

Interviewee Galina Pozharsky

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Abstract: Galina Pozharsky is a Russian immigrant who has been living in Eau Claire for the past 10 years. We discussed her views on why she believes COVID-19 is not that big of a deal and why she believes the pandemic is at least partially politically motivated.

Andrew Pozharsky 01

And so the date is April 21 at 2:36pm.

So I am currently with my mother Galina Pozharsky and we're going to talk to her and get her.

Get her thoughts on everything that's going on right now with the pandemic and the vaccine.

So before we get started I want to talk about some COVID-19 stats right now, so how it currently stands in Wisconsin, there has been 6904 deaths that from the COVID-19.

And across the nation, there has been recorded 570,785 deaths so with all that in mind, there are you know a lot of people out there who are very skeptical about the virus.

They don't feel that it's really a big deal, so I guess my first question for you mom is like, how do you feel about the vaccine, do you think it's a big deal, or do you think that we're overreacting to it.

Galina Pozharsky 00:01:11.520

I'm not sure I think about illness by itself.

Yeah I still get to I sell it to like any food for example yeah and I send works in is working so some people, but in general, like yeah I said.

The people are overreacting on the vaccination as like they should consider it's like any vaccination from any flu, for example, or from any other illness, so they shouldn't separate COVID from the other viruses so that's what I think.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:01:54.330

Andrew Pozharsky: So why do you think they did then.

Galina Pozharsky 00:03:09.300

Because if I look at statistics it's not so big.

it's not so stressful So if you compare, for example, that there's from Columbia and there's strong flow and there's through um I don't know cancer, for example, you're the surprise of how big cancer is, for example, it's.

it's number is much much bigger than covid's, so I, and I think often.

The doctors.

Talking about covid if is it, this is from other illness but, for example, the man or woman is sick and they were both sick from

heart disease, for example, and he or she died and we blame covid because somehow

Somehow.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:03:16.500

Like exasperated.

Like caused it to yeah trigger.

Galina Pozharsky 00:03:33.060

yeah but.

it's not a little bit of meat is a reason for this was not exactly covid.

You know that's why I think.

The number of covid is over, it is too much.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:03:34.830

You feel it's been inflated.

Galina Pozharsky 00:03:35.970

Yes.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:03:50.040

So I guess a why like why all this drama with covid 19, why do you think you know, either the government or because there's a lot of doctors and experts who are telling us that this is a big deal.

Galina Pozharsky 00:03:55.590

Yes, it's true, but I still think it's more political stuff then medical.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:03:59.220

Okay, and so, what do you feel would be like the political stuff behind it.

Galina Pozharsky 00:04:03.960

I don't know i'm not a political person and

I didn't know and I didn't.

Galina Pozharsky 00:04:11.130

Galina Pozharsky: Think too much about it but it's obviously it's political stuff because democratic states if if to compare a democratic

States and Republican state state and compare the number of deaths and combining how's it people.

How it deals with covid and was the reason why, as a number in the Republican states is less than number or covid death in.

Democratic states, there should be some reason I didn't know I didn't in deep on this stuff.

Because i'm not political.

person the end, but obviously it's political reasons for number of this.

Andrew Pozharsky

Okay gotcha, and so I guess a question for that we're Where are you getting your information on these things like what would you say has been your main source of information.

Galina Pozharsky 00:05:18.930

Mostly from Internet

Okay what's it.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:05:31.140

Social media, perhaps?

Galina Pozharsky 00:05:33.060

Social media.

it's known as a social media.

I think that as a media.

tells me do what is it.

just say me what it is mostly.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:05:53.310

there's Facebook like face-.

Galina Pozharsky 00:05:55.020

Common, common media.

For people they love.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:06:00.750

Others, like four or more like platforms like Facebook.

Galina Pozharsky 00:06:03.420

it's on my phone and.

On my phone and i'll

tell you instantly.

Sure instantly what is that, and it;s youtube.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:06:20.580

Andrew Pozharsky: Oh, so youtube.

Galina Pozharsky 00:06:22.050

need to be yeah love it.

Teach it because you don't need to read. yeah i'm lazy person yeah is why i'm just listening what other people saying yeah actually i'm.

Listening news from the democrats and Republicans, and let me just thinking, so I can just get their information.

And I see I see, and I understand is it is, it is political stuff that's why I don't worry about covid and there is a different reason why I don't think about it. I have a very bad immune system, so I know as soon as I get this covid, i'm dead. As soon as I get this covid. So I need just to be safe.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:07:29.100

Gotcha, so I guess like, how do you then feel about other people getting vaccinations like what if I got a vaccination, for example.

Galina Pozharsky 00:07:36.810

i'm sorry about them i'm sorry about them because vaccination is not safe yet I know that the vaccination needs a lot of time to be proved

To be certain it's not side is not in doesn't have side effects it doesn't have any bad stuff so we don't have this time, so that doctors and it surgeons just don't have a lot of time and it looks like mass trial. for people, so I know a lot of people who died.

Immediately afterwards vaccination. very healthy man and woman and they died from some unexpected illness and Doctors I know doctors who were shocked.

That's why I do not intend to get this vaccination.

And I don't understand the people who tried to get this vaccination I know now people it's a line.

In walgreens for example and in hospitals from people who wants to get this vaccination and I just don't understand why why just became just became and think about this can be like about without any clue.

Today, thank you for the Ladies in it, I like.

Their food for example it's very, very bad illness or sentences is a lot of that illness, you can get it done 40 about it, why.

Because you know it's just.

It just seldom is not every people every human guys's names and everything is.

understood got em God warns us again gases, if you need it for some reason then theyre's a chance you'll get it.

So just trust that.

Just know that he cares and don't worry about something don't worry about death.

In general, everybody is good at something so.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:10:40.800

So, I guess, in my experience that's a very unique perspective, especially like America, for example, now, you were born in Russia, and you did emigrate over to America.

So I guess I are How do people in Russia, you know family members or friends, how did they feel about covid 19. Do they feel the same way as you do, or do they feel differently.

Galina Pozharsky 00:11:04.080

You know it's very strange, it doesn't matter who is

President what's The country is it and was a country living in everybody is the same way.

All lists all people in the country, as is the same way, there is a lot of people in Russia who wants who just sign on

the teams to get this vaccination.

And a lot of people who skeptics.

So it doesn't matter what the country is. People in there act as the same pay attention to certain extent situation now in.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:11:58.980

gotcha I know I asked about Covid 19 but uh when it comes through with vaccinations I like to ask where you're getting your information on that are you also getting it from YouTube?

Galina Pozharsky 00:12:12.450

You know, you know now i'm sick from

shingles Shell those it's illness and it builds on WHO.

or who get chickenpox chicken pox in a childhood can be sick So if you get chickenpox in the childhood, you can get this shingles in an adult.

Yes, but.

or all when all so and I know when people get vaccination from chicken pox.

As they don't have the shingles always a have shield us in a very simple.

Very simple example is better and much better.

So much better to get shingles as a young person, they are not not Children but the chicken pox, for example, you got chicken vaccination when you were child, so you, you can'y be worried about shingles an adult.

You will never have the shingles in my form, you know.

Yes, that's why I say some vaccinations are very good.

yeah so so i'm, for example.

I wanted on WJ get order for vaccination for his kids.

Examination now from.

chickenpox because Now I know it could vaccination.

and good luck, Spanish, because I have seen costs for three months and I didn't know when I can be out, you know.

Yes, not every time.

looks a nation is back now, so I can say i'm.

Against vaccination, no.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:14:26.910

But you are against the coven 19 vaccination color.

Galina Pozharsky 00:14:29.700

But covid or any flu vaccination or some other vaccination like what's the nation of gods in.

or man now i'm against them.

Against vaccination in nation, I don't think they're necessary but i'm for vaccination in nation that is good.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:14:58.200

Okay, so I guess how did you determine whether one back pain is good and one.

Galina Pozharsky 00:15:06

is just experience it just experience you know.

Some.

and experience and thinking.

You should understand what is what's the nation and how it's working and I know, for example on any school or any of it they're very as a mutated very easily so when did this nation from one form for one ship.

It doesn't work from other animal station and your oxygenation doesn't work so it's not certain, you understand and see some illness certain they do not change, so if you do a vaccination a girl chicken box it doesn't look dated so anytime you know you got it.

But when you do a vaccination from Korea.

it's like nothing because next time it's mutated he uses you not get in and target, you know you just like didn't do anything.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:16:21.330 -

Andrew Pozharsky: gotcha and you feel that there can be a side effect to the vaccine correct.

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Galina Pozharsky: Oh it's something, and in some people yeah it's not what I think it's what what experience show because it's a lot of there are a lot of people or there is a lot of people and deeds is oxygenation is aided him a lot and say here a lot of side effects so it's just experience.

This sin has a lot of side effects it's not what I said.

it's what we haven't.

Watch yeah.

yeah.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:17:13.110

So, in terms of outside of like the your experience and time you did refer to that you watch some YouTube videos correct or you know social media and just on going on the Internet.

Galina Pozharsky 00:17:26.910

You know I don't try to advise because it's varian citizen as a people horribilis on vaccination.

You can prove them, you know these beautiful people who believe in vaccinations, they will do X and nation doesn't matter what you say and there are people who are skeptical they never really do vaccination, so I do not try to advise I know it's.

It is just waste of time.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:18:07.290

You talked about believing and so you seem to be suggesting that there are people who, as like an act of faith they trust the vaccines and, by extension, they trust the government is that what you're saying, like the people who believe in vaccines, they do because they believe in the.

Galina Pozharsky 00:18:26.340

Los Angeles, as many industries, but not all, people who trust, and trust, as the government, as it is not a relation between in between, it is like different stuff.

is so different stuff yeah yeah I know a lot of people who are not like government who are a against them about as a I still believe in this isn't yeah it's very interesting, no, there is no correlation.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:19:00.450

or may not be just like the government, for example, but it could also mean like experts, like a doctor say is the vaccine is okay.

Galina Pozharsky 00:19:08.790

good example easy.

Town, and by the defendant right, but there was.

A for oxygenation them was saved what's the nation is that so.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:19:28.410 --> 00:19:36.330

yeah so you know if trump, for example, would you say that backs nice vaccination was good, there will be a group of people who would believe that correct.

No, no.

Galina Pozharsky 00:19:38.400

No, there is no correlation between believing in political system or not even to some.

Now leaders and press into vaccination law is absolutely different stuff so.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:19:58.050

So is there a relation anywhere.

Do you think like.

Galina Pozharsky 00:20:02.700

You know.

I understand you know I understand its political style what I mean I mean politics are illusions, I thought it started as a purpose.

But people who believe or not believe in the vaccination understand it.

And divide by two groups who believe in vaccinations, they just some people understand it's fully different style some people don't understand the political style but Z believe in numbers politics say soul is because you know some just on.

A fear.

Which is created by numbers.

helps the politics to get a cool fear.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:21:00.630

Okay, so fear mongering.

Galina Pozharsky 00:21:03.180

yeah, but I just and I don't know how it's working.

I don't know how it's working I won't say wanted to that was a goal would save one to get, but I just don't believe versus numbers I don't believe in this all this media fear around to complete and I don't believe in convincing summation it just me.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:21:37.560

Okay.

Following up on that I guess what makes you so unique in this regard because you're right now that it appears that the dominant views that you know the vaccine or are good they're safe.

And people should be taken them, you know why is it that so many people believe in that, but you have it, what separates you from.

A lot of other people.

Galina Pozharsky 00:22:02.730

I know this madness.

tells the people I don't know either in.

The end.

it's it.

It doesn't matter for me.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:22:26.730

Okay um.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:22:35.700

gotcha okay gotcha.

So let's say that you are in charge of America, you know just hypothetically and you started here about coven 19 you know. How would. How would you have the country responded.

Galina Pozharsky 00:22:52.410

OK, I will say look people, it is a it's a really bad stuff.

Just be careful, you have some ways to be safe, so you can bear this stuff but it doesn't have too much i'm in a mask you can learn it, but you should understand it doesn't help too much.

Maybe just for you to be safe.

Yet.

Then.

You can get a vaccination but it doesn't work and you should understand it is a lot of side effects so it's up to you it's up to people to wear a mask to make a vaccine or two, I will explain all vengeance from all this stuff.

But probably I view it like a question it's from below rules.

or wrong, I don't know.

As a country who doesn't have any.

problem this stop in.

You know. Economy yourselves know I will live like any other day, so I do not create any stressful situation from concrete I just made a plan, and I will give the word to the doctors i'm not a doctor and just follow it, so I do find good doctors.

Their best doctors like Iceland gives them Ward and say say say people How important is it to wear a mask or to Samson How important is it i'm not a doctor i'm just politics, and I will not stop economy, I will not do it will not create all systems at.

it's what I would do like.

Andrew Pozharsky

Why do you feel people are afraid of covid-19?

Galina Pozharsky 00:37:21.060

Even do on the sinkhole that and say don't look.

Yes, it's just a look, and to be found very good what as fear it's fear it's not trustful it's not something it's not something it just fear of the desk.

If people who fears of death, they trust and anyone who says this vaccine is taking you from death and they believe to anybody doesn't matter for them, who says this word.

So fear fear people who doesn't have fear safe probably skeptical as a sinking about they looking for a date they looking for people, you know but mostly people.

Are fear of death, they don't want to be that so say going to as a Russian to walk in situ any hospital takes about simply because they didn't want to be dead.

yeah.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:38:30.300

You think it could go the other way too, so there might be people who don't want to acknowledge the stuff they don't want to acknowledge.

Galina Pozharsky 00:38:38.490

And then, it says people mostly it doesn't matter it doesn't matter, the same don't think about that most is they don't think about it, they just trust to Dr.

cj just trust the doctor is they don't want to be that sets it done.

They don't want as they don't think about political stuff they don't think about numbers they don't think about anything just daughter said it's okay good so they rush and get this button.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:39:16

yeah so I guess for the final question for this interview.

You know you're talking about a lot of people are victims of fear, or you know fear mongering from politicians or other systems in place.

I guess how do you how do you know that you're not a victim of this as well now, how do you know that you're not being pander to or someone's not manipulating you.

Galina Pozharsky 00:39:40.920

yeah me hey you entered already because I don't read this.

And i'm just thinking about the very quietly very.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:39:54.240

you're not being emotional about it.

Galina Pozharsky 00:39:56.790

Very cool yes, I called mind and say okay it's not some bad.

Not so. i'm looking for number and say oh it's not so bad it's bad like any food yeah it's a very bad illness, if I got this this complete, I will be there as well.

I understand it, and I if I bought.: yeah if I get can beat but if I go to vaccine, I will get this this illness for sure you know, maybe I will have it it's a just chance for me, but if I go to what's the nation it's while hearted person for me I got this illness, you understand.

And I will die just for me doesn't matter, what is it vaccination or commit I will admit it, but David IV of the I maybe I will have this commute maybe it's a chance.

Galina Pozharsky 00:41:04.980

But vaccination if I get is for sure.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:41:10.290

So you're rolling the dice and hoping.

Galina Pozharsky 00:41:11.94

Yes.

I, you must be decibel but I know vaccination for me is that for sure that's for sure, and it is this for sure, but.

It is not for sure.

Andrew Pozharsky 00:41:46.740

well lets hope for the best.

I guess that concludes the interview.

Thank you very much for taking the time to discuss your thoughts about Covid 19.