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JOY REID: Plus, the government announces new guidelines for wearing masks as the right to launches dangerous, new attacks on science and also kids at school and in the park with their moms. And sad state for the Republican party. Now Biden is coming for your hamburgers. Just the latest, absurd narrative as Biden keeps winning with boring stuff like, I don't know, competence and normalcy.

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REID: Still ahead, no, Joe Biden — Joe Biden is not coming for your Big Mac. He's not going to come slap it out of your hand. And no, Kamala Harris is not handing out her children's book to southern migrants at the border. The radical normalcy of the Biden administration is forcing the right-wing outrage machine to just flat out make up stuff and go bah la la crazy. But that's next, so stay with us.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Conservatives Outraged Over Fake Stories]

REID: Conservatives can't find anything real that the Biden administration is doing to be upset about, so they're running with fake stories to keep the fake outrage going as long as they can. Last week, the *Daily Mail* published a piece that falsely stated Biden's climate plan would limit you to eat just one burger a month. They cited a University of Michigan study from before Biden was elected president that found that shifts in diets, typically toward more plant-based foods can lead to significant reductions in environmental impacts and while it's true that cutting back on meat would help address global warming, Biden's plan doesn't include any call to limit meat-eating, so just go ahead and cram all the colon-busters you want down your gullet. Biden doesn't care about them. But that didn't stop Fox News from taking it all the way to ten.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Fox News Spreads False Claim That Biden Is Trying to Limit Americans' Meat Intake]

JESSE WATTERS [on FNC's *Watters World*, 04/24/21]: The Democrats always said they want government to stay out of the bedroom. But it looks like the government just walked downstairs in your kitchen.

AINSLEY EARHARDT [on FNC's *Fox & Friends*, 04/23/21]: He wants to cut out 90 percent of the red meat that you all eat. That's four pounds

LARRY KUDLOW [on FBN's *Kudlow*, 04/23/21]: No burgers on July 4th. No steaks on the Barbie. [SCREEN WIPE] So, get ready. You can throw back a plant-based beer with your grilled brussels sprouts and wave your American flag.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: GOP Politicians Seize on Fake News Claim That Biden Wants to Limit Americans' Meat Intake]

REID: Just so everyone's aware, beer is actually made from plants. Larry Kudlow said today he was just joking about the beer. Come on. And Fox apologized for misleading its audience on the topic, but that was only after politicians on the right seized with Donald Trump Jr. disturbingly claiming that he ate four pounds of meat yesterday. I mean, is he okay? Maybe somebody should go check on him because his colon's probably, like, busted? Actually, don't check on him. Probably the thoughts are horrible. But that's not the only fake news story spreading around conservative media. The *New York Post* wrote and then later deleted a story claiming that a book written by Kamala Harris was included in welcoming kits to migrant children. Fox wrote its own version of the article and so did multiple — and did multiple segments on the story. Republican politicians like RNC Chair Ronna Romney McDaniel asked if Harris was “profiting from Biden's border crisis.” Spoiler alert: she's not. All that hysteria came from a photo of one copy of Kamala's book that had been donated during a citywide donation drive. Fox has since walked back their report like they did on Dominion stealing the election after Dominion sued everybody and, well, maybe the idea that COVID isn't real, and you know, that Tucker Carlson hosts a new show, but I digress. [INTRODUCES PANEL] I need to check on both of you have make sure that your hamburders — spelled the Trump way properly — are okay. Joan, are your hamburders in good order?

JOAN WALSH: They are just fine. Just fine, Joy. I'd like to just laugh at this because it's hilarious, but on the other hand, I didn't think it was possible that folks Fox could get worse. But they have. Joe Biden has driven them absolutely nuts. I mean, they used to have — we remember — they had some reporters. They had — they used to say their dayside programming — daytime programming was straight news and it didn't get crazy until their prime time opinion hosts. That's all gone. They have a White House reporter, correspondent, Peter Doocy, he couldn't go and he likes to bug Jen Psaki all the time and, you know, get attention for himself — he couldn't go there and say, hey, what's this about, Biden being the hamburglar, and what's this about Kamala Harris's book being given to every poor, migrant child. That's what you do. You report out a story. They don't even bother doing that anymore. It's insane, frankly.

REID: I'm picturing the hamburglar with the ray bans on to be Joe Biden. Charlie — Charlie Sykes, you tweeted a thing, I mean, that a right-wing, you know, 29-year-old wrote about how I'm not going to get vaccinated just because me not being vaccinated owns the libs and it makes them mad. It's like, baby, if you end up in the ER, I'm not the one who's going to be mad. You the one who's going to be in the ER. You're going to be a ventilator and not me. Like, they actually think that I will risk death just to own the libs. That is crazy. What is happening?

CHARLIE SYKES: Well, it's a pretty good encapsulation of American conservatism in 2021. You know, it's not about these ideas. It's about owning the libs, as you mentioned a little bit earlier, it's about constantly feeding the outrage machine. It is a little like watching an addict, you know, figuring how we can stoke it up. We need to come up with something more outrageous but, you know, what is interesting? You talked about Joe Biden's normalcy. But, you know, I will look at it in a slightly different way. Look, where is the tea party resistance right now? Joe Biden is — is proposing \$1 trillion proposal after another, this is the largest expansion of the federal government since the New Deal, Great Society, and yet, there is no tea party out there. There's no energy. They're not talking about the deficit after four years of Donald Trump. They're not even talking about health care anymore. What is the real passion? Well, the thing they're passionate about is continuing the big lie about stopping the steal and clinging to the stories that feed this — the maul, you know, coming up with one bonus story after one. But the — the absence, the dog that is not barking here, is also awfully interesting.

REID: Yeah.

SYKES: Because you would think there would be these huge rallies, and these huge protests and talking about death panels and what's going to happen to the deficit.

REID: Nope.

SYKES: You get none of this right now.

REID: Well, because it's — it was never about this. Can I just play it real quick? And Joan, this is a perfect segue to you. This is a guy in Louisiana. He's the House Education Committee chair talking about slavery. Take a listen.

[LOUISIANA CLIP]

REID: Joan, you wrote a book called *What's the Matter with White People*, and I think it answers Charlie's question because the outrage from the tea party wasn't about deficits. It was about the black guy.

JOAN WALSH: Joe Biden is white.

REID: There you go.

WALSH: Joe Biden is white. You know, he makes them mad. He wasn't elected, you know, neither of them was officially, legitimately elected, of course, but Joe Biden is white, so they're not out there in their funny hats, and their American Founder costumes with, you know, hideous, racist pictures of Obama. It was never about the debt, and we said that in 2009 and 2010. It was never about the deficit. It was about one thing and we know that now.

REID: And you know, the thing —

WALSH: And god bless that woman for standing up and saying there was no good in slavery.

REID: — indeed, and the Charlie, you know, one of things — and I do recommend people read this book *What's the Matter with White People* because it goes through the fact that the New Deal and the things that a lot of white, working class people used to cherish, they now hate because they just associate it with black people and they say that the things that saves their own families throughout the 1940s and '50s are all now welfare and they're all bad because diverse people get access to them. Isn't basically that — that's all there is? That's why Fox News is in the outrage business because they're just, like, mad at people who aren't white Christians.

SYKES: Well, well, they're clearly mad and they want to keep people mad. They want to keep people outraged and convinced they're victims. You can almost sense this palpable disappointment that there were not racial riots, urban riots after the Chauvin verdicts. I mean, they — they had all the talking points about that — that was, you know, that were, you know, cued up but you will say, it is really extraordinary looking at some of the polls like the Monmouth poll yesterday showed two-thirds of Americans are all in on these big spending plans, the infrastructure plans, the social infrastructure plan, raising taxes. It would suggest that while Fox and the right are playing these — these culture war games, they are fundamentally losing the fight. They're not even participants.

REID: Yeah.

SYKES: And so, after four years with Donald Trump, you know, they wake up and find the country is not with them anymore.

REID: And Joan —

SYKES: [INAUDIBLE] are not talking about this — that Americans are not fiscal conservatives anymore.

REID: — but is it an anymore, Joan? Because isn't it true that the things that Joe Biden is pitching is just the normal stuff that we want and always wanted.

WALSH: Absolutely and, you know, to get the numbers that high about, you know, the coronavirus and his handling of the economy and his spending — tax and spending plans, you got to have a lot of white people there. So, that's the one good thing.

REID: Yeah.

WALSH: — I'll say about the white people. There's got to be a fair number of white people in that crowd. I'd like them to be conserve — Republicans. They don't have to be conservatives. I'd like them to be Republicans. I'd like them to be white, working class folks but there's a lot of white people in that group. So, they might turn around and see the base is gone. I mean, it's not happening yet, Joy.

REID: Yeah.

SYKES: Nope.

WALSH: But we see positive signs.

REID: Isn't it, you know, the case, Charlie, I always thought the thing that Donald Trump did understand about white working class people is that they are not against spending. They just don't like spending on certain people. They are for spending.

SYKES: No, and apparently, that is true. I mean, one of the things that he — that he did to kind of break the mold was he said I'm not going to do anything about entitlement programs. But again, there's a reason why Republicans are not stepping up and saying this is terrible what the Democrats are doing blowing up the deficit.

REID: They don't care about that.

SYKES: He just presided over blowing up the deficit.

REID: That's right. Cause they don't care about the deficit.

SYKES: You would think that their post-shame —

REID: Yeah.

SYKES: — but at least, in the back of their minds, they're going, "hey, remember those tax cuts we —

REID: Yeah.

SYKES: — blew through —

REID: They don't remember that. They were never for any of it.

SYKES: — about a trillion dollars?" Ehh, daa, yeah.

REID: They don't care.

SYKES: But it's hard for them.

REID: They never cared about it.

SYKES: No.