3-17 Joe Piscopo Show with Steven E. Greer, MD

In this first appearance on Piscopo, I was the first in the nation to state:

- It would have been smarter to simply isolate and protect the vulnerable elderly, sick, etc.
- Tony Fauci is a fraud
- Masks should be worn by everyone (The CDC and all other governments were lying to us to protect the supply of masks)
- Gilead has remdesivir in trials to be approved soon, as well as other drugs to treat (No one was talking about therapies at the time)

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JOE PISCOPO: Yeah, give us a call. Joe on the radio. Good morning to you, uh, on AM 970 and the and the answer is six minutes after 9 o' clock, it's March 17th. Happy Saint Patrick's Day. All the very best on this Saint Patrick's Day. So proud to have you listening. So proud to have you, uh, gather around our virtual kitchen table, and it's gotta be virtual now. This is the medium that you want to be, uh, with . . . radio, where I guess people don't have to, you know, be here. We talk to ya through the microphones. And, it's so funny cause I was gonna go over to some, uh, news, uh, hits and do some TV hits, but they didn't want people in the studio. So, and if you saw the 5 on Fox yesterday, they were, like, separated. Separated, you know, social distancing. So, very interesting times. So, we're here for you is what I'm saying. We're here for you, 877-970-2999. Uh, that is . . . you can give us-give us a call. And I see the calls are up already. I'll go there momentarily, but I want to welcome, if I may, Dr. Steven Greer is a practicing surgeon pioneering how hospitals care for the elderly. So, but he also is a Wall Street Analyst and Portfolio Manager. He started that 20 years ago. Dr. Greer, so great of you to join us this morning. Th-Thanks for jumping on the air with us, Sir.

DR. GREER: Hey, my pleasure.

JOE PISCOPO: Well, I mean-we-we got folks with questions, but I gotta ask you: you're both a medical doctor and a Wall Street analyst?

DR. GREER: Uh, yeah. I was at, uh, NYU. I was a finance major in college. I came to New York to do surgery—plastic surgery and so forth—training at NYU, and, uh, in the year 2000—20 years ago—I went to work for Credit Suites as an analyst. So, I would write all those research reports, and these stocks. And I followed the biotech and medical device sector, and then I became, uh, what they call the sell side, where I was managing money. And then I, uh-uh, eventually was the Portfolio Manager at Merrill-Lynch, and, uh, where for the entire company I

would give advice. Now, the reason I mention that is I've seen these pandemics many times under that role. I remember in '05 we had the SARS, and the Swine Flu, and the Bird Flu. So, I've been following these, uh, advising the companies. I'm still giving Goldman Sachs traders their advice, that sort of thing. Um, so, uh, so I have some experience here, and-and what's happening and the way this is being handled is absolutely unprecedented. Um, I'm not a 100% sure it's an overreaction. I tend to think it is.

JOE PISCOPO: Hm.

DR. GREER: But we'll never know. We'll never know, because if-if the virus-

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah.

DR. GREER: —turns out to be nothing, they'll say, "oh, we prevented it." Um . . . and you know, so it's-it's . . . one thing's for sure, if you want to stop a pandemic, just completely shut down a country. Well, you can't do that. So, I mean every year people die and, uh, from all sorts of things. There's the common cold and the flu. So, this . . . I don't know if it's an option to shut down a country to stop an unknown risk.

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah, but as a doctor, Dr. Greer, there's a great point, by the way. And I see your phone calls, hold right there. Uh, I know you have a question for Dr. Greer. I'm gonna go to the calls, 877-970-2999, in a second. I'll-indeed, are we overreacting? I mean, when you-I look at the numbers of a flu. I look at 800,000 suicides every year. I mean, every 40 seconds someone takes their life.

DR. GREER: Yep.

JOE PISCOPO: I mean, is that not a pandemic as well?

DR. GREER: More people have died from-more people have died every day from opioid overdoses than this entire flu of 85 cases or so. You've gotta put it in perspective, and as a nation: can you shut down a nation for 85 deaths? Now, see what I don't know and what no one will know, and it's impossible to know is are they getting ahead of the curve and evading a mass slaughter like the 1918 Spanish Flu?

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah.

DR. GREER: Or are they overreacting? And they will never be able to say that they overreacted, cause they're just gonna take credit for it and say, "well, we prevented it."

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah, yeah.

DR. GREER: It's impossible to say. Based on the data we see now, it certainly doesn't seem to be, uh, that bad at all. So, um, I-I think the smart thing would've been to take the people at risk—which is not everybody, which is the sick people with cancer or elderly, and make them stay at home and sequester them. That would've been the smarter thing to do, but now we've got this . . . baby out with the bath water, and one size fits all . . . and the young kids, no. The millennials or whatever, they know this is B.S., and they're out there partying on Miami Beach.

JOE PISCOPO: I know. Man, I couldn't believe I saw that. Well, as an expert in both what's great-what's a greater concern? Uh, the public health damage or the economic damage, sir?

DR. GREER: Yes, exactly. This is not just money. I talked to _____(s/l Carson Sedrus) last night, it was my same thoughts. This isn't just hurting Wall Street traders. This is much more impacting every joe-schmoe who works as a bartender, barback, construction. It's going to devastate hundreds of millions of people, and they can't-won't be able to pay their electric bill. You know? That's and this very soon could lead to public gun arrests, riots, and so forth. Very soon. Now that's when you're gonna see some craziness, okay?

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah.

DR. GREER: So, uh ... what-what drives me crazy, if you want my opinion, is Anthony Fauci is this face of Coronavirus. He's 79 years old like most of the politicians, so they are at risk. I think they are emotionally involved. I think they are scared for themselves. Anthony Fauci is not an elected official. He's not a policymaker. He doesn't run the CDC. He's never been elected to anything, and he gets up to that podium that he can barely see over, and with extreme hubris-with extreme hubris and contempt for us stupid people, he says, "oh, we've carefully modeled this." Let me tell you something: I'm a Wall Street analyst. I know how to forensically analyze numerous journal papers. I can tell you his pulling that out of his ass. They have no model for this. It is guesswork, and no one questioned him because our country is illiterate in math and everything else. So, you know, "I'm Dr. Fauci and I modeled this so you shut up." Oh, really? Show me how you modeled it, Dr. Fauci. Put your spreadsheet on there, you know? So, I think it's a bluff. I think it's being misguided by Anthony Fauci, and I think Anthony Fauci needs to be removed. Dr. Burkes—that lady Dr. Burkes—is 10 times better of a spokesperson.

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah.

DR. GREER: Um, and so . . .

JOE PISCOPO: You know, you know, I know what . . . listen, we're so transparent on this show, Dr. Greer, that you are-you are great, man. I gotta tell you something, this is-this is your radio show, brother. I mean this is great because I thought the same thing. Hold the calls, hold the calls. I gotta go here. I gotta go here, because I'm so transparent and honest with the audience, and it's been—I think with great humility—I say the success of the program because we are that honest. I thought the same thing, and I don't-I don't-and-and-and I just . . . I don't want to say anything bad about Dr. Fauci, because he is the voice of it, and he . . . but is he—and I ask you, Dr. Greer, because you know this, and to your point—I just felt he was, like, so negative and so overdramatizing it that I feared that he's scaring people.

DR. GREER: Here's what he's doing: he thinks he's being tough and decisive by saying thethe worst-case scenario. Dr. Fauci is always saying the worst-case scenario, "well we don't know how bad it'll be. This could last for six months." Saying the worst-case scenario is not what a policymaker in front of national TV should say. See, he's a dorky scientist and he's not a-he's not trained for this, and Dr. Burke should be the voice. And, by the way, they brought Dr. Burke on because between you and me they're-they're demoting Fauci for this very reason. So, Dr.-President Trump needs to yank Fauci. He shouldn't be on TV. Get him out of there. He doesn't know how to speak. By saying the worst-case scenario he's doing nothing but scaring the total spineless wusses like Anthony-like, uh, like-like . . . Cuomo and all these people. It's a domino effect. When he speaks, the weasel spineless governors act, and he set up a whole domino effect.

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah. So, you think when Dr. . . . I want to stay on this, and then we'll move to the questions if we may, Sir. Dr. Steven Greer, uh, practicing surgeon pioneering hospital care for the elderly and a Wall Street analyst . . . cause I thought when Dr. Fauci . . . any-like, and he's Italian, so we've gotta give the guy credit, we need all the help we can get as Italian-Americans, you know. So, I'm going like, "hey, it's an Italian guy!" But I didn't see . . . when he stepped up, yes I wanted to hear him say, "thank you, Mr. President." He never said that once. That kinda bothered me a little bit. I wonder if there is a little dissention going on that day.

DR. GREER: Let me tell you-let me tell you, people need to understand Dr. Fauci. He works at the NIH, he's been there way too long, he's 79 years old. The NIH is not this research body that everybody thinks it is. The NIH takes money from your taxpayer, and then doles it out as welfare for Harvard and all these Ivy Leagues.

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah.

DR. GREER: I've done clinical trials, I've done multi _____ trials myself. I know what I'm talking about. No one knows this. So, when you get a "research grant," 60% or more of that is what they call, "overhead." It's pure pork welfare to Harvard or whoever is doing the study.

JOE PISCOPO: Mm-hmm, mm-hmm.

DR. GREER: And-and that-they live on that. The entire budget of Harvard, not just the medical school, the entire budget of Harvard . . . I think it's like 30% of it's like money from the NIH.

JOE PISCOPO: Wow!

DR. GREER: So, Dr. Fauci is a m-Dr. Fauci is a money man. He's been controlling his little fiefdom. It's beyond the scope of this conversation, but the NIH needs to be reformed, okay?

JOE PISCOPO: Oh, man w—

DR. GREER: Oh, yeah.

JOE PISCOPO: Now, well, Dr. Steven Greer fired up this morning on the Piscopo Show. 9:15. Stay with us, a d—

DR. GREER: Do you know why I'm angry? Do you know why I'm angry?

JOE PISCOPO: Why is that, sir?

DR. GREER: They're stopping my-they're stopping the masters.

JOE PISCOPO: Ah, there ya go. I can't believe that, and baseball, too. I'm a baseball guy, what's going on with the baseball? I hear you. Yeah, Dr. Steven H-Dr. Steven Greer. Let me go to Phyllis, if I may, in New York. Phyllis, thank you for calling. Do you have a question for Dr. Greer?

PHYLLIS: Uh, yes. I have a question.

JOE PISCOPO: Okay.

PHYLLIS: Yesterday they announced all the underlying problems that can occur with the elderly or sickly.

JOE PISCOPO: Okay.

PHYLLIS: No, they mentioned Parkinson's. I have Parkinson's.

JOE PISCOPO: Okay.

PHYLLIS: Would you know if that would be in the category underlying problems?

JOE PISCOPO: Okay, Phyllis, thanks for calling. Does Parkinson's . . . that would be an underlying disease for the elderly, correct, Dr. Greer?

DR. GREER: Uh, not as much as others, but Parkinson's does have systemic effects. So, yeah, I mean in general, anyone over 70 or an arbitrary age—pick it—is going to be someone that should take this seriously. I want to emphasize that. There is definitely certain people who should take this very seriously, and if I were Anthony Fauci at age 79 or anyone else of a certain age, or if I just recovered from cancer, I would be at home. I would not be going to sporting events. I would have social distancing, yes. Yes. And-and that's the way you do it.

JOE PISCOPO: Okay.

DR. GREER: But, you've mentioned I'm-I'm this expert in elderly. It just—coincidentally—it just so happens that I treat elderly in nursing homes with a specialty in wounds. So, I go out to bedside and treat bedsores and that sort of things.

JOE PISCOPO: Wow.

DR. GREER: So, I know the nursing homes and and I've been doing that. That clinical trial I mentioned, which I did in 1998 with the government grant, that was me going around to nursing homes. So, that's my background note.

JOE PISCOPO: Wow, and-and this-this virus, Dr. Greer, how does it differ? Your approach to it, how is it different from-from approaching with, like, SARS, for example, or Ebola?

DR. GREER: W-Well, I-I don't know, I-I can tell you how it's being approached now is absolutely unprecedented, okay? Ebola was a much deadlier virus, and much more contagious, and when Obama handled that in 2014, he still let people fly in from Congo, you know? So-So, they didn't do anything for Ebola. Uh, SARS same thing. So-So the reaction now is either finally the correct one . . . all I can tell you is it's completely out of the norm over the last-

modern history, 50 years or whatever. So, is this gonna set horrible precedent every two years, every election cycle that the people in charge are gonna be so scared that they done enough bottled this template and shut down everything?

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah. Yep.

DR. GREER: That's what I'm concerned about. We're gonna see this in two years. In 2022 we're gonna have another viral shutdown, and-and uh . . .

JOE PISCOPO: Well, Dr. Steven Greer, let me go to Rich, if I can. Call me at 877-970-2999. We have doctors-doctor-questions for Dr. Steven Greer if you would. And, uh, Rich, what's your question for the doctor this morning?

RICH: Yeah. Hi, Dr. Greer. Yeah, from what I understand, uh, the Coronavirus . . . this thing is gonna like evaporate once the very, very hot, steamy weather, uh, comes about. I always thought that cold weather killed germs, and, you know, stopped things from festering. So, that's kinda like a contradiction. What do you think about that?

DR. GREER: Well, we don't know that for sure at all. We're guessing. Typically, most Coronaviruses are-are-are more, uh, prevalent in cold weather, season, and that sort of thing. And the reason for that is cold weather is dry. So, your heater and so forth, so the humidity. So, you're, uh, mucus linings in your nose and/or pharynx become more susceptible. I believe it's the main reason you see problem like, uh, nasal colds and so forth in cold weather. And we're guessing that's how this virus behaves, but we don't know. This is a whole new strain. So, it isit's guesswork. That's why they . . . that's why Anthony Fauci when he says, "we don't know, it's a new virus. This could go on for six months!" Well, gee, thanks. It could also go on for two weeks. We don't know.

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah. Dr. Steven Greer with us. Let me go to our dear listener, Viviana, one of our favorite listeners. Viviana, always great to hear from you. Do you have a question for the doctor?

VIVIANA: Yes, I do. Thank you, Dr. Greer. Um, once a substance is contaminated with Coronavirus, I've been told in briefings it, it is active only two to three minutes, but I've read that others say that it can last for two or three hours. What is the truth, and then should we wear masks, or no masks? Thank you so much for this briefing.

DR. GREER: Uh, I'll answer the mask question. The answer to the "how long does this virus last," is I've not heard any credible data from any basic science lab at the CDC actually give that answer. So, I think everything you're hearing is speculation and guesswork. Uh, I don't know the answer that. The right people to tell us that would be Dr. Fauci. That's what he should be talking about, not policy questions, but Dr. Fauci doesn't tell us that. Um, masks. Yes, absolutely wear a mask. I just came to New York, and I saw nobody wearing a mask. The TSA, the people who interact with you at the airport, are not wearing a mask or-or, uh, gloves.

JOE PISCOPO: Wow.

DR. GREER: And they don't have hand sanitizer.

JOE PISCOPO: Wow.

DR. GREER: The government agencies are really dropping the ball here at the TSA. They're not wearing . . . now, why should you wear a mask? Yes, it'll help a little bit with the air particles, even if it's just a run of the mill mask, but it mostly prevents you from touching your face. Because it's impossible to not touch your face. We all do it. So, it helps you p-I always fly—long before Coronavirus—with a mask because it helps you, uh, not touch your face, and . . . so, yes. Wear a mask and wear gloves, uh, especially if you're in New York and you're on the subway and all that sort of stuff.

JOE PISCOPO: Wow. Uh, Dr. Greer, I-I-I don't want to be read, but we'd love to hold you. Can you stay with us just a little-couple more minutes if we can? We'll take a—

DR. GREER: Sure.

JOE PISCOPO: Dr. Steven Greer is with us. He's a surgeon, uh, Wall Street analyst. We're very fortunate to have this bright, bright gentleman with us, Dr. Steven Greer. I see your questions. Hold the phones, we'll go there momentarily. Let's go to Suzy on the roads right now. She's checking out traffic for you at 9:22 right here on AM 970, the Answer.

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JOE PISCOPO: Joe Piscopo on the radio, 9:27. We have our new favorite person, Dr. Steven Greer. This guy is awesome. I gotta tell ya, we-we absolutely love you, Dr. Greer. You gottaand thank you for hangin' in there. I mean here's a practicing surgeon helping out the elderly, a Wall Street analyst, and speaking really from, you know, from his heart. We appreciate you being with us. Can we grab a couple more questions for ya before we let you go, Dr. Greer?

DR. GREER: Sure, you know—

JOE PISCOPO: Thank you, yes sir?

DR. GREER: I-I-I forgot to mention something very important that, uh, that-that's not being mentioned in the media.

JOE PISCOPO: Please.

DR. GREER: The most important agency in the government right now is the FDA. There are drugs to treat this, and they're not talking about it. So, first of all, Gilead has Remdesivir. It's an experimental drug. The FDA could approve it tomorrow, uh, if they wanted to. So, look for that. And there's also . . . I'm not gonna mention the name of it because people will run and go get it. There's another prescription medication already on the market used for a different indication. Um, so . . . now, whether we have those in supply or not depends on whether they're coming from China. That's the other big story here is all of our drugs are coming from China, which is a disgrace. So, after all we-after we lose all these jobs with this pandemic do you know how you get a million of them back? You make everyone in the tri-state area, Bristol Myers Squibb, Pfizer, etcetera, make their drugs in this country.

JOE PISCOPO: Bravo, that's our man right there. God bless you. God bless you, Dr. Greer. I've been sayin' it for six years on the radio: make generic drugs, do something. How do we break that chain from China to make it . . . and where are they making it? In Wuhan, where the virus comes from for crying out loud?! I mean, and how do this—by the way, we'll go to the questions in a second, Dr. Greer, how did that virus get . . . I always said it wasn't just coincidental, you know, cause the President starts goin' against and tariffs against China and then all the sudden this virus surfaces. So, if you're conspiratorial, or neurotic, or suspicious like me of any government, especially Communist government, I'm thinking . . . and, again, let's just say that it just accidentally got out. Why don't they get a handle on that-that province of China where all these diseases are coming from, Sir?

DR. GREER: Um, well that's a good point. This is not unusual. Every single year, the regular influenza starts in China. We then base the vaccine upon that, and then the vaccine leans here. So, it's a cycle. Why it comes from China, uh, a lot of people close together, they interact with animals, I don't exactly know. But this-this coming from China is typical. That's where most of the viruses come from.

JOE PISCOPO: Dr. Steven Greer, let me go to one of our favorite listeners, Judy from Brooklyn. Judy, always great to hear from you. Do you have a question for Dr. Greer?

JUDY: I do. Good morning guys, and great show, Joe, by the way. Thank you, it's a big service that you're doing for all of us with Betsy as well. Dr. Greer, you sound amazing and you have practical ideas and common sense. I love that. So, Dr. Greer, I want to ask you something that I heard, and tell me what you think. Um, I was told that this virus does not like heat, okay, and that's why when people breathe in the cold air it goes . . . the cold air goes into the lungs, it cools the lungs, that's the coolest part of the body, that's why it settles in the lungs. So, they were saying if you feel anything symptoms . . . cause right now, as you say, there are no medications for this. You know your good old-fashioned grandma thing with the inhalation, you blow the water, you put a towel over, and you inhale the steam into the lungs to kind of kill this virus. Which is a practical way of trying to kill it. What do you think?

DR. GREER: Actually, I said there are, indeed. Yes, there are drugs to treat this, um, but . . . uh, unfortunately I hate to poo-poo that, but I don't believe that would help at all. The virus isn't hot or cold. The seasonal effect is due to the cold, dry, impairing our immune system in the nasal mucous membranes and so forth. Um, it's-it's not . . . the virus itself doesn't care about the temperature. Um, so-so that-that's kind of stuff, uh, I don't-I don't think it would help. I'm sorry.

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah. Hey, Doc, what's the drug you're thinking about that they, "oh, they . . ." it is not approved you said, but there is a drug out there. Correct?

DR. GREER: Yep, it's in trials out in, uh . . . the first people out in San Francisco, Washington . . . I forgot where it w-oh-oh, that actually was in Nebraska where they were sending all of these people.

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah.

DR. GREER: So, it's under trials now. This could be the next big news story like this week, next week, is that they approve it. It's made by Gilead, uh, and it's remdesivir, R-E-M-D-I-S-I-V-I-R, and, again, there's two others already sold, and I don't want to say them because it would be irresponsible and a lot of people would be ordering it, and it would take the drug away from the people who need it. But let your doctor know. Say, "hey, doc, isn't there something on the market right now?" And they-they should know.

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah, great-great. So, Dr. Greer, before we let you go we have one more question from, uh, Joe in, uh, Jersey. Joe, you got a question for Dr. Greer?

JOE: Good morning. I'll be very brief cause I know you probably have a lot of calls backed up. I'm extra senior citizen, and my concern is this: before I start rushing to a doctor or a hospital, uh, how high . . . what are the paramount things they talked about was a fever. How high of a fever do I have to be concerned about? 100? 102, 101? I mean, at what point do I-should I try and tough it out myself because if it's just a simple cold or something like that . . .

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah, it's a good question. What do you think, Dr. Greer?

DR. GREER: Well, first of all, avoid hospitals for a whole bunch of reasons. Number one, they don't watch you. They're way overwhelmed. But, much more importantly hospitals are petri dishes. They're—

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah.

DR. GREER: If you want to get an infection, go to a hospital. So, uh, you'll walk out of the hospital sicker than when you went in. So, try to avoid a hospital or an ER, and the fever for this—I've been told—is higher than the normal flu. So, I would say 101 is something you should take seriously, or higher. But it's mostly the symptoms. So, it's not if you're sneezing or up in the upper head . . . if you have a cough, if you have shortness of breath and you're coughing up sputum that's the main thing to look for. So, uh, you could have a fever for a whole bunch of reasons, but if your lungs aren't affected then it's probably not this.

JOE PISCOPO: You know, Dr. Greer, we got more questions. People are emailing, but we're gonna let you go because we appreciate your valuable time, Sir. But the infection, by the way, uh, long-term effects from the Coronavirus. Is it something we should be worried about, Sir?

DR. GREER: You mean like diminished lung capacity afterwards?

JOE PISCOPO: Yes.

DR. GREER: Uh, I-I-we don't know yet. It's too soon, but it's probably like the flu and you'll probably recover. We-We don't know yet. Uh, there are other viruses where you have permanent damage, you know, going back into history to Polio, the Zika damages the nerves, but, uh, we don't know. I tend to doubt it. It's probably like the flu, where your lungs will recover.

JOE PISCOPO: Yeah, yeah. Dr. Steven Greer, you gotta-you gotta come back when you can, Sir. We know how busy you are. Thanks for your help, especially with our elderly, our

population, and we really appreciate you taking the time. Just a great, great time with you, uh, this half-hour, Dr. Greer. God bless, God speed and—

DR. GREER: My please.

JOE PISCOPO: —Yes, Sir. We'll talk soon. Dr. Steven Greer, you know, practicing surgeon pioneering how hospitals care for the elderly. He's working with our elderly, and he's also a Wall Street analyst that we . . . I'll tell you, Frankie, thank you for . . . we gotta bring him back, man. He's speaking the truth. Perfect for our program, and we thank Dr. Greer, and thanks for your questions as well. We're gonna break right now. We're gonna talk to Peter Kelly. You know what, we're gonna get-get a little lighter when we come back after the news, because Peter Kelly is a chef and former Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue.

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