

# Flipping the Experts

There are three things i care about: - the right to privacy - freedom - the environment. Our Celebrity Scientists hijacked the last one to get people to give up the first two. I've got a *great* *craw* - but that was never gonna make it all the way down.

Here's the argument oft repeated by the Zoonati (espoused here by *Virus Hunter* (Lipkin)):

*32:30 I think that we're seeing this (virus outbreaks) much more than we used to and this is the function of many things - deforestation - population migration - international travel - climate change.*

Apart from climate change - all of those have been going on since the Stone Age. (edit: actually, including climate change)

Ok, I've got a theory - if you flip the script with Lipkin/Daszak-speak - you end up a lot loser to the truth. In the spirit of scientific experimentation, let's give it a spin:

*32:30 I think that we're seeing this (virus outbreaks) much more than we used to and this is the function of many things - scientists collecting viruses - scientists meddling with viruses - scientists having accidents with viruses.*

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*We have international trade which means that something that starts in central Africa rapidly spreads around the world - just like this did, right? (Ian, memo-to-self, Covid didn't start in central Africa, right? How about this:)*

*We have international trade which means that something that starts in Wuhan rapidly spreads around the world - just like this did, right?*

*We have people who can no longer 34:16 find protein so they wind up eating wild animals and becoming infected by those animals.*

*We have scientists who can no longer 34:16 find funding from bio-terrorism fear-mongering, so they wind up trapping wild animals and becoming infected by those animals.*

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*34:39*

We have very wealthy scientists who like to experiment on exotic lab animals, which can infect lab workers as well - so we are a perfect storm for this - we need to change the way scientists interact with our natural environment. 34:39

Cool! Wish i'd discovered this technique earlier - could've saved a lot of time spent on constructing detailed, referenced arguments to counter Zoonati drivel.

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