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[Written title: Arak Journal, Assumptions]

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[Music] [Written question: What assumptions did you have about your topic and how did they evolve throughout your research process?]. I guess the primary assumption that I

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had going in was I felt that you know

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the relationship between producer and

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consumer was very one-sided. Like it was

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you know the producer is employing all

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of these tactics and the consumer is

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kind of mindlessly spending all of this

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money. And I see people with hundreds of

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dollars of groceries every shift. And as

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I researched, I realized that you know

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there is some truth to that but the

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relationship is a little more, it's a

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little more mutually beneficial in that

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sense you know. There is this duality

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between producer and consumer. And if I

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hadn't really researched further and

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kind of moved away from my own

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observations I don't think I would have

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ever really grasped that second part of

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it. The latter is so

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essential to my thesis. I guess it ties

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back again into my experience being a

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Filipino. Poverty and food insecurity

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and in my experience of what

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I've seen firsthand and with my

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neighbors in the Philippines, there

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was that high correlation. And then I saw

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that here too in America. But that really

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wasn't satisfying enough answer for me.

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You know one can't just be hungry

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because they're poor. Nor one can can't

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just be poor because they're hungry. I

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really was thinking there must be something

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special about the relationship

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between the two that that makes it so

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pervasive and almost universal. I wasn't

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satisfied with just if then than that.

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And I also really wasn't satisfied with

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the idea that some people assume

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that this is a problem that's cordoned

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off in some far-off corner of the globe.

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It doesn't pertain to us because we are

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an advanced nation, or we are a more rich

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nation. Or it doesn't apply to us because

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our history has been different. Clearly

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after looking at it a little bit after

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researching it, I found that's

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not exactly the case. So really the

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assumption was there must be something

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concrete there. There must be something

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more to it. And I guess I was a bit

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desperate for that because once you find

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a concrete cause you ground the problem

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in something. You put it in the same

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plane as us. And that way if you can give

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a problem a cause you can just then

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afterwards start giving it a solution.

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I was kind of assuming going in that there

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would at least be a little bit of like a

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positive mindset in relation to politics

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and social media. I mean I was kind of

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hoping there'd be something. I know being

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a student I hear a lot you know all

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these negative things that social media

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is doing how it's impacting us all these

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different terrible things that come out

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of social media. And I'm like well maybe

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it does have some benefits. And I was

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kind of hoping going in and I find some.

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And the whole like idea that I had I

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almost had this kind of drive to find

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something that would say look it's not

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you know this terrible object like it's

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actually kind of beneficial. I was

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realizing that my assumption that a lot

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of people don't see it that way was like

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kind of solidified as I was doing

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research which was really interesting.

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I assumed it was a very bipartisan issue.

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I thought the Democrats would probably

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support it a lot more. And then I did my

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research and the first huge bit of

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legislation I found came from Texas.

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Texas in New York actually have the best

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rape kit reform laws in the United

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States. That was fascinating to me and

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then also when I interviewed

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Representative Paul Baumbach, who is a

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Democrat, he talked to me about how

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everyone in our legislature had worked

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together on a budget bill for this in

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Delaware. How it wasn't that divided of

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an issue. I had just hated that I

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assumed that about... That because of

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their political affiliation they could

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not be as worried about this as I am. And

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as soon as I went in my research

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that changed.

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