

*I've Had It*

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“ELLI”: This is Ellie coming to you from Minnesota. And what I have absolutely fucking had it with is watching some of the stupidest people I went to school with decide that they’re qualified to homeschool their children. These are the people who, you know, couldn’t hand in a single homework assignment, coasted through every group project were proud members of the D-Honor Roll. And now they’re writing these Facebook manifestos, laden with spelling and grammatical errors about how public schools are evil and full of indoctrination. And so, as a result, they’re going to be homeschooling their precious little peanuts. These idiots competence-to-confidence ratio is absolutely off the charts. It’s the blind leading the blind, and it feels like this has only gotten worse in Trump’s America, which I’m sure is no coincidence where being uninformed somehow is a personality trait that we’re just passing on to our children. I’ve fucking had it with it. I can’t stand these morons attempting to homeschool their children when they probably shouldn’t have even had children to start with. That’s all.

[SULLIVAN LAUGHING]

SULLIVAN: I feel that. I feel that because I mean, it — you would not believe how many people in Bible study homeschool their kids, and you just think, ah, I worry about that. And then you see those Witness booklets or whatever they’re called that the Duggers used and they’re like, top out at eighth grade. I mean, I just think homeschooling is a bad idea from soup to nuts. I don’t care if you’re a nuclear physicist. I think it’s just fucking weirdest as fuck that you want your kids around you all day, every day, and all night, and just the socialization — for me, personally, it was that I would have gotten up on my hands and knees and strapped them to my back and crawled to get them to school every day just to get them where I wasn’t. So, I don’t trust somebody that wants to be with their kids 24/7. I think a lot of dumb people do it because it’s just easier, and that’s a concern, and I’ve had — I’ve had divorce cases that, like, moms get mad at dad. They’re fighting over whose school district kids gonna use their address. They put them on home school. It’s like two or three hours a day at the computer and then the kids are going just off to the races. So, I just can’t think of very many good things about homeschooling.

WELCH: I think that these people that do the homeschooling, these are the same people that grow up to be on unjuiced.net There is a through line on all of this, right? [SULLIVAN LAUGHS] So, the Duggar booklets that you’re referring to teach that like dinosaur and man lived on earth at the same time. These are people that fear critical thinking more than anything on the planet, that have to be taught a script of reality, and that they are incapable of critically thinking, they’re incapable of deduction skills, and what pisses me off about this the most is how many parents project a script onto their kids. I’m a dumbass. So, therefore, I’m going to make sure you’re a dumbass. I’m a fucking idiot. I made D’s, as our caller said, Ellie. She — you know, the people, the dumbest people she knew in college were homeschooling their kids, and so, this is trickle down stupidity. This is MAGA on steroids. This is MAHA. This is trad wife. This is unvaxed and unjacked and all that shit. This is the worst, worst, worst, and this shit is —

America has a crazy Christian problem. We have a fundamental crazy Christian problem. Now, those of you that are listening that are Methodist or Presbyterian, I'm not talking about you. I'm talking about the freaks of the megachurch. I'm talking about the ones that have schools that are, you know, these crazy indoctrination factories, hate, hate academies. And then when that hit isn't strong enough, then they go to homeschooling. And I just — I think it's a huge problem. I cannot stand these people. But again, it's a pretty big red flag when somebody tells you — when you're like, what's their deal? They seem kind of off. Well, I was homeschooling. You're like, yeah. Oh, but I just think it's such a selfish thing for parents to do.

SULLIVAN: I agree.

WELCH: I — honestly, I'm just going to say this, I think it's selfish for parents to push a religion on a child and make them believe just one before they're old enough to hear about all of them or none of them and decide for themselves. I think it's all child abuse, honestly.

SULLIVAN: No, you know, I agree. I mean, I'm the victim of it and perpetuated it. So, I agree.

WELCH: Yeah, I just, I don't know. I mean, and for those of you that don't live in the Bible belt, you don't get it like Pumps and Kylie and me and I do, but it's just — it's a really toxic culture. That mega church culture is incredibly toxic.

SULLIVAN: And it's everywhere.

WELCH: Yeah, the most fucked up people you know if you live in the Bible belt are the biggest — they're the ones who are post on Easter these — sigh. On Instagram, if you live in a Bible belt state, when Easter rolls around, it's, it's like dunkings — like, these baptisms on the Instagram stories. I just keep [inaudible] — like, why is everybody dunking? It's just so — it's so crazy, and it's like a full-blown pool and everybody's in them and they're dunking. Didn't you tell me — didn't you go to some baptism at some — some house — house?

SULLIVAN: Somebody's house. Yeah, in the pool and the pool, but, like, all the —

WELCH: Didn't your ex-husband get baptized there? Was he — yes, it was him. He was like — oh, Jesus, again. [LAUGHS]

SULLIVAN: Is that where? I mean, I remember — I remember he was all into it —

WELCH: I think he got re-saved.

SULLIVAN: — and I remember being at that house, and I kinda remember that he —

WELCH: And it was a rich person's house, and they had —

SULLIVAN: — did, but did I tell you at the time that he did?

WELCH: It — Kurt — yeah.

SULLIVAN: Because it's — it's fuzzy. I — like, I don't, but I completely believe it. And then I mean, he's the same person that sat in these church pews and told me how everybody else's husband was so bad and pointed out, like, he's fucking so and so. She's fucking around her boss. Blah blah blah, worst offender next to me. But I don't know if you know this, but in most churches — the ones I grew up in anyway — they have, like, you have, like, the congregation, then you have the pulpit that's raised, and then behind the preacher, elevated above that is where the dunk tank is. So, it's, like, you have to look up to see it if you're in the churches that I grew up in. It's, like, elevated over the pastor. Did you know that?

WELCH: I don't know if I knew the location of the dunk tank.

SULLIVAN: But I mean, it's that high. Like, it's so elevated.

WELCH: I just, I don't know. I just think it's all weird. I think, I think homeschooling's weird. I think mega churches are weird, and —

SULLIVAN: Now that I'm thinking about it, there was a lot of people that got baptized in that pool. It just wasn't him. I can't remember who it was, but it was several. It was, like, a group, not at the same time, but like a long way.

WELCH: What you told me what it was so interesting about it was it some big mega donor for the mega church you went to.

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

WELCH: Some oil and gas guy that had a shit ton of the money.

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

WELCH: So, he volunteered his swimming pool. But the house was locked up and he had porta potties outside —

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

WELCH: — where nobody could use his house.

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

WELCH: And because — I think there's — [LAUGHING] — no worries. And I'm not, I mean, here's the thing. I wish that it were that simple. I wish that —

SULLIVAN: Oh, yeah.

WELCH: — if you fucked up really bad in your life, you could just say, Jesus, I repent, accept to me. Unfortunately, in order to truly change, it takes a lot of grunt work and a lot of introspection and a suffering, you suffer.

SULLIVAN: Absolutely.

WELCH: Nobody comes in and just scoops and makes all your pain go away.

SULLIVAN: And accountability.

WELCH: Yeah, you suffer a lot. I mean, to really — the — the things that I've changed the most, I'm fucking suffered from.

SULLIVAN: It hurts.

WELCH: I had to sit in discomfort and suffer.

SULLIVAN: It's not a dive in, dive out.

WELCH: I wish it was.

SULLIVAN: Wish it was.

WELCH: Wouldn't it be great? You just get dunked?

SULLIVAN: I thought it was for years.

WELCH: Wouldn't that be great?

SULLIVAN: I thought it worked when it wasn't.

WELCH: You could just go get dunked and then you were a new person.

SULLIVAN: I think you — I think you could even get past that. Just like, forgive me. Okay, good. Yeah, you can take it all the way.