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Free COVID Tests: <https://www.covidtests.gov/> 1-800-232-0233

Free COVID Tests Article: <https://t.co/UYo80lhZMh>

COVID Drugs Article: <https://t.co/o5eCwy3Q9X>

CostPlusDrugs: <https://t.co/LYIIV9Pqzd>

Cost Plus Drugs Article: <https://t.co/mVHhgmki1g>

SCOTUS Vacancy Article: <https://t.co/E5V51FxU9n>

SCOTUS Candidates Article: https://t.co/vlh0WbWVL_a

Surgical Robot Tweet: https://twitter.com/Metro_Tech/status/1486676416204873729

Surgical Robot Article: <https://t.co/Tp3JvAEF0L>

CTC Employment Thread: <https://twitter.com/YangDailyCast/status/1486936742024278016>

CTC Employment Study: <https://t.co/pa9t0Hpd26>

Infant Brains Tweet: <https://t.co/jwUzQHFG4o>

Infant Brains Article: <https://t.co/jwUzQHFG4o>

Infant Brains Study: <https://www.pnas.org/content/119/5/e2115649119>

Volunteer Meeting: <https://t.co/ZPOoJBR11t>

Recent Events Links

YangDaily Patreon: <https://www.patreon.com/YangDaily>

BailoutThePeople Resource Hub: BailoutThePeople.com

Contact any of Your Representatives: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

Contact your Senator: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

Fax your Senators: <https://t.co/fLW3KePepp?amp=1>

Fax your House Representatives: <https://t.co/c9BdlI1S4L?amp=1>

CTC Petition from IM: <https://t.co/biN6Sy98vr?amp=1>

CTC Petition from Mea: <https://t.co/6kCflSuWM0?amp=1>

Movement Links

YangDaily Patreon: <https://www.patreon.com/YangDaily>

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Send to your Mayor to Join MGI: info@mayorsforagi.org

Contact any of your representatives: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

Contact your Senator: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

Fax your Senators: <https://t.co/fLW3KePepp?amp=1>

Fax your House Representatives: <https://t.co/c9BdlI1S4L?amp=1>

Volunteer with MATH Movement:

<https://twitter.com/YangDailyCast/status/1341567237371568128>

Volunteer with Humanity Forward: <https://t.co/XIsQMIDOGS?amp=1>

Income Movement Volunteer Signup: <https://t.co/Hjg6A7umYF?amp=1>

Income Movement Volunteer Portal: <https://t.co/ExdZFGgITR?amp=1>

Sign onto the Humanity Organizing Corps!: <https://t.co/NPLDPm8RyR?amp=1>

UBI Caucus Candidate Questionnaire: <https://t.co/AlmMWbXA4N?amp=1>

Guide to stickers, flyers, cards, banners, buttons, signs, and more:

<https://yangprints.com/>

<https://t.co/wGL8ylGpQa?amp=1>

Door Hangers: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BzSTM9RyEDN6RR-u_IBm3YjibZw7tBqu/view

Sign the Petitions!

CTC Petition from IM: <https://t.co/biN6Sy98vr?amp=1>

CTC Petition from Mea: <https://t.co/6kCflSuWM0?amp=1>

RepresentUs Anti-Corruption Act Peitition: <https://act.represent.us/sign/what-anti-corruption-act/>

RepresentUs RCV Petition: <https://t.co/nr7RoLtgBH?amp=1>

RCV Petition: <https://sign.voterchoice2020.org/>

FfH UBI Petition: <https://fundforhumanity.org/petition/>

WA UBI Letter/Petition: <https://twitter.com/openletterbot/status/1328074085230809089>

WA UBI Letter/Petition: Text "Sign PCCEWN" to 50409

Peoples' Stimulus Petition: <https://t.co/gF0xJm3VI8?amp=1>

Trump UBI Petition: <https://t.co/jTUsfEESkM?amp=1>

DNC EUBI Petition: <https://t.co/rGldUljr8?amp=1>

McConnell/Schumer Peoples' Stimulus Petition: <https://t.co/gF0xJm3VI8?amp=1>

Tim Ryan's BI Petition: <https://t.co/bZkEMnLOwg?amp=1>

List of Congresspeople Supporting Basic Income:

<https://twitter.com/i/lists/1254888925916782594>

Twitter Handles of All Senators: <https://twitter.com/ZarMarquez/status/1249411690350784513>

Schumer/McConnell UBI Petition: <https://t.co/TKxIjp3cEM?amp=1>

UBI Petition to White House: <https://t.co/xw3kdgBigf?amp=1>

Change.org UBI Petition: <https://t.co/pHrylfMcJm?amp=1>

Scott's Pre-Baked UBI Letter: Text "sign UBI" to "50409" or @ResistBot

Previous UBI Pre-Baked Letter: Text "sign OTBAXN" to "50409" or @ResistBot

IM's Letter to Congress: <https://t.co/pmSwwGFzCx?amp=1>

My Own Template Letter You Can Use: <https://t.co/BdzmrUnCDv?amp=1>

Poor Peoples' Police Petition: <https://t.co/BeThFhHtUj?amp=1>

Murder Charges and Anti-Choke Law Petition: <http://chnng.it/mQG8M67GXp>

Anti-Brutality Policies Petition: <https://t.co/SbyWdzKojF?amp=1>

Murder Charge Petition: <https://t.co/nP49ZOA1GE?amp=1>

Defund Police Petition: <https://t.co/5C0SQFpZjy?amp=1>

Donate to the Cause!

Have Amazon Donate to Humanity Forward When You Shop: <https://t.co/keu2JhOtCg?amp=1>

Humanity Forward Donation Link: <https://t.co/CAyumCtJVE?amp=1>

Humanity Forward Fund: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2ForHumanity>

Donate by Buying Merch!

Forward Party Store: <https://shop.forwardparty.com/>

Dani's Forward Party Store: <https://t.co/hAhxhfKwMF?amp=1>

Rep the Gang:

<https://shop.yang2020.com/collections/artist-collaborations>

<https://yanggangpinkhat.com/>

YangYangGangGang Merch: <https://www.yangyangganggang.com/>

Original YangGang Pink Hat: <https://yanggangpinkhat.com/>

Donate Merch to other YangGang: <https://yangswagangels.com/>

Stay Connected!

Forward Party Website: <https://www.forwardparty.com/>

FP Twitter: https://twitter.com/Fwd_Party

RepresentUs Website: <https://represent.us/>

Mayors for Guaranteed Income Website: <https://www.mayorsforagi.org/who>

MGI Mayors List: <https://twitter.com/i/lists/1277639894031048709/members>

Scott Santens' Website: <https://www.scottsantens.com/>

Scott's Discord: <https://t.co/TOVb5KD3QU?amp=1>

Scott's Newsletter: <https://t.co/kt9ennSKcN?amp=1>

Scott's YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqnjxh343MA6i19crvOaZlq>

Humanity Forward Website: <https://movehumanityforward.com/>

Humanity Forward Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HumanityForward>

HumanityFirst Discord: <https://t.co/5czsLScuy4?amp=1>

Income Movement Website: <https://www.incomemovement.com/>

Economic Security Project: <https://www.economicsecurityproject.org/>

Basic Income March Website: <https://t.co/IXLn58scDI?amp=1>

YangGang Media Hub: <https://accordion-fish-cznw.squarespace.com/>

YangGang Hub on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HumanityForYang>

UBI Caucus Discord: <https://t.co/l6rbrzKdcw?amp=1>

People's Party Website: <https://t.co/yh3HnN3U2W?amp=1>

PP Twitter: https://twitter.com/PeoplesParty_US

Get Help!

IM Aid Database: <https://t.co/ixtzMSS0b4?amp=1>

Mission Asset Emergency Grants/Loans: <https://t.co/ksX0ano02n?amp=1>

United Way COVID Relief Fund: <https://www.unitedway.org/recovery/covid19> Call: 211

Get Money to Donate!

Creative Donating Resources Thread:

<https://twitter.com/YangDailyCast/status/1223483328512196609>

Aspiration Bank Referral:

<https://twitter.com/scottasantens/status/1248666389289844739>

YangGang Robinhood referral links to get up to \$500 in free stock:

<https://t.co/3MCgLfKzn?amp=1>

Submit your Robinhood referral link here to earn more: <https://t.co/M3SUjYsLDM?amp=1>

Make a SoFi bank account using a YangGang referral link and invite others for \$25 each:

<https://twitter.com/scottasantens/status/1204157548494032902>

Download the UBDIncome app and earn money for your data:

<https://twitter.com/UBDIncome>

Episode 475 Script

Welcome back to Yang Daily! I'll be your host, Alex Chaney, bringin' you all the Yang news you need to live your life right. Finally back! Did ya miss me? ...Are you there? Well, hopefully someone is. Sorry for the wait. It's not ideal for me either. In fact, I'm in quite the scramble for footing. But, I found some time and there's plenty to talk about, so let's get to it.

Shout-out to our Tier 3 Patrons, Shae Meehan and Nathan Stankowski, as well as all our other Patrons! You keep us all informed and engaged. If anyone out there wants to join these advocates of Humanity First and independent journalism, head over to Patreon.com/YangDaily. It would only take a couple bucks a month from each listener to keep this podcast and community going and growing! On to the news!

-The government, over 2 years into the pandemic, is finally making COVID tests freely available. You can now order up to 4 free tests per household through COVIDTests.gov, or at the phone number in the links... Just in time!

-The FDA has also revoked emergency authorization for COVID monoclonal antibody drugs, from Regeneron and Eli Lilly, because the drug-makers themselves say the drugs don't work against Omicron, which now accounts for 99% of U.S. infections. At the same time, the FDA has expanded Remdesivir's approved use to include adults and children who face a high risk of hospitalization.

-Speaking of drugs, Yang linked a new venture by entrepreneur Mark Cuban, which could be life-changing for a lot of people. He's launched a drug retail website that claims to sell generic drugs at just a 15% markup, plus shipping. This is remarkable, considering some of these drugs are life-saving, and are sold elsewhere for markups that can exceed 10k%! This is tackling perhaps the most egregious example of the economy's disregard for human life, and a prime motivator for the universal healthcare movement.

Disclaimer: I have not used the site. I have not vetted the site. I do not use prescription drugs. I'm just passing it on for those who need it to be aware of its existence. That said, I'd imagine that it's pretty legit, coming from a name as big as Cuban, and there are a lot of happy reviews everywhere the topic arises. Definitely worth a look.

-As you've probably heard, we already have another Supreme Court Justice replacement drama extravaganza on our hands. Justice Breyer has announced his retirement, which will happen in time for Democrats to rush through a nomination process, similar to how the GOP did last time. Breyer is, as you might guess, a more liberal-leaning Justice, so this will not reduce the conservative super-majority on the bench, only temporarily prevent it from getting worse.

Biden has vowed to nominate an African American woman, which is, of course, causing controversy. Is that discrimination? Yes. Is it bad? Not in my opinion. I think it's a matter of perspective. Some people look at it as a bunch of people being denied the opportunity, or that we might not get the most qualified judge. But, let's be real here. This isn't the Olympics. It's not the best judges in the world that get nominated, regardless of how many races you include in the list, nor is it an Olympic-level skill ceiling of a job. There are plenty of judges meeting Biden's criteria that are every bit as qualified as any others and it would be good to have the bench at least loosely represent the population of the country.

As much as we like to think race and gender shouldn't matter, they do. Just have a look at historical discrimination in the courtroom, both by juries and judges. There's a orders of magnitude more potential harm from the discrimination that can happen in the Supreme Court

as a result of not having a representative sample of the population on the bench than the inconsequential harm of Biden's discrimination in his Justice selection. That's how I see it, anyway. You're free to disagree. All I expect is that everyone have sound, logical reasons for their position. You can check out Biden's likely picks in the article below.

-A robot, named the Smart Tissue Autonomous Robot, or STAR, has officially conducted the world's first successful, keyhole surgery, on a live specimen, with zero human assistance. It did so 4 times, and better than a human can manage, according to Dr. Krieger, a professor of mechanical engineering at Johns Hopkins. The procedure requires extreme precision, which, of course, is the robot's specialty. It's a step toward a future where robots may perform most surgery, with better and more consistent outcomes, and relieving surgeon shortages, though it's an open question how much human supervision will be required, in case something were to go wrong. Robots are great at precision but not so much at adaptation, afterall.

-The Social Policy Institute has put together another study, including the most recent Household Pulse Survey data, regarding the effects of the improved Child Tax Credit. We've reviewed a number of these before, and this one is only further corroborating evidence, so I won't dig too into the details, but: The study shows that, contrary to the opposition's faith-based mythology, recipients of the CTC tended to be employed at *higher* rates than non-recipients, and that employment was stable for both groups. This matches all other data for unconditional, or less-conditional, cash-grants. The money helps people access work, as well as raising general quality of life.

The survey also asks those who are unemployed *why* they are unemployed. Only 8% said it was because they didn't want the available jobs, which obviously runs counter to the laziness myth. 26% cited childcare, which dropped to 20% after the CTC was implemented. About 16% was job loss from COVID. Just a few percent was from illness or fear of COVID. And the biggest category was other, suggesting some more options need to be added. I mostly mention it to point out that lack of interest in a job is a very small factor. Though, it was also broken down by income level, which showed that higher incomes led to higher rates of declining undesirable work, which is something to maximize.

If only politics were based on empirical data, am I right? I remember when I got started on this, thinking that if we could just get the data out that it would change peoples' minds, back before I learned how easily people dismiss facts that are contrary to their chosen belief. **Sigh** Was I ever that young? Still, data does have an impact, if much smaller than it should. So spread it around. Minds don't change all at once but you can eat away at the edges of the lies until there's room for the truth to break through.

-In a similar vein, another study, by 6 universities, gave 1k poor mothers, with infants, cash stipends of \$333 a month, for the first year, or a nominal \$20 to a control group. Reportedly, they observed significant higher brain functioning improvement, 1 year later, in the high-cash group infants' EEG scans. I say "reportedly" because I can't actually tell from the study itself. I'm not familiar enough with the statistical analysis to be confident dissecting it and the text is anything but clear, though that result would jive with other similar studies.

While I'm not personally confident enough to use this as a source, maybe some of you can understand it better. I thought I should at least offer it for your attention. The payments will continue until the children are at least 4 years old, and the researchers plan to eventually assess with IQ tests, so perhaps we'll get clearer results then.

-Finally, don't miss the Forward Party volunteers meeting, this Sunday, January 30th, at 4 PM Eastern! Sign up link below, of course.

-And that'll do it for today's Yang Daily! Bookmark and the share Free COVID tests, CostPlusDrugs.com, and the CTC's effect on employment, Flood congress with calls, tweets, faxes, and letters, using the easy volunteer contacts below, If you need help, Consult the Income Movement aid database, the Mission Asset Fund, or United Way. And, don't forget, to Yang Daily.