:57
What's 1/6, Dan? Percentage?

J Jeffe Boats 13:59
16.67%.

D Dan Maggio 14:01
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 14:02
Yeah, so I gotta give it - I gotta give it to Beth. It's 14.7.

B Beth Oljar 14:05
California has the sixth largest economy in the world.

D Dave Chow 14:09
Okay. That's what it is.

M Matt Mio 14:11
Interesting that you note here, Stephen. California currently is at 14.7. Let's put that at the end of 2020, up from 12 and a half in 1997. So in a very short period of time, increasing all the more. Which state, I think you all remember this one, (it's a great piece of American trivia), was the last to ratify the 19th amendment. And when?

D Dan Maggio 14:35
Alabama?

M Matt Mio 14:35
It wasn't Alabama.

S Stephanie Conant 14:37
Mississippi.

M Matt Mio 14:38
It was Mississippi. Yes.

J Jeffe Boats 14:39
That was a good guess - one of those two.

S Stephanie Conant 14:42
I just needed Dan to narrow it down for me.

- D** Dan Maggio 14:44
Wasn't it just -(laughing) Thanks Stephanie - Wasn't it just very recently, in last 20 years?
- M** Matt Mio 14:51
You could say that. It's a little bit further back from 20 years, but pretty recent
- B** Beth Oljar 14:56
sometime in the 70s.
- S** Stephanie Conant 14:57
In the 80s?
- J** Jeffe Boats 14:58
What was the 19th again? Is that Women voting?
- S** Stephanie Conant 15:02
Yeah.
- J** Jeffe Boats 15:04
So women couldn't vote in Mississippi until -
- B** Beth Oljar 15:07
no, two thirds of the states ratified it, so it, you know,
- J** Jeffe Boats 15:13
they just never got around to saying, okay, we agree too?
- S** Stephanie Conant 15:16
Right.

D Dan Maggio 15:17
1957.

D Dave Chow 15:19
But what was it - Wasn't Wyoming like the first to allow women to vote?

M Matt Mio 15:23
That's true.

D Dave Chow 15:24
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 15:24
Local law, local law.

D Dave Chow 15:26
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 15:26
Well, you know, you let 'em read, you let 'em vote. They want to own their own bodies. It's just mass hysteria.

M Matt Mio 15:33
(Laughter) It was, it was the great year of 1984 when Mississippi allowed the 19th amendment to get ratified, so it just - you feel like maybe

S Stephanie Conant 15:44
I thought I said, 84 didn't I. Oh, no, I said 74.

D Dave Chow 15:47

Close enough.

M Matt Mio 15:49
They put it on a post it note, it fell off the monitor went behind the desk. They were moving buildings. They're like, "Oh, we forgot to -"

S Stephanie Conant 15:57
Oh, There it is.

D Dave Chow 15:59
abled.

M Matt Mio 16:00
Wow.

S Stephanie Conant 16:01
I mean, they're doing it anyway.

M Matt Mio 16:02
Right.

S Stephanie Conant 16:03
So, what's the big deal.

D Dave Chow 16:04
Yeah.

A Announcer 16:05
You're listening to a special edition of Ask The Professor in which each of the professors participating in this recording session, were connecting to each other from different

locations, thanks to Zoom video conferencing technology. We're grateful to those listeners who submitted questions for today's show. And we welcome your questions at ATP at UD Mercy.edu. Now, let's return to our host Matt Mio with more questions for the panel.

- M** Matt Mio 16:33
We've got questions from Professor Stephen Manning. When and where was the article of clothing - articles of clothing - known as the bikini invented?
- D** Dave Chow 16:44
in France
- B** Beth Oljar 16:45
somewhere in Europe? Yes.
- D** Dan Maggio 16:48
In the 20s?
- M** Matt Mio 16:51
it was about 75 years ago so that puts us a little bit further on from the 20s.
- S** Stephanie Conant 16:56
40s?
- D** Dan Maggio 16:57
45?
- M** Matt Mio 16:58
Yep,
- D** Dave Chow 16:58

Yeah. After - What was it - named after the Bikini Atoll, if I remember right.

J Jeffe Boats 17:02
They were doing atomic bomb testing.

D Dave Chow 17:04
Yeah,

D Dave Chow 17:04
They said that when people saw the bikini It was like a bomb went off, and that's where it got its name. For the record, Professor Manning also adds "What is wearing only a bikini bottom referred to as?"

D Dave Chow 17:18
scandalous

D Dave Chow 17:19
a thong

B Beth Oljar 17:19
Topless

S Stephanie Conant 17:21
Speedo

M Matt Mio 17:22
all these are true statements. nn Apparently, it's called a monskini.

S Stephanie Conant 17:28
Monskini (Laughs).

- S** Stephanie Conant 17:29
A man schemee or mom schemee?
- M** Matt Mio 17:33
Mon. Monskini
- J** Jeffe Boats 17:35
It's only a manskini if Borat does that.
- D** Dan Maggio 17:37
I guess, yeah.
- D** Dave Chow 17:39
Ughh!
- B** Beth Oljar 17:40
I can unsee that image.
- D** Dan Maggio 17:43
You ever heard him interviewed? By the way? He is completely opposite of his -
- H** Heather Hill 17:48
Oh yeah. I was just reading an interview with him today. All of that stuff from Borat - He was - he was infiltrating the right?
- M** Matt Mio 17:59
Yeah.
- B** Beth Oljar 18:00
Oh Yeah,

- H** Heather Hill 18:01
I just - I guess I'm just a little slow to the party. But -
- M** Matt Mio 18:05
It would be fun to watch it, too.
- B** Beth Oljar 18:07
He plays a French racecar driver in the movie Talladega Nights, and he's absolutely brilliant and hysterical.
- B** Beth Oljar 18:14
He's good as Abbie Hoffman too. Yeah,
- J** Jeffe Boats 18:18
He's the Peter Sellers of our generation.
- B** Beth Oljar 18:20
Yeah,
- J** Jeffe Boats 18:21
He can be anybody and he's hysterical.
- B** Beth Oljar 18:23
Yeah, I think I like that analogy. That's a good one.
- D** Dave Chow 18:26
Dr. Strange Love would be a good remake with him.
- M** Matt Mio 18:28
There you go. As of December 1, 2020, what country had not recorded a single death from

COVID-19?

J Jeffe Boats 18:38
New Zealand hasn't I don't think

D Dave Chow 18:41
Vatican City.

H Heather Hill 18:42
Did you say country? I apologize.

M Matt Mio 18:44
Country.

B Beth Oljar 18:44
Since when?

M Matt Mio 18:46
It would be as of December 1 of last year.

D Dan Maggio 18:49
Is it a small island nation?

M Matt Mio 18:51
It is not an island, but it is a smaller nation.

D Dave Chow 18:54
Well, like Vatican City, Monaco?

D Dan Maggio 18:57
Liechtenstein, Luxembourg or Monaco?

D Dave Chow 19:00
Clawson?

M Matt Mio 19:01
It's in Asia.

D Dave Chow 19:02
Oh, like Laos? No.

D Dan Maggio 19:05
North Korea,

B Beth Oljar 19:06
Vietnam.

M Matt Mio 19:07
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 19:07
Well, once I went to Asia, I was trying -

M Matt Mio 19:11
You narrowed it down. What is Japan's adult obesity rate compared to a rate of 36.5% in the United States?

B Beth Oljar 19:21
12%

D Dan Maggio 19:22
2%

J Jeffe Boats 19:23
Less.

S Stephanie Conant 19:25
Do you just mean less?

B Beth Oljar 19:26
I'd say 5%?

M Matt Mio 19:28
Yeah, it's it's it's between Dan and Jeffe - It's 4% is Japan's obesity rate.

H Heather Hill 19:33
Even among the sumo wrestlers?

D Dave Chow 19:39
Those are imports.

B Beth Oljar 19:40
they constitute the entirety of Japan's obesity problem, right?

D Dave Chow 19:45
All three of them

B Beth Oljar 19:46
collectively, they are -

S Stephanie Conant 19:47
they're making it work for themselves.

M Matt Mio 19:49
The U.S. ranks as the 12th most obese country in the world, and Japan ranks 185th.

H Heather Hill 19:59
What is the -

D Dave Chow 20:00
What's number one?

H Heather Hill 20:02
Yeah, that's what I was gonna ask.

M Matt Mio 20:03
I don't have that here, I'm afraid.

D Dave Chow 20:05
Oh,

B Beth Oljar 20:05
I'm surprised it's not us.

S Stephanie Conant 20:07
I thought it was us.

B Beth Oljar 20:09
Me too.

M Matt Mio 20:10
What was the first state that put a seatbelt law on the books?

D Dave Chow 20:15
New Jersey?

M Matt Mio 20:17
Close.

B Beth Oljar 20:19
New York?

M Matt Mio 20:19
Yes.

D Dan Maggio 20:20
Oh,

M Matt Mio 20:20
However, and I get reminded of this all the time as sort of a classic, you know, Gen X-er -
what year was that law passed?

D Dave Chow 20:31
72

J Jeffe Boats 20:32
1984.

 20:34
It was 1984. Yes it was.

- J** Jeffe Boats 20:36
You know, I grew up in New York. And I remember McDonald's had a thing where they give you a piece of paper and every time you wore a seatbelt, you put an X on the paper. And when you fill up the paper, you got a sundae.
- M** Matt Mio 20:48
Nice.
- D** Dave Chow 20:49
Man, that's incentive if I ever heard of it, you know,
- J** Jeffe Boats 20:51
That was - that was 81 or 82. That's why I guesses a few years -
- B** Beth Oljar 20:54
Well, that was a huge battle, because, you know, we're basically kind of anti paternalistic, so, being told to do something, even for our own good, right, when it interferes with our liberty to smash ourselves all over the highway. We're just not going to put up with it.
- M** Matt Mio 21:10
That's right. In that vein, and put it in a bucket labeled "Nebraska has the only unicameral state legislature", What is the only state that still, as of 2021, does not have a mandatory seatbelt law,
- H** Heather Hill 21:25
Mississippi.
- B** Beth Oljar 21:26
New Hampshire.
- M** Matt Mio 21:29

Beth gets it again. It's New Hampshire - Live Free or Die. That's the way it goes.

D Dan Maggio 21:33
Oh, no kidding.

B Beth Oljar 21:34
Which is actually a really cool motto, as state mottos go, if they only weren't quite so crazy,

D Dave Chow 21:41
I'm telling ya, their motto should be like a Bruce Willis movie.

M Matt Mio 21:46
It definitely sounds when you say it out loud, like airport fiction, like, expect to see that on the front of a really thick book that you don't remember anything that happened after you finish reading, you know? How many guns did Americans purchase from March through September, so that's the first part of the pandemic, of 2020?

J Jeffe Boats 22:09
Oh, let's handle this one mathematically.

D Dan Maggio 22:11
600 million.

J Jeffe Boats 22:14
Less.

B Beth Oljar 22:14
Ten for every person in the country. So that's

J Jeffe Boats 22:20
one for every 10% of the country. So let's say about 33 million?

M Matt Mio 22:24
No, actually, it's a little bit less, but Jeffe got to the order of magnitude very quickly, it was 15 million.

D Dan Maggio 22:31
Okay. That's pretty close.

M Matt Mio 22:32
But - mathematically what was the percentage increase in sales of guns during those months of the pandemic?

J Jeffe Boats 22:40
I'd say 150%?

M Matt Mio 22:43
It was 90%. Basically 91

B Beth Oljar 22:46
because you can shoot a virus? How does this -? I mean -

J Jeffe Boats 22:49
No, I'll tell you exactly what the logic was behind that, because people were afraid someone would come for their clean water and food and stash and whatever -

B Beth Oljar 22:58
toilet paper - you're right.

- B** Beth Oljar 22:59
I remember thinking when this started that, you know, we'd see people out there breathing on each other, and it would be like a zombie apocalypse, except for instead of hoarding guns, you know, the survivors would be the ones who were had deep freezers, and were hoarding meat.
- B** Beth Oljar 23:13
Yeah, I think you're right.
- J** Jeffe Boats 23:14
These weird thoughts that went through my mind at the beginning of this -
- B** Beth Oljar 23:18
The possible breakdown of civil society. Right. That would have been -
- M** Matt Mio 23:21
Sure. Just to sort of play with the sort of chunkiest numbers we can. So nationally, that increase was basically 90%. Okay. For the same period, what was the percent increase in sales of guns in the great state of Michigan?
- J** Jeffe Boats 23:41
(Laughs) Higher.
- S** Stephanie Conant 23:42
More than 90.
- D** Dan Maggio 23:43
150%?
- M** Matt Mio 23:44
Partial credit, it was 200%.

D Dave Chow 23:47
Wow.

M Matt Mio 23:48
Here in Michigan. Yes. The European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union, denied funding for six towns in what country, after nearly 100 local governments declared themselves free from the ideology of LGBT?

D Dan Maggio 24:06
What country were they in?

D Dave Chow 24:08
What?

J Jeffe Boats 24:08
Read that again.

D Dan Maggio 24:09
Uh - Russia,

D Dan Maggio 24:10
Not Russia,

D Dave Chow 24:11
Turkey?

M Matt Mio 24:12
The European Commission,

M Matt Mio 24:13

Oh, they're not in the European Commission.

- J** Jeffe Boats 24:15
Sometimes when you say crazy nonsense stuff, it doesn't make sense the first time.
- S** Stephanie Conant 24:18
Can you repeat that.
- D** Dan Maggio 24:20
Yeah,
- M** Matt Mio 24:21
The European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union, denied funding for six towns in what country after nearly 100 local governments declared themselves free from the ideology of LGBT.
- B** Beth Oljar 24:36
It couldn't have been - is it someplace surprising, like Sweden or the Netherlands -
- D** Dave Chow 24:42
or Spain or something like that
- H** Heather Hill 24:44
or France?
- M** Matt Mio 24:45
It's - it's definitely European. We've got that much. Someone said Russia and I'm like -
- B** Beth Oljar 24:50
Poland.

- M** Matt Mio 24:50
It was Poland. Based on the 2020 survey, a n international gay rights organization cited Poland as the most homophobic country in the continent of Europe.
- D** Dan Maggio 25:01
That's it. I'm not eating Polish food anymore.
- S** Stephanie Conant 25:04
Yeah. Way to ruin it.
- M** Matt Mio 25:06
Sorry.
- S** Stephanie Conant 25:07
That's, that's why Hamtramck succeeded, so they could be their own -
- M** Matt Mio 25:11
Yeah, spun off.
- D** Dan Maggio 25:13
And I'm not giving up Polish food by the way.
- B** Beth Oljar 25:16
Yeah, because the day you don't bring me over bags of perogies -
- D** Dan Maggio 25:20
Yeah. Yeah.
- M** Matt Mio 25:22
Okay, one more for the good of the order here. Oh, these have been great as Stephen.

They've got - definitely got us talking.

D Dave Chow 25:28
Okay, he gets a coffee mug,

B Beth Oljar 25:30
Yep.

M Matt Mio 25:30
What country considers itself - I've never heard this before - the birthplace of wine with a tradition going back nearly 8000 years.

B Beth Oljar 25:40
Egypt,

M Matt Mio 25:41
Not Egypt. See, that would have made sense to me.

D Dave Chow 25:44
Yeah, I'm thinking like Tigris Euphrates

J Jeffe Boats 25:46
8000 years - you got to be

D Dave Chow 25:48
Who makes good grapes over there?

M Matt Mio 25:50
I would give it away in a split second by saying this is the only country in the world, if I'm thinking about things correctly, that shares its name with a state of the United States of

America.

J Jeffe Boats 26:02
Georgia.

M Matt Mio 26:02
Georgia is what it is. Georgia is the birthplace of wine.

D Dave Chow 26:08
I want a birth certificate on this one. I'm not buying that one.

M Matt Mio 26:11
It makes me think on like a global scale of driving through any interstate in the United States and seeing like, you know, "world famous pancakes". It's just you know, I mean, it can't be every place. You know, it's

J Jeffe Boats 26:23
just wanted to clarify for the record - that we are the birthplace of Kool Aid. And you are not taking that away from us.

B Beth Oljar 26:29
in Detroit or America.

J Jeffe Boats 26:31
America.

B Beth Oljar 26:31
Oh, Okay. Yeah. AMERICA!

H Heather Hill 26:33

Did I hear that McDonald's is bringing back its orange drink?

S Stephanie Conant 26:36
Yes, I heard that too.

M Matt Mio 26:38
Man, they better.

B Beth Oljar 26:39
Yeah, but they need a diet one. I used to love McDonald's orange drink. And now I can't have it.

S Stephanie Conant 26:44
I don't think I could drink it now. But -

D Dave Chow 26:46
Wasn't it Fanta though?

S Stephanie Conant 26:48
No.

M Matt Mio 26:48
it was Fanta after the original orange drink.

D Dave Chow 26:52
Okay.

M Matt Mio 26:52
And Fanta doesn't even hold a candle to the original.

- B** Beth Oljar 26:57
We did - I did see that movie about Ray Kroc with Michael Keaton.
- M** Matt Mio 27:01
Oh, wasn't it great?
- B** Beth Oljar 27:02
Yeah, it was really good.
- M** Matt Mio 27:04
Very good movie.
- B** Beth Oljar 27:05
It was surprisingly good. I wasn't expecting to like it as much as I did. But after we - actually you recommended it - and then I thought all right, I'm gonna go watch it.
- H** Heather Hill 27:13
Did you start craving Big Macs.
- B** Beth Oljar 27:17
What?
- H** Heather Hill 27:17
Did you start craving Big Macs?
- B** Beth Oljar 27:20
Ah, well, you know if the last thing in the world that I eat is McDonald's french fries, that will be fine with me.
- M** Matt Mio 27:28

Yeah, That's all right.

- B** Beth Oljar 27:29
There is no sharing of the - My sister, when she came to visit me not too long after I'd had my surgery and I was like gonna have a few McDonald's french fries, and Sally's like, "Well, if you have too many we can share" and I said "NO. Sharing and McDonald's french fries do not happen in the same sentence with me."
- M** Matt Mio 27:47
I love it. The time has come for us to say goodbye - Jeffe.
- J** Jeffe Boats 27:51
Nuggets. Nuggets all the way.
- M** Matt Mio 27:53
(Laughs) Dan -
- D** Dan Maggio 27:55
Goodbye.
- M** Matt Mio 27:56
Beth -
- B** Beth Oljar 27:57
Chicken does not come in nugget form.
- M** Matt Mio 28:00
Stephen -
- S** Stephen Manning 28:01

Goodbye.

M Matt Mio 28:02
Stephanie

S Stephanie Conant 28:03
As a former McDonald's employee, Goodbye.

M Matt Mio 28:07
Heather -

H Heather Hill 28:08
Ah, I've never had nuggets either.

B Beth Oljar 28:12
Good grief!

M Matt Mio 28:13
And Dave -

D Dave Chow 28:14
See ya.

M Matt Mio 28:14
And now these words,

A Announcer 28:16
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Matt Mio 28:25

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