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0:01

good morning we had

0:03

uh I just started this stream a few

0:06

moments ago and we had some technical

0:07

issues so I am restarting and you didn't

0:11

miss anything because I think I was a

0:12

matter of seconds into it before it

0:15

began to glitch on me um good morning

0:18

happy inauguration day happy Freedom day

0:22

I guess in that vain uh I want to talk

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to

0:26

you for a few minutes about this race

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for the state

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GOP

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chair Lawrence tabis who has been the

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state GOP chair still technically is is

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stepping down and so we have to select

0:43

somebody uh new now if you're part of

0:47

the America first movement the Patriot

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movement the magum movement in

0:52

Pennsylvania probably is no great

0:55

surprise to you to know that Lawrence

0:57

Tavis was never any friend

1:00

of our movement uh over the course of

1:02

the several years I've been one way or

1:06

the other running the Pennsylvania

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Patriot Coalition I've tried to

1:09

communicate with him as GOP chair on

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numerous occasions by phone calls emails

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hard copy letters he's never dained to

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respond to any communication and in fact

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I discovered relatively recently that he

1:24

blocked my email address for all P

1:28

aop email addresses which is uh you know

1:32

in terms of him not wanting to talk to

1:34

Sam fattis as an individual

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irrelevant but in terms of him not

1:38

wanting to respond to Communications I

1:41

was sending to him on behalf of a very

1:44

large Grassroots organization across the

1:47

state I think it gives you some insight

1:50

into his view which was always that he

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wished Maga would just go

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away so now we are at a really critical

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junction in that regard right we have

2:02

the opportunity to choose a new state

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GOP

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chair the guy that clearly The

2:13

Establishment is pushing now is a state

2:16

senator named Greg Rothman and I just

2:19

want to highlight for you some issues

2:22

concerning his background and

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connections that I think you ought to

2:26

dig into and when I say dig into

2:30

understand that's exactly what I mean

2:31

I'm not telling you to do anything

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nobody's telling you to do anything I

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think those days are past where we sat

2:37

around

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and accepted that somebody else was was

2:42

in charge we saw where that gotd us

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that's what this whole magga movement is

2:47

about we

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don't we don't have any patience for

2:51

that everybody needs to stand up take

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ownership of the Republic everybody

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needs to be involved so I'm going to

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highlight to you some things that I

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think

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personally are of

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significance and then I think you need

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to dig into these

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issues and if you think they are as

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concerning as I think they are I suggest

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you ought to be contacting your county

3:21

GOP committee the people you know the

3:25

folks at state level and demanding an

3:28

explanation as to why it is that Greg

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Rothman is the guy that they're trying

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to push on us as state

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chairman

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so I gotta I'm going to apologize in

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advance as you know I don't typically do

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this when I'm talking online uh refer to

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written Communications or written notes

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but I'm going to do that a little bit

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here today because I just want to be as

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accurate as I possibly can and again

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what I'm doing is relaying to you

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what has been

4:02

reported and suggesting to you that you

4:04

ought to do your own research and dig

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into this because I think personally my

4:10

opinion there's some really troubling

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issues concerning this fellow first of

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all the guy obviously has been in

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politics in Pennsylvania for quite some

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time is not some guy who decided to jump

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into the fry a few years ago like many

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of us because he was concerned about the

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country he's been a politician his his

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entire adult

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life back in the

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1990s Rothman was actually

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convicted pled guilty

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actually to a criminal charge of

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conspiracy to commit

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forgery now at that point in time he was

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already active in his County

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GOP so he was involved in politics and

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as far as I can determine from the

5:02

various articles I've

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reviewed what he did with some

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co-conspirators who some of whom

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apparently are still

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unknown was he put together a completely

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fraudulent mailer to send out in an

5:16

election including a bogus address for

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some bogus organization apparently

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raising false allegations against a

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political

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opponent so if I understand this he lied

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and he didn't lie in the sense that he

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was mistaken about something he made up

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some stuff and smeared his political

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opponent uh in order to achieve some

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political gain he was actually not just

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in case you think this is a minor deal

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he was actually sentenced to five

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years or was facing a charge that faces

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that potentially could have put him in

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prison for five years now he pled guilty

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to

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this and he got some kind of deal where

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they suspended the sentence or something

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to that

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effect uh and put him into some sort of

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rehab program I guess to learn not to

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lie about your political opponents I

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don't know

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um so that's a plea and then that he

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busted that play is what they call it uh

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because it turned out that he was still

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lying about the details of what he had

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done and so having managed to set aside

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that

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conviction uh and get himself this

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sweetheart deal of going into this rehab

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program and dodging the consequences he

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then still hadn't come clean and they

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had to bust The Plea and he was

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convicted uh he subsequently apparently

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arranged to be

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pardoned somehow appropriate isn't it

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given the

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recent Deluge of Pardons from the Biden

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White House that that this guy

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was taken the same route and got himself

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somehow pardoned from this doesn't

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change the fact that he plad guilty to

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it so from the outset of his political

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campaign if this is true he was

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lying uh in case you think all of

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that went away this was some sort of

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youthful indiscretion he then went on to

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continue to climb the ladder in

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Cumberland County there have been a

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whole bunch of issues raised over the

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time over the time he

7:46

was in Cumberland County and ultimately

7:49

as I understand it running Cumberland

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County GOP about the finances there so

7:55

part of this concerns the fact that he

8:01

had the county

8:03

GOP renting office

8:06

space office space that wasn't

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apparently in use didn't appear to have

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any purpose but the county GOP was

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paying for

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it in fact the newspaper articles talk

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about how it was sort of vacant office

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space in a building and there weren't

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even really any signs and nobody even

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knew it was there and it was hard to get

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to in other words the smell of this is

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they're paying for office space that

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they're not using but the real kicker is

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of

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course that the guy the company that

8:40

owns the office space is

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rothman's so if you follow that what you

8:46

have is the guy getting the county GOP

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to pay money to him to rent office space

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it doesn't need and doesn't use

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apparently according to these

9:00

according to these reports there's also

9:03

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a number of other

9:05

allegations about his time running

9:07

Cumberland County GOP about how he would

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take campaign funds and when it was

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campaign season the only offices that he

9:16

seemed to be concerned about were

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offices in a particular local

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jurisdiction where he was doing business

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so the suggestion there is that he was

9:25

steering campaign money to

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to affect races that had a direct

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connection to his personal business he

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wasn't pursuing that while other races

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were being lost in the county GOP was

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losing ground that he was using the

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money to make sure that he was in good

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shape

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uh personally and and in terms of

9:51

business but let me go into something

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that

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that to me is I mean the smell of all of

10:00

that and again I Su I I'm asking you

10:03

guys to dig into it on your own the

10:04

smell of all of that is this is maybe

10:06

not a guy with the ethics that we that

10:08

we want running the state GOP I mean I

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think we all can agree that we've had

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enough of the sort of back room deals

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kind of thing and the good old boys sort

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of making this treating this like this

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as their private club and particularly

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in the wake of putting Donald Trump back

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in the White House this is going the

10:27

complete opposite direction but but

10:29

there's another issue here which

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concerns Rothman and

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Cuba that I'd like to spend a little bit

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of time on um Rothman has by his own

10:41

admission traveled to Cuba over a number

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of years and I believe the number of

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trips is a dozen if I have that right

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reconstructed as best I can from what he

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has said on the record and what's been

10:53

reported about

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it

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he contends now as best I can understand

11:01

that all of these trips to Cuba were to

11:03

play

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baseball which he apparently does uh

11:09

does play and there apparent and there

11:11

doesn't seem to have been doesn't seem

11:13

to be any real question that he did go

11:14

to Cuba and did play in some sort of I

11:18

don't know as a as a guy with gray hair

11:21

I guess I can say this an oldtimers

11:23

league in Cuba but Rothman is at this

11:28

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stage anyway attempting to Bill all of

11:31

these trips as having nothing to do with

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anything more than playing in these

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baseball games the problem with that is

11:39

that Rothman himself on the record in a

11:42

whole variety of

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ways has made

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clear including in a recording of him

11:49

appearing on stage in

11:51

Harrisburg that he was involved with an

11:54

organization called engage Cuba now

11:58

engage Cuba is a group that's been

12:00

around for a number of years and its

12:02

focus is on getting the United States to

12:05

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drop the blockade against Cuba drop

12:07

sanctions about against Cuba all these

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things that have been in place for

12:12

decades it's a known organization you

12:16

can find information about it

12:19

online uh this platform that it has if

12:23

that's the right word engage Cuba is the

12:26

same platform that Obama espoused

12:29

in fact this is Obama's position on Cuba

12:32

that we engage with them drop sanctions

12:35

treat this totalitarian Communist Regime

12:38

that is a state sponsor of terrorism

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that is in bed with Venezuela and the

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Chinese and the Iranians that we treat

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those guys our hostile enemies 90 miles

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off the coast of Florida that we treat

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them as as friends that we engage with

12:56

them this is the Obama

12:58

Doctrine Obama tried to make this a

13:00

reality as soon as Donald Trump came in

13:02

the first time he reversed all of

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this and as soon as Joe Biden entered

13:08

the White House engaged Cuba it its

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platform was once again Biden's

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platform so engage

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Cuba is

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politically in bed with Obama and Biden

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and the list of liberal democratic

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senators and congressmen

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affiliated with it and espousing its

13:35

positions very well known I mean all The

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Usual Suspects Nancy Pelosi Etc so this

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is a

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organization completely aligned

13:45

with the leftwing of the democratic

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party that is what engage Cuba

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is and rothman's name is on the list of

13:56

people forming engag Cuba chapter in

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Pennsylvania that's on the

14:02

record and there is video of Rothman on

14:06

stage in Harrisburg at an

14:09

event held by engage Cuba to talk about

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its

14:14

initiatives standing there the banner of

14:17

the group is behind him the guy standing

14:20

next to the banner is a Cuban Diplomat I

14:24

should probably put that in quotes he

14:25

claims to be a diplomat whether that's

14:27

true or he's an intelligence officer

14:29

officer

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unknown but in any event this is Rothman

14:34

on stage engage Cuba event a banner on

14:38

stage behind him a Cuban Diplomat

14:40

standing next to the banner and during

14:43

in the course of his remarks Rothman

14:45

says in plain English that he fully

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supports the positions of engaged Cuba

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and fully supports this

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idea of ending the blockade in other

14:58

words he is aligned in his own words

15:01

with them I didn't make that up I will

15:05

post on the Pennsylvania Patriot

15:08

Facebook page again because I have

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multiple times links to that video you

15:13

can watch it it's only a few minutes

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into rothman's remarks before he says

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this again in plain English again his

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name is on the list of founders of this

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organization now the guy standing next

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to the banner behind him the Cuban

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Diplomat in air quotes is a guy named

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Miguel fra Miguel frga as I understand

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it Rothman admits he knows and says he

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is a close friend okay well Miguel

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fragga is a a

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career Cuban official he is currently

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the Ambassador for Cuba to the country

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of

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Dominica not the Dominican Republic the

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island of Dominica in the Caribbean you

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can see his ex account his Twitter

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account he posts regularly and he posts

16:01

tributes to Fidel Castro and tributes to

16:04

Shay

16:06

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Gua and attacks on the United States and

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pictures of him standing with statues of

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Lenin and so forth and so

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on so there's no question about the

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connection between Miguel Fraga and

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Rothman there's no question about who

16:23

frga is a communist official of a

16:26

communist country hostile to the the

16:29

United States there's no question about

16:32

what engage Cuba is by the way engage

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Cuba is part of a coalition that

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includes a long list of other really

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radical leftist groups including maybe

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my favorite code pink code pink is a

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group that's so crazy they think we're

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be we're being mean to the North

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Koreans and we ought to engage with them

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so this give you an idea of the

16:56

bedfellows of engaged Cuba

17:00

a group that Rothman has supported

17:02

appeared at their events so forth and so

17:04

on again you don't have to take my word

17:05

for it watch the

17:07

video of the man on stage at their event

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and listen to what he

17:13

says so you know to be clear uh I'm not

17:17

telling you that I think Greg Rothman is

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a communist and I'm not telling you that

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I think Greg Rothman is being paid by

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the

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Cubans I do think that at a minimum he

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has been used

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here I mean this is a guy who is as a

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public

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official being used by a communist

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country to push positions and

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policies completely at

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odds with the Republican party and maybe

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most importantly given to today's

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inauguration day at odds with the soon

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to be president of the United States

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Donald Trump

18:00

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his this organization that he says he

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fully

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supports is completely in opposition to

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the policies of the Trump Administration

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and completely aligned with the Biden

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and Obama

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administration

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so he's an American citizen and he

18:18

is perfectly free to oppose American

18:21

policy and make those statement it does

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though kind

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of beg the question is this really the

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guy that should be the chairman of the

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Pennsylvania GOP particularly at this

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point in time a guy that

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counts anti-American communist officials

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as his good friends and travels back and

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forth there these

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guys bottom line

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people do your

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homework and then if you end up with the

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same kind of misgivings that I have ring

18:57

up all of your county GOP people and all

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the state GOP people you know and ask

19:04

them if they've done their

19:07

homework thank you talk to you soon

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