

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, **organized citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead**

<https://leandroherrero.com/the-missing-word-in-the-famous-margaret-mead-quote/>

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E Archives, written and audio, also exist on the rainbowroundtable website:
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By telephone only: 1-712-432-0900 PIN 666238#
Replay# [good for 1 wk] 1-712-432-0990 PIN 66238#

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5:45 PM Pacific / 8:45 PM Eastern 60-minute conference call with the Collective,
a group of Angelic and Galactic beings, channeled by

To be notified: email AscensionTimes@gmail.com with the message "YES to Abundance!"

III OPENING MEDITATION; HOUSEKEEPING; ACCESS TO PODCAST; MAYAN CALENDAR

A. Opening Meditation: Rainbird – Prayer to the 7 Sacred Directions

B. Mayan Calendar: Rainbird

- **Go to <https://www.spacestationplaza.com>** – to locate specific days & lots more information: on the home page, you can find out what your Mayan signature is; while there, look and see where the wave began: that is the birth wave
- **to learn about the Mayan Calendar, Go to <https://www.spacestationplaza.com>** which will link you further to www.lawoftime.org website for further information.

24th Fri – 13 IMIX – Red Cosmic Dragon – Artist Aspect - completing the wave of Muluc, the moon – a wave of purification. 13 is a transcending tone.
Full moon in Aquarius; also, 13 is a Mother's Day [Sekhmet]
Gifts: being the source of creation, working with that energy; no more illusions about separation, lack of support. Working with clarity of mind
I am guided by the cosmic tone of Life Force [Chicchan]

24th Sat - 1 IK – White Wind – PORTAL DAY – Visionary Aspect
Guidance is to listen to the mind of Spirit: guidance for next 13 days.
Gift is to have the voice of Spirit working through us

25th Sun – 2 AKBAL - Blue Lunar Night
the DAY OUT OF TIME: Mayan calendar works on system of 13 months and 28 days the 366th day of the year falls on Sunday this time -
the duality – 2 – of Akbal – contraction/repulsion; black/white; darkness/light

26th Mon – 3 KAN – Yellow Electric Seed – a healing aspect. Working with openness to life; it's about timing, finding harmony. The energy of the seed comes with us
This day, Sirius rises in the dawn sky and aligns with the Great Central Sun and the Sun beyond the G C Sun. The electric tone is about moving things into life, action . .

27th Tues – 4 CHICCHAN – Red Self-Existing Serpent – Warrior Aspect: remaining open to change. To transmute energy. Carry the instinct to change . . . let go of any issues about the body

28th Wed – 5 CIMI – White Overtone World Bridger – this is a centered movement, works with the completion of 4. Warrior Aspect – linker of worlds – about being a world Bridger, being in a state of grace – building the structure of the new world

29th Thur – 6 MANIK – Blue Rhythmic Hand- Healing Aspect – healing ourselves and others; bringing contentment, peace. Gift is being the healer of human kind – we bring everyone with us as we move earth to heaven

30th Fri – 7 LAMAT - Yellow Resonant Stargate - Visionary Aspect. Illumination of human kind – we have the power to look beyond the gate – 7 is the top of the mtn

www.Spacestationplaza.co Click on the tzolkein – it's on page 2 of the link.
For even more information, SEE ALSO [the Law of Time.org](http://theLawofTime.org)

This is not a 3rd dimensional calendar -

C. Housekeeping: Rain Bird

- Asking to **have more people contribute**, as some of the regular, long-term donors are stressed and stretched: **any and all small amounts are helpful and very welcome.**

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Spring, TX 77389 [& the Thursday call, as well]

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T & R: Their full-time, life-time commitment is to be tuned in to what is really going on behind the artificial world we see around us. They don't ask for anything but they do require food, a home, gas for the car, and access to BBS Radio in order to compile and distribute this information to the world.

- Donations via Paypal button on the **homepage** www.rainbowroundtable.net

FOOD MONEY: VIA PAYPAL OR See the PAGE ON www.rainbowroundtable.net
Rama has a pride of 9 Paschats + 2 inside kitties + 2 HUMANS = 13 in total

BASICS: Food for Paschats, the car, T & R - **\$200 – FOR THIS WEEK**
BILLS: **\$650**

RENT: **BY JULY 31ST: \$1150**

- **Please notify T & R when sending something:** koran999@comcast.net
EVERY \$5 HELPS - ALL GRATEFULLY RECEIVED
PLEASE MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO DONATE THIS MONTH

- **Rama's mailing address** for cheques, money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
PO Box 280
Santa Cruz, NM 87567

- **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**

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- Your donation supports an account set up for Tara & Rama with **Beneficial Farms Community Supported Agriculture in Santa Fe, NM**
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- Please continue to go to www.rainbowroundtable.net and link to their Paypal account: click on the word CHANGE;
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FREEMART: Rama and Tara are being helped by this account: they get their supplements there. **The returns also help www.rainbowroundtable.net**

<https://www.shopfreemart.com/tarram> a/c # 7000

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- Freemart is a private shoppers club; it's **FREE TO JOIN.**

Also, check out the heading called **READ MORE** for the good information it has

D. Access to this week's Podcast

<https://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-july-23-2021>

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HARD NEWS: Rama, Tara [R,T]

Greetings to all! And thanks for being here!

T: Time is definitely flying . . . Yellow Bird sung by Harry Belafonte, a White Knight

- reminder that the vaccine is NOT A VACCINE
- a Borg nanite that hooks you up to the Borg networks
- Reads from an article in which the explanation is included

2021-07-14 The mRNA COVID Vaccine Is Not a Vaccine

SEE BELOW

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/mrna-covid-vaccine-not-vaccine/5734464>

By [Makia Freeman](#)

Global Research, July 14, 2021

T: St Germain: this is so evil, I will intervene – but she doesn't know how it will work

AUDIO: from the Dalai Lama: today



Dalai Lama @DalaiLama [16h](#)

The problems humanity faces today demand a positive mental attitude and a sense of compassion for others. I firmly believe we can solve the majority of our problems by developing a sense of universal responsibility—wanting to do something for others without a selfish motive.

R: today on the way home, asked KOS what are the details of my trust?

KOS: Lord Rama, let's leave this question alone until we meet
Keep that passenger seat cleared of stuff!

R: It's been months and months, he's been told: we're going to see you soon – now this message comes AND from THE KOS!

R: Awaiting further orders – Sir! [to Captain Ashtar]

T: KOS has a starship since 1999, given to him by the Captain – to get around quickly!

T: heard that 90% of water in Iran is used for farming; the temps in Iran have been rising, melting snow packs and drying up rivers. This is a desperate situation . . .

- Iranians at freak-out status due to the droughts

India: People dying in floods of monsoon rains – 54 deaths just in one area; dozens and dozens in the landslides

- Cleveland Indians – now called Cleveland Guardians
- former Michael Milkan charged with racketeering -

CONFERENCE CALL

Ca/Bi: about all the media talking about unvaccinated making others sick – putting us under pressure to get the jab: what’s to stop them from making it mandatory?

T: St Germain said he’d intervene and

a sister of theirs has said that 11,000 people have died from getting a vaccine -

CA/Bi: one of his sisters in TX – whole family got the vaccine

T: one of the family of SO came from Peru to Miami to get the jab – people in South America dying like flies.

- World wide freedom global Demonstration in 180 cities around the world
Children Health Defense site [COULDN’T FIND THE CORRECT SITE FOR THIS]

warning about violence – indicating that some will be infiltrating to

the main thing being complained about is the Empire – people are awake now

RB: shut the door on climate change, on banking,

CDC panel signals for a ?? - and the info is coming from CDC

Ca/MA from Ca: international syndicated to embolden citizens to push back against covid restrictions in their countries

- have already killed 4 – 4.5 billion people on the planet
- Freedoms being addressed: freedom of speech, of movement, of choice, of assembly, of health

T: all of this is honourable – and **yet the people don’t know they’re being lied to**

Ca/Me: talking about the misinformation and lack of info re deaths related to covid

T: the story by the physicist on RT – creation of this in a lab
first created humanized mice

World apart with Oksana Boyko – she is Russian – 3 weeks ago she interviewed the physicist something like Miller is his last name – and this guy nailed the Deep State!

- Talks about mice being humanized and used to make the m RNA virus – and made the ‘virus’ with stuff from the mice

R: sounds like what happened to Professor Nicademus – he came to life when he was in a cage in the lab

Ca/Me: referred to *The Island of Dr Morrow*

R: there are creatures in those labs who look like the creatures in that movie!

Me: and they announce through movies and tv programs – think they’ve absolved themselves of any repercussions because they gave a warning . . .

- referred to Dr Li-ming virologist – left Hong Kong in the middle of the night – about how the whole Wohun lab thing went down

RGM: no more Covid: Bird Flu is back! ! !

Ca/Me: Dr Malone created the mRNA 20 years ago

RGM: and they tried to wipe out Dr Judy Mickovitz
and DR Fauci only cares about fame and fortune

Ca/Me: where was she reading from?

Ca/Pa: about a TV series – kids being made in a lab ½ this and ½ the other thing: a new series

Ca/Me: another

Ca/Ral: with all the people taking shots and still catching the virus even tho they have the shots

T: and people hanging around those who took the shots are getting sick too !

Ca/Ral: the galactics will have to help us

T: dumb, dumb and dumber – the awareness ones through us

Ca/Ral: people were fooled thinking that if they got the shot, they’d be OK

T: when you are working around with suppressed immune system . .

reading from the article: technocratic

robots don’t get sick; people do

Ca/Me: hard for the common man – we see the signs and the markers – and regular people don’t research and have no knowledge base; – can’t imagine their gov’t would do this to us
We’re the angel messengers now! !

T: really glad to see all this information in print – in English
send us the George Noory and all the other folks

RGM: Klaus Schwab is the head of the Economic Forum – mother is a Rothschild

Ca/Me: his visage is not pleasant either . . .

T: once she realized who he is, she talks about Mother taking them off the planet

Ca/Me: pretty much the whole world is corrupt

T: and the US

gonna play Amy tonight[Democracy now]; Winona Leduke about the pipeline in Minnesota

RGM: Tony Podesta now working with CCCP -

- discussion about all the Podestas and all their relations!

Do: Tom Hanks into the whole child trafficking thing – taking pics of children’s shoes for years
Most of the stuff has been taken off the net -

Ca/Pa: there is something that isn’t right with him

T: in the past, the word via Rama was that Tom Hanks was OK

RGM: discussion of actors getting rich and how they did it

- the music industry is also corrupt -
- Discussion of various incidents/people

Ca/Me: description of what she experienced – went to the odd party and got the sense of what things were about – and left! Dark feelings, heavy emotions

B B S RADIO

AUDIO: **THE BIGGER PICTURE** by Patricia Cota-Robles www.eraofpeace.org

VLOG 228 **WHAT DOES RAISING OUR CONSCIOUSNESS MEAN?**

<https://youtu.be/JayBm79gyDU>

AUDIO: **The Ascended Masters Broadcasts**

Archangel Raphael – June 18th 2021: [Listen/download](#)

<https://instantteleseminar.com/Events/126759495>

MOTHER / ALCYONE [M/A]

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One. In the office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame.

Greetings, Children of Ra!

Indeed, Emerald Green Ray, Violet Ray, pouring in right now! The sun is going through its transfiguration; that is a good thing. And the fallen matrix continues to fall.

- Right now, the biggest thing we all could do is to work with the Violet Flame, Emerald Green Ray, White Fire Core of Being with this full moon coming in
- It is a wild time to be alive on this planet. She thanks us for being here. As Kryon says: "old souls": takes one to know one! And this planet's destiny - She has seen these tremendous changes before: it is part of ascension and She talks of, and Ascension is a big deal.
 - It is about love, love pouring in, that we ourselves asked to show up now. As we watch the completion of this cycle, we are all participants in this cosmic story as we have the power to change this right now. Like Patti described and AA Raphael, we have the power to change this now!
- It is humbling to be amongst the presence of such greatness that we all asked to show up now and it is happening!

T: it would be so nice to see it on screen!

M/A: Yes

T: she gets to talk to a lot of people and so does Rama – and so do a lot of us these days and Drumpf raised \$70 million in the last few months and because of the big lie he gets to keep it- no taxes – what’s going on here?

M/A: It is the downfall of this cycle; it has to get to that [things going to Zero] and it is rapidly culminating in the story of completion.

T: there are 400 fires in the interior of BC – WT? -and 80 fires across the whole nation [of the US]

- it was 120* in Lytton – does it have to with the drought being worse than in California?

M/A: many parts of the planet . . . moon rise!

- Right now, it is about the energies coming in; the sun is going through its huge transfiguration. She can say there is a force field around the planet and, at the same time, it’s quite awesome to behold as things shift. The solar flares, the magnetic winds – it is all about transfiguration in the most auspicious ways.
- Yes. All the animals know what is happening with this shift.

- Her wayward children are just that: wayward on the way out!

- The light of 10 trillion suns is pouring in, and The Great Lie is just that: a great lie that holds no power. It is only a twisted version of word magic that is used with discordant sound frequencies – that’s all they got.

- Bird Flu, fake alien invasions: what does it take to raise the consciousness of a planet? In an instant: all of the issues going on at this time have to do with why She chose to show up, as She likes to call it a most auspicious moment in Earth’s destiny

T: it’s Guru Purnima Day

and the moon entered Aquarius – moon is so gorgeous!

[<https://isha.sadhguru.org/ca/en/wisdom/article/why-celebrate-guru-purnima-sadhguru-answers>]

[Why Do We Celebrate Guru Purnima? Sadhguru Answers](#)

M/A: Guru Purnima Day is the day you honour your guru who has brought you to the path of awakening to the mission. And all over India today – in spite of the mud slides and the floods - Lord Shiva, Parvati, Krishna, Vishnu, Rama – they are all here – it’s about the biggest story on earth and it is not the Q Anon, or the Trump

- it is about us taking our power back with Love: that is the biggest story.
- Race, dignity, respect – It’s like His Holiness Koon Dune said: selfless service is the greatest act we can commit to with the consciousness of ‘what can I do today to change this planet for the better?’
- Might sound idealistic like Clark Kent going to play at the Daily Planet and Superman shows up in many ways

T: says Tom Hanks has shown up in the news . . .

M/A: and so many story, so many pieces to this – we all have no idea what it’s like to be approached by the MIB and get offered a deal we can’t refuse. We know nothing to speak of Tom Hanks other than to say all the dirty laundry is going to come out in the

wash. Can't wash the stains away – this old concept that got us in the virtual tape loop when Enki and Enlil, Nin Hertzog, Annu decided to play masters of the Universe, and splice and dice DNA, RNA – funny, these words, these letters

T: we got Rain! What an amazing thing!

M/A: Rain and the moon – there's going to be a moon bow!

Yes, it is time for a shift in awareness - so many pieces to this about what we all volunteered to do to come int and do to wake up humanity.

- Hmm - She can say with great certainty . . all the criminal actions going on with the old paradigm are just that: futile attempts to keep the fallen matrix going.
 - They got nothing except fear: we got Love!
- It [Love] is much more powerful than hate and death; Love is eternal and, right at this time, all the old issues at hand are coming up: greed does not help the situation; squandering the abundance does not solve any issues.
 - It might get you a gold lined coffin: where does it take you? Annubis still shows up to take you across the River Styx to meet up with Lady Master Ma'at and we figure out the rest of the story with the thing called the scales of justice.
- Right now, that story about justice is in that higher realm of Lady Master Ma'at and the end of this cycle. As She has said: She comes at the beginning and the end of a cycle to equalize the playing field
 - They – the dark side - have had quite enough and they want more: there is no where to go except up, and they know it. It is an ever losing battle for them – that's why the Borg nanites ain't working, so maybe the Bird flu will work this time?

T: Tara describes the situation - Now what?

M/A: What she can tell us – take some Aswaganda and Aruyvedic herb that fixes everything in the body – just like ginseng

T: that depends on how old it is . . .

They have a lot of that, she hope

M/A: Everything is coming to a climax this moment which is why we feel like we are on a merry-go-round and the guy with the brake can't stop the brake, so we may have to put our feet out and slow it down – and we're not gonna lose our foot –

- it's like all the folks have spoken of lately: we have the quantum field in our favour; send more love, even if it looks like the last day in Mordor – send more love and good vibrations and She can say that in of itself changes the energy – and be positive

T: She is seeing it: they are going after a whole bunch of stuff, bunch of folks – dancing around the edges – it's pouncing time soon

M/A: the legions of Doom are trying to bale themselves out and there is nowhere to go

- and the next step is we gonna watch it live and in living colour from their home world, called Dracos where these folks . . .
- Send more love because they made this choice when we began this story to complete this cycle of ingy/yang so to call it – can't have one without the other in this universe. It's part of what we asked for to get to that level –

- She can just say: ride the waves as we enter this Day Out of time, as we approach the Lions Gate, they re here with the Captain and the Admiral and Lord Maitraya and Lord Michael and Metatron and planetary Prince, Lord Michael

T: Is Tom Barack going to go to jail now

M/A: got out on bail on \$10 million dollars

T: describes the amount of \$ involved

M/A: they let him out on bail yet Ms Maxwell who holds the keys to this tainted empire – won't let

T: She reads the rap sheet – Tom needs \$2.5 million to get out [1/10th of what they have] Tom Barack had connections with senior leaders – she reads them out

M/A: And this guy is a major flight risk! It's an interesting dance: Ms Maxwell holds the tainted keys to this empire - the sexual proclivities of these life forms - after all it's never about sex; it's not about money – it's about power – and power without Love will take you out Cannot co-exist in a polar universe without the process of what you dish out, you're gonna eat

Gotta watch Her words – tongue is getting loose!

Both: Kadoish, Kadoish, Kadoish, Adonai Sabeoth

M/A: Watch this Lion's Gate: most unique moment at this time as we go through The Day Out of Time into the Lion's Gate

T: it begins tonight and Aug 8 is the fullness – we're in the leonine time now; the sun/leonine energy

M/A: Magic is afoot - remember who we are!

Rama Returns: went to Lady Master Athena's ship and had some work done on his arm, shoulder which is pulsating – somewhat better, yes!

- One of the joy doctors told her that there is much excitement among the various crews on the various ships as the time is now . . .

T: the whole world is ready for a change – and some of these characters don't want to quit – and she reads a whole list of names – Trump administration members named for indictments

- and the Justice Dept dropped all the criminal cases of M. Flynn – what to say?

R: T hat even though the corporate talking heads saying this stuff doesn't hold a candle to what's coming in. Michael Flynn is an agent of Mr Erdogan in Turkey who is not exactly on the right page because he wants to see a holy war in the Middle East!

T: go fight it by yourself, dear!

R: No nukes!

DEMOCRACY NOW – some things we gotta hear! Remain neutral as we work with these energies

R: it is a challenge to listen to this stuff and not have our ire raised: this is where the wisdom of the Dalai Lama comes in!

2021-07-23

DEMOCRACY NOW – HEADLINES – JULY 23, 2021

- 2021-07-23** **"COVID Games" Begin in a Fearful Japan as Olympic Committee Prioritizes "Profits Over All Else"**
- 2021-07-23** **Just Out of Jail, Winona LaDuke Decries Militarized Crackdown on Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Protests**
- 2021-07-23** **Rev. Liz Theoharis of Poor People's Campaign Arrested in Protest over Voting Rights & Infrastructure**
- 2021-07-23** ~348~ **This New Form of Farming Could Save Us From Ourselves**

Watch the full episode on the PortableTV App: <https://www.portable.tv/videos/future...>



Lee Camp looks into a solution to humanity's widespread destruction of agricultural land. Hydroponic farming technologies offer society the ability to feed everyone using less land and water. The corporate world is always looking for ways to ruin anything good, but barring their interference these technologies could improve billions of lives. Vertical, hydroponic farming is an efficient way for humanity to move forward on feeding itself.

Also in this show: Lee Camp reports on the state of Chinese government, the incoming foreclosure crisis here in the US, Joe Biden's continued march to climate catastrophe, and more. Video game industry workers have a problem with abusive labor practices.

Anders Lee and Lee Camp investigate how the billion dollar industry is taking advantage of workers through forced overtime, scarce job security, schemes to pay low wages, and union busting efforts.

Naomi Karavani joins Lee Camp to cover how the free market for public data exposed a priest, the reasons for the Frito-Lay strike, and more.

Future Of Food

PortableTV App: Lee Camp on an ecologically greener way of feeding humanity, the foreclosure crisis, & more. Anders Lee reports on abusive labor practices in the video game industry. Naomi Karavani on a priest's scandal, & more.

Audio: **Keiser Report Once discredited, limited everywhere (E1726)** **2021-07-23**

VIDEO: <https://www.rt.com/shows/keiser-report/529833-china-social-credit-score/>

PODCAST: <https://soundcloud.com/rttv/keiser-report-once-discredited-limited-everywhere>

In this episode of the *Keiser Report*, Max and Stacy look at the White House calls for limiting social media access across all platforms for those discredited on one. They look back to an episode of the Keiser Report from two years earlier in which they had predicted that China's 'social credit score' would come to America. In the second half, Max continues his conversation with Gerald Celente of TrendsResearch.com

about the China-US relationship and how that might impact both the dollar and the global economy.



CLOSING: Rainbird

Rama's Final Choices:

2021-12-03 A Message of Sanity - Alan Watts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5aSTGgs40M>

This video contains excerpts from one of alan watt's last lectures shot in 1971.

Some beautiful music -

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2021-07-14 The mRNA COVID Vaccine Is Not a Vaccine

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/mrna-covid-vaccine-not-vaccine/5734464>

By [Makia Freeman](#)

Global Research, July 14, 2021

Region: [USA](#)

Theme: [Science and Medicine](#)



First posted by Global Research on January 15, 2021

*It's NOT a vaccine. The mRNA COVID vaccine now being militarily deployed in many nations around the world, is NOT a vaccine. I repeat: it is not a vaccine. It is many things indeed, but a vaccine is not one of them. We have to awaken to the fact that the COVID scamdemic has rapidly accelerated the technocratic and transhumanistic aspects of the New World Order (NWO) to the point where people are blindly lining up to get injected with a "treatment" which is also a **chemical device, an operating system, a synthetic pathogen and chemical pathogen production device.** As covered in [previous articles](#), this new COVID vax is a completely new kind of technology, potentially even more dangerous than your average toxic vaccine. In this article, we will explore in more depth what this **mRNA vaccine** is.*

Doctors David Martin and Judy Mikovits Expose How So-Called COVID Vaccine is Not a Vaccine

Listen to this [short excerpt](#) featuring doctors David Martin and Judy Mikovits (who have both been very outspoken thus far in exposing the COVID plandemic) who are speaking with Robert Kennedy Jr. and lawyer Rocco Galati, who is representing a Canadian freedom group suing the government for the entire COVID scam. David Martin makes some extremely important points about how we can't accurately label the device Moderna and Pfizer are pushing as a vaccine, because both medically and legally, is not a vaccine:

"This is not a vaccine ... using the term vaccine to sneak this thing under public health exemptions ... This is a mRNA packaged in a fat envelope that is delivered to a cell. It is a medical device designed to stimulate the human cell into becoming a pathogen

creator. It is not a vaccine! Vaccines actually are a legally defined term ... under public health law ... under CDC and FDA standards, and a vaccine specifically has to stimulate both an immunity within the person receiving it, but it also has to disrupt transmission ... They have been abundantly clear in saying that the mRNA strand that is going into the cell is not to stop transmission. It is a treatment. But if it was discussed as a treatment, it would not get the sympathetic ear of public health authorities, because then people would say "What other treatments are there?"

The use of the term vaccine is unconscionable ... because it actually is the sucker punch to open and free discourse ... Moderna was started as a chemotherapy company for cancer, not a vaccine manufacturer for SARS ... if we said we're going to give people prophylactic chemo for the cancer they don't have, you'd be laughed out of a room, because it's a stupid idea. That's exactly what this is! This is a mechanical device, in the form of a very small packet of technology, that is being inserted into the human system to activate the cell to become a pathogen manufacturing site.

The only reason why the term [vaccine] is being used is to abuse the 1905 Jacobsen case that has been misrepresented since it was written. If we were honest with this, we would actually call it what it is: it is a chemical pathogen device, that is actually meant to unleash a chemical pathogen production action within the cell. It is a medical device, not a drug, because it meets the CDRH [Center for Devices and Radiological Health] definition of a device.

It is made to make you sick ... 80% of the people who are exposed to allegedly the virus [SARS-Cov-2] have no symptoms at all ... 80% of people who get this injected into them have a clinical adverse event. You are getting injected with a chemical substance to induce illness, not to induce a[n] immuno-transmissible response. In other words, nothing about this is going to stop you transmitting anything. This is about getting you sick, and having your own cells be the thing that get you sick."

Judy Mikovits also chips in with this:

"It's a synthetic pathogen. They've literally injected this pathogenic part of the virus into every cell of the body ... it can actually directly cause multiple sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease, Alzheimer's disease ... it can cause accelerated cancer ... that's what the expression of that piece of virus ... has been known to do for decades."

The mRNA vaccine operating system "software of life". Image credit: Moderna

COVID Vaccine is an Operating System, Says Moderna

The COVID mRNA Vaccine is an operating system which can program your DNA, and therefore program you, at your core essential blueprint level. Is this an exaggeration? No it's not. Moderna states on their website that their mRNA technology platform is a "software of life" and "functions very much like an operating system on a computer." This is straight from their [website](#):

"It is designed so that it can plug and play interchangeably with different programs. In our case, the "program" or "app" is our mRNA drug – the unique mRNA sequence that codes for a protein."

The Game Plan: Making Every Human into a Digital Node on the Control Grid

We are fast moving into the world of **transhumanism**, where our natural biological bodies are hijacked and infiltrated with synthetic parts, starting at the nanoparticle level. The NWO controllers want to download some kind of Microsoft office system or software into your body and brain, and hook you up to the JEDI and/or Amazon-CIA cloud, so they can have direct access to your brain. Then, they can roll out "vaccines" which are not vaccines to continually update you, just like computer software gets regular updates. Viruses, real or not, and vaccines, real or not, are just means to achieve this goal.

Turning Humans into Commodities via Social Credit Currency

Alison McDowell sums up the current transhumanistic NWO path of highest probability below, which involves social credit, 5G, the Smart Grid and AI to induce planetary-wide compliance:

"Within the tech-no-logic system, total compliance will be demanded. Approved behavior becomes currency, tokenized on blockchain and monitored by sensors and AI. They are training us for a future where we compete with one another to see who is the best behaved, the most docile. Surviving will mean conforming to the strident terms of psychopathic financial agreements. To obtain the data needed to verify claims embedded in twisted "pay for success" deals, our mother, the earth, must be remade as a geo-fenced digital prison using 5G and satellite constellations. All of your data will be added to your "permanent record" to evaluate your value as human capital for investor portfolios. The billionaires envision a future where freedom is a privilege limited to themselves, their functionaries, and the robots they control. Be assured AI is already keeping tabs, and social credit scoring is well underway."

It is a grim future, however it is not set in stone. I agree wholeheartedly with McDowell that we do NOT have to accept this as our fate or experience such a painful timeline IF we can wake up quickly and change. However, we must first accept this is the probable path we are on. Like it or not, this is the current trajectory. How do we change it? Firstly by looking within. To change ourselves, we must change our inner world and change our perception, and so therefore change our reality:

"This planned future, however, is NOT preordained. Totalitarian transhumanism is not a foregone conclusion. Trudell's remedy? Change our perception of reality through active non-cooperation. Manifest in our hearts, minds, and actions the world we desire. Where they engineer disconnect, RECONNECT with intention; not only with one another, but with ALL our relations and the land and the spiritual beings that exist beyond our senses. We must synchronize to change the vibrational reality, and that power exists within us as children of the earth."

This is not airy-fairy talk, but rather a realization that we are participating in co-creating a nightmare world by allowing our perception to be programmed to bring about the NWO. They are using our energy to do it! To reclaim our sovereignty, we must reclaim our perception by breaking down the programming that was inserted into us.

Final Thoughts: A Technocratic, Transhumanistic Tool

It is vital to know, and to tell others, that the current mRNA COVID vaccine is not a vaccine. This is not just because calling it a vaccine gives Big Pharma legal immunity from damages, but also for all the reasons listed above. These devices are designed to reprogram you at the fundamental level. They are not vaccines, they are not drugs, and in my opinion, they are not treatments or medicine. As scary as these terms are, I would go beyond just calling them chemical devices, operating systems, synthetic pathogens and chemical pathogen production devices, which are already illuminating terms and horrible enough. I would call them **technocratic, transhumanistic tools** to permanently change your genetics and transform you into a synthetic human. They are symbolic of just how swiftly the NWO agenda is being made manifest in our physical reality, and hopefully a wake-up call to everyone to strive harder to stop this dark, nefarious agenda while there is still time.

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Featured image: NOT a Vaccine: the mRNA COVID vax is a chemical pathogen production device and a technocratic, transhumanistic tool to reprogram you. Image credit: Jordan Henderson

Tokyo Olympics Kick Off Amid COVID Surge, Protests; Italy Unveils New Pass for Vaccinated People

As the opening ceremony for the Summer Olympics kicked off in Tokyo today in a mostly empty stadium, COVID-19 cases linked to the games rose to 110. Thirteen athletes are among the positive cases. The majority of Tokyo residents opposed the Olympics going ahead amid a surge of coronavirus infections. We'll have more on this after headlines.

In other coronavirus news, Italy has introduced a "green pass," which restricts entry to stadiums, museums, theaters, indoor restaurants and other social gathering places to only vaccinated people.

Missouri Hospital Worker Warns COVID Surge Will Get Worse; 20% of L.A.'s Cases Are Vaccinated People

Here in the U.S., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Rochelle Walensky warned the country is at another "pivotal moment" in the pandemic, urging unvaccinated people yet again to get inoculated to protect themselves and their communities. Hospitals in areas with the largest spikes in cases are warning things are likely to get much worse. This is Erik Frederick, chief administrative officer at Mercy Hospital in Missouri.

Erik Frederick: "If you are just starting to see this in your community and your vaccination rates are low like ours, you can expect this to go beyond what you saw last year. The Delta variant is much more contagious. It's making people sicker. It's getting into a younger population. There is a lot less mitigation in place than last year."

Meanwhile, in California, Los Angeles officials said 20% of new cases are now being reported in vaccinated people as the Delta variant has taken hold.

In more sports news, the NFL is ramping up pressure on all players to get vaccinated, saying teams will have to forfeit games and players will go unpaid if there is a COVID-19 outbreak among unvaccinated team members.

U.S. Imposes New Cuba Sanctions as 400+ Noted Activists, Political Figures Call for End to Embargo

The Biden administration has imposed new sanctions on Cuba's defense minister and the Interior Ministry, with President Biden warning, "This is just the beginning." The move comes in response to recent anti-government protests denouncing the economic crisis during the pandemic and reports of government repression. People have been scrambling to cope amid shortages of medicine, food and other resources largely due to catastrophic U.S. sanctions. Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez denounced the sanctions as "unfounded and slanderous" and said the U.S. should enforce such measures on itself instead "because of daily acts of police repression and brutality." This comes as over 400 politicians, intellectuals, clergy members, artists, activists and former heads of state are calling on Biden to immediately lift the 243 sanctions the Trump administration imposed on Cuba. The group — which includes former Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Noam Chomsky and Cornel West — printed a full-page ad in today's New York Times headlined "Let Cuba Live."

Rep. Hank Johnson, Prominent Black Voting Rights Advocates Arrested at Pro-Democracy Demonstration

Image Credit: Twitter: @RepHankJohnson

Congressmember and Congressional Black Caucus Whip Hank Johnson was arrested Thursday alongside prominent African American voting rights advocates as they protested ongoing attacks on democracy in front of a Senate building. Harvard professor and former NAACP president Cornell William Brooks, Black Voters Matter co-founder Cliff Albright and Color of Change president Rashad Robinson were also among those arrested. Before their arrest, the men were joined by other activists and Black congressmembers on the steps of the Supreme Court, where

they called for abolishing the filibuster and for senators to pass the For the People Act. This is Rashad Robinson speaking yesterday.

Rashad Robinson: "Don't come to us and ask us for our vote by day and stay silent when they take away our power by night. We will not go back. And I want to say that there were no good old days. There is only a path forward. There is only a path forward with all of us being able to be heard, recognized and visible."

Indian Farmworkers Renew Protests Against Neoliberal Agricultural Reforms

In India, over 200 farmers launched a sit-in and led a protest near the Parliament in New Delhi Thursday marking some eight months of resistance against three pro-corporate agricultural laws enacted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Farmers are continuing to pressure Modi's government to repeal the laws, which deregulate agricultural markets and roll back key labor and income protections. Millions of farmers and opponents of the reforms have staged multiple strikes across India since at least last November. Agriculture is the leading source of income for more than half of India's 1.3 billion population.

South Africa Updates Death Toll from Unrest to at Least 337 People

In South Africa, the death toll in recent anti-government protests has risen to at least 337 people. Thousands of others have been arrested. The demonstrations erupted after former President Jacob Zuma began his 15-month jail sentence for refusing to testify in a corruption probe. They've since focused on grinding poverty and record levels of unemployment, exacerbated by the pandemic.

20 Refugees Likely Dead After Mediterranean Shipwreck

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At least 20 refugees are presumed to have drowned off the coast of Libya in the Mediterranean Sea Wednesday. This week alone, the Libyan Coast Guard has intercepted seven vessels and apprehended hundreds of refugees, including children, as they attempted to reach Europe for safety. Amnesty International reports that in the first half of this year, over 7,000 refugees have been apprehended and forcibly returned to prison camps in Libya. Meanwhile, the number of refugees who have died while attempting to reach European soil by sea has more than doubled compared to the first six months of 2020. So far this year, over 1,100 people have perished.

U.S. Launches Airstrikes in Afghanistan; House Votes to Issue More Special Visas for Afghans

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The Pentagon said it launched overnight airstrikes against Taliban targets in Kandahar, Afghanistan, Thursday. U.S. officials say they will continue to conduct airstrikes until they complete their withdrawal at the end of August, and that most of the recent strikes in Afghanistan came from unmanned drones.

In related news, the U.S. House overwhelmingly passed a bill Thursday to provide 8,000 more special visas for Afghans who worked as interpreters, contractors and security personnel for the U.S. during its occupation. The visas will also cover their families.

Senate Cmte. Votes in Favor of Upping Military Budget by \$25 Billion

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The Senate Armed Services Committee voted to increase the Pentagon budget by \$25 billion above President Biden's request, in a move likely to face opposition from progressive Democrats who are seeking to cut military spending.

Protesters Condemn UAE Plan to Extradite Ex-Guantánamo Prisoner, Demand Justice for All Detainees

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Activists gathered in front of the Cultural Attaché Office for the United Arab Emirates in Washington, D.C., Thursday to protest the planned rendition of former Guantánamo prisoner Ravil Mingazov back to Russia. He is currently being held in a UAE prison after being released from Guantánamo Bay in 2017, where he was held without charge for 15 years. Advocates say 17 other former Guantánamo prisoners are now locked up in the UAE under inhumane conditions. This is Helen Schietinger of Witness Against Torture.

Helen Schietinger: "They've been tortured. These men will live with that for the rest of their lives. We owe them reparations. We need to make sure that they are in good situations, and continue to follow them and support them in attempting to make the rest of their lives fulfilled."

Labor and Healthcare Advocates Call on Biden to Stop Closure of Largest U.S. Generic Drugs Plant

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Forty labor, healthcare and other advocacy groups are calling on President Biden to invoke the Defense Production Act to halt the shutdown of the largest U.S. generic drugs plant at the end of this month. One thousand five hundred people are on the verge of losing their jobs at Viatrix's Mylan Pharmaceuticals plant in West Virginia, which will start outsourcing its manufacturing to India. The groups say the move will leave the U.S. with virtually no domestic production of generic pharmaceuticals, threatening the supply chain for essential drugs.

House Cmte. Considers AOC's Public Banking Proposal to Democratize Financial Services

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The House Committee on Financial Services held one of its first hearings on public banking this week. New York Congressmember Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who last year introduced the Public Banking Act with Congressmember Rashida Tlaib, said public banks would help support local economies and infrastructure, and help combat inequality and structural racism in the banking industry. But most states and cities have to rely on commercial banks because there is no public option. This is Deyanira Del Río from the New Economy Project testifying at Wednesday's hearing.

Deyanira Del Río: "A public bank would be chartered to serve the public good, and it would remove the profit-seeking shareholders from the equation and allow for other benefits other than maximizing profits."

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez: "And a public bank ostensibly wouldn't have, you know, billionaire CEOs that are paid hundreds or thousands times the amount that their lowest employees are made. Is that correct?"

Deyanira Del Río: "Yes, that's certainly our vision for public banking."

UNESCO Refrains from Listing Great Barrier Reef as "In Danger" Despite Major Climate-Induced Damage

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Image Credit: David Gray/Reuters

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee has decided not to designate Australia's Great Barrier Reef as being "in danger." Australia had been feverishly lobbying to avoid the label, which would have meant the site is at risk of losing its World Heritage status. Extreme ocean temperatures due to the climate crisis have caused the reef to degrade, including extensive coral bleaching. UNESCO's decision will be reconsidered in 2022.

2021-07-23 "COVID Games" Begin in a Fearful Japan as Olympic Committee Prioritizes "Profits Over All Else"

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- [Jules Boykoff](#) author and former athlete who represented the U.S. Olympic soccer team.

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As the Summer Olympics begin in Tokyo after the International Olympic Committee pushed forward during a pandemic despite widespread opposition in Japan, we speak with a protester outside the Olympic stadium and former Olympic athlete Jules Boykoff. "The people have been frustrated actually ever since the awarding of the Olympics in 2013," says Satoko Itani, associate professor of sports, gender and sexuality at Kansai University. "The vast majority of Japanese people don't want these games." Boykoff argues the "saga in Tokyo has exposed an International Olympic Committee that openly disrespects the will of locals, that brushes off inconvenient facts from experts ... And the IOC tends to prioritize its profits over all else."

Transcript

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AMY GOODMAN: We begin today's show in Tokyo, Japan, where protesters have gathered outside the opening ceremony of the Summer Olympics. The International Olympic Committee has pushed forward with holding the games during the pandemic despite widespread opposition in Japan. Polls show at least 70% of the population wanted the games canceled or postponed as COVID cases. At least 110 people linked to the games have tested positive for COVID so far.

The opening ceremony is being held in Tokyo's National Stadium, but the 80,000-seat arena, built for this purpose, is largely empty. Fewer than 1,000 VIP guests have been invited to attend. Spectators have also been barred from sporting events throughout the games. The 2020 Olympic Games were originally scheduled to take place a year ago but were postponed due to the pandemic.

We go now directly to the protests just outside Tokyo's National Stadium, where we're joined by Satoko Itani, associate professor of sports, gender and sexuality at Kansai University.

Itani, welcome back to *Democracy Now!* Can you start by just setting the scene for us? Describe where you are and what these protests are about.

SATOKO ITANI: Hi, Amy. Thank you for having me back. I hope you can hear me.

I'm standing right outside of the Olympic Stadium, where the opening ceremonies are happening. And hopefully you can hear the protests as they're happening just right now. And yeah, people — you can see the interview of the people. People are angry and are frustrated. And the opening ceremony is happening despite [inaudible] the rising cases of the COVID. And we are in a forced state of emergency. And the positive rates of the testing, the COVID testing, is above 20%. So, this is a very scary moment.

AMY GOODMAN: Satoko Itani, we're going to come back to you. We're having trouble hearing you because of the chants and the protest right behind you. So, as you relocate yourself, we're going to go right now to Jules Boykoff, author of four books on the Olympics, who's played for the U.S. Olympic soccer team from 1989 to '91. His latest [piece](#) for *The Nation*, with Dave Zirin, is headlined "The Human Costs of the Pandemic Olympics." *L.A. Times* [opinion piece](#) this week is headlined "Tokyo's Olympics have turned nightmarish. L.A., are you watching?"

So, we'll talk about the future games in L.A. But, I mean, what's happening here is truly astounding, Jules. You have Japan itself, even the leadership, opposed, including the prime minister, to these Olympics, and yet you have what we now understand is this large multinational corporation, the International Olympic Committee, that actually can control what prime ministers and governments do and allow to happen. And they've required that these Olympics continue, even if the stadiums are empty.

JULES BOYKOFF: That's exactly right. What we're witnessing right now play out in Tokyo is unparalleled in the political history of the Olympics. And you're pointing the finger in the right direction, when we think about the International Olympic Committee. The saga in Tokyo has exposed an International Olympic Committee that openly disrespects the will of locals, that brushes off inconvenient facts from experts, like medical experts, who have long been saying these games are a terrible idea. And the IOC tends to prioritize its profits over all else.

Meanwhile, the Olympics tend to kneecap democracy, undercut democracy, in ways that you describe, with the very prime minister essentially reduced to a contractual supplicant to the International Olympic Committee, with no power to decide whether to cancel or not. And you're seeing also that everything is very vulnerable to things like COVID-19 and also, I think, climate change. So, when the International Olympic Committee arrives in the host city, it's this parastate-type organization. But what we've seen time and time again, and now in Technicolor in Tokyo, is that it's also a parasite on the host city.

AMY GOODMAN: So, explain all that has taken place — I mean, first of all, people might be surprised these are even called Olympics 2020, when it's 2021 — and all the skirmishes until this point. I mean, this week, the head of the Tokyo Olympics committee said, "At any moment, we can cancel these." But, in fact, that's not true, right?

JULES BOYKOFF: That's correct. And Tokyo 2020 has actually been a cascade of calamities from the beginning. If we go back to 2013, when Tokyo was initially awarded the games by the International Olympic Committee, then-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stood in front of the International Olympic Committee and said that, in Fukushima, things were "under control." This is part of the double lie that's the foundation of the Tokyo Olympics. If you are a self-respecting

biologist or scientist in Fukushima at that time, in 2013, you knew things were very much not under control. After all, the triple-whammy earthquake, tsunami and nuclear meltdown of March 2011 was still playing out in the prefecture. So that was the first lie.

The second lie is that they started to call these Olympics the, quote-unquote, “recovery games,” arguing that by hosting the Olympics, it would actually help Fukushima and the other affected regions recover from the triple-whammy disaster. Well, when Dave Zirin and I went to Fukushima in July 2019 and we talked to journalists, we talked to elected officials, we talked to people on the ground in Fukushima, they said that that recovery games mantra was absolutely annoying and, in fact, offensive to them, because they told us how the cranes and other items that would help them recover in Fukushima were actually being transferred to Tokyo.

And even since then, it’s just been one debacle after another. The costs of the Tokyo Olympics, for example, have skyrocketed. In the bid documents, it was supposed to cost \$7.3 billion. Today it stands closer to \$30 billion, about more than four times the original price tag. You’ve also got the militarization of the public sphere. If you look at the Olympic Stadium, where the activists are coming to us from today, it looks like some sort of demilitarized zone, with huge fences that prevent everyday people from getting even close to the stadium.

And so, what we’ve seen in Tokyo is, in a lot of ways, a nice example, powerful example, and, you know — of what happens with the Olympics when political elites have them come to your city. It disrupts everything. And there are long-term problems that come with it.

AMY GOODMAN: So, we’re going to talk about some of the amazing athletes, some who have pulled out. But before we do that, we’re going to try Satoko Itani again. This is the beauty and power and, you know, who-knows-what-happens nature of live television. But, Satoko Itani, you are right at the protest outside the Olympic Stadium, built for over 70,000 people, but it will be a fraction of that — less than a thousand will be inside, including the first lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden. But talk about why so many are where you are, outside protesting these Olympics. We didn’t hear what you said the first time, though we did hear the chants.

SATOKO ITANI: Hi, Amy. Sorry about that. I hope you can hear me now better.

AMY GOODMAN: Perfectly.

SATOKO ITANI: All right. So, the people have been frustrated actually ever since the awarding of the Olympics in 2013, because it was only two-and-a-half years after the disaster. And since then, with the neoliberal policies, people’s lives are getting harder and harder. And when it comes to the Olympics, it seems like there are endless resource and money that they can pour into.

But also, like the past year, since the beginning of the pandemic, we are told to not go outside, and the restaurants are forced to close. And we are told that we cannot get PCR testing, because it results in false positives, that are not good for controlling the virus. And yet, when you look at the Olympics, you know, the tens of thousands of delegates are coming into Japan, and many of them are not even staying in the protect — following through the quarantine rules. Even Thomas Bach, he went to Hiroshima, only three days — right? — of the quarantine. And the hibakusha have been very angry about this. Like, do not use the Olympics to peacewash the — do not use the Hiroshima to peacewash the Olympics. And also, like, the PCR testing part, if they are going to test the Olympic athletes every day to keep us safe, why they didn’t provide that to the Japanese people? I haven’t gotten even one PCR test over the past year and a half.

AMY GOODMAN: So, Satoko Itani, can you talk about Toyota? Spent a billion dollars to promote the games, now has removed all Olympic-related commercials — meaning commercials that include the Olympics, that are so often played through the games — because of their embarrassment that this is moving forward. And apparently, the head of Toyota said these games shouldn't be moving forward.

SATOKO ITANI: Right. I mean, as you mentioned, the vast majority of Japanese people don't want this games. And people are seriously really concerned about their own lives. And if you look at the sponsors making a lot of money off of these games that people's lives might be at risk, it is a really damaging image, right? So, this is quite historic that the Olympic sponsors thought their association with the Olympics is a negative.

AMY GOODMAN: What are your biggest concerns with the Olympic athletes? I mean, at this point, we see something like over a hundred have tested positive, coming in from all over the world, not just athletes, but staff. And those numbers only increase. A number of other athletes, actually, have just quit, saying they can't deal with the pressure and the isolation. But talk about what people are asking for instead.

SATOKO ITANI: Well, a lot of people that I speak to here, especially the ones protesting, are asking for the cancellation immediately and as soon as possible, because the bubble that they say, you know, isn't working — as you just mentioned, over a hundred cases now. So, athletes and visitors are not protected. And the public of Japanese people here are also not protected.

And what's really concerning is that the number of the new infection is going up quite rapidly, largely due to the Delta variant coming in. But because of the Olympics is happening, the government has been really failed to stop that coming into Japan. So, we are the — sorry, the researchers are warning that there will be over 3,000 cases in Tokyo alone, daily, within maybe a few weeks. And yeah, this is a really, really serious situation. And the hospital is already strained.

AMY GOODMAN: Can you talk about the hospitals, and also marginalized communities, like the LGBTQ+ community, and how they're affected? And how many people are vaccinated? What percentage of the people of Japan have access to vaccines?

SATOKO ITANI: So, we started to hear reports from the hospitals that their beds are starting to fill up, and there are actually thousands of cases of — thousands of people waiting to be hospitalized. This means that their situation, although their condition is worsening fast and they should be hospitalized, but they cannot find the hospital beds to go into. And just about 23% of Japanese people, or the residents of Japan, have been fully vaccinated. So 80% of people are not.

AMY GOODMAN: Which brings us back to Jules Boykoff, with this mass protest happening, even the highest levels of Japanese government not wanting this to go forward, but basically IOC says a deal is a deal. Talk about how much money they make off these Olympics. NBC paid a fortune for running the Olympics over the years. They will broadcast — not clear what they will show of the stadiums, since there are very few people, outside of the athletes performing.

JULES BOYKOFF: That's right. There is a lot of money sloshing through the Olympic system. It just tends to slosh upwards into pockets that are already filled. NBC gives about 40% of the International Olympic Committee's revenues. And overall, in terms of the Olympics, 73% of the revenues for the International Olympic Committee come from broadcaster fees. And I think that helps explain why they're perfectly content to have a made-for-TV event without all those people in the stands. Of course, they'd prefer to have them in the stands, but even if they don't, the

money continues to flow into their coffers. NBC has announced that even though these games are hit with the pandemic and people won't be in the seats, this could well be the most profitable Olympics ever for NBC because of ad sales and other measures.

The corporate sponsors provide another 18% of the revenues for the International Olympic Committee. And I think we're seeing a really interesting divide between the corporate sponsors right now. On one hand, the sort of long-term, worldwide partners that fork over these nine-figure fees to be associated with the five rings, they're basically playing the long game, with the exception of Toyota, which of course has strong base in Japan. The local sponsors, domestic sponsors — by which, by the way, they raised more than \$3 billion from local corporate sponsors in Japan, more than ever before — they're in a much trickier position. And I think that's why you're seeing Toyota basically say out loud that the Olympics have become a toxic property inside of Japan.

So, there's plenty of money to be had. It just tends to shuffle to the International Olympic Committee, to broadcasters, to the corporate partners, as well as to real estate interests in the Olympic city.

AMY GOODMAN: Let's see, I think NBC has paid something like \$7.7 billion to air the Olympics through 2032. Jules Boykoff, I mean, you played in the Olympics years ago. Let's talk about some of the people who have pulled out, like the two-time U.S. Paralympic swimmer Becca Meyers, who's won three gold medals, two silvers and a bronze. But she announced Tuesday she's withdrawn from the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, after being denied an essential medical accommodation. Meyers was born deaf with progressive sight loss due to Usher syndrome. In an emotional [opinion piece](#) for *USA Today*, she wrote, quote, "Since 2017, the [United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee] has approved the use of a personal care assistant (PCA) whom I know and trust to be with me at international swim meets because of my disabilities. But not this year. ... What happens if there is an emergency in the middle of the night? What if we need to be moved from one venue to another quickly? Masks and distancing have made it incredibly difficult for me to make out what people are doing or saying. If I don't have someone I can trust, how can I trust that I will be safe?" Meyers wrote. She spoke on CNN about her decision.

BECCA MEYERS: I'm heartbroken. I can't even put it into words. I haven't been sleeping well. I haven't been eating. It's just tore me apart. Swimming is a part of who I am. It's given me identity as a person. I've always been known as Becca the swimmer, not Becca the deaf-blind person. And now I feel very worthless as a person. And for someone who's trained for five years for this moment, especially an extra year with the pandemic, it just makes it all seem like it was for nothing.

AMY GOODMAN: So, that's Becca Meyers speaking on CNN. She's blind. She cannot hear. She was going with her mother, who has been her personal assistant, but they said no, that there was personal assistants there, something like, for a couple dozen people, only one — something, of course, that would not be adequate for her. So she has pulled out. Jules, can you tell us more? And also, the role of the Paralympics? They're not going to be broadcast by NBC live during this time, is that right?

JULES BOYKOFF: Well, so, first let me just say, Amy, that while I did play soccer for the U-23 national team in the United States, also known as the Olympic team, I did not actually participate in the Olympics. So I just want to be clear about that.

But, you know, the IOC, the International Olympic Committee, has been saying over and over again, as if repeating this mantra could make it true, that the games are supposed to be “safe and secure.” At every turn, they’ve said these games will be safe and secure. Well, if they’re so safe and secure, then why are we seeing all these cases even inside the Olympic bubble? Which, as Itani just pointed out, it’s already been punctured. If the games are so safe and secure, why are athletes being forced to sign a waiver that states that if they die of coronavirus or from heatstroke, that they cannot hold the Olympic organizers liable? If these games are so safe and secure, the why did *The New England Journal of Medicine* come out with an editorial that just excoriated the International Olympic Committee for its preparations for the COVID-19 crisis in Tokyo? They said that they were not putting forth best scientific practices. They don’t even provide masks to the people that are going to Tokyo. So it’s a BYOM situation, a bring-your-own-mask situation.

The International Olympic Committee likes to talk about how athletes are first. That’s one of their mantras. Also same with the International Paralympic Committee. But when you hear the case of Becca Meyers — my goodness, how poignant that is — it’s just so heartbreaking. And it’s hard to take that slogan, “athletes first,” very seriously when you hear that.

And one last point on the athletes, if I may say: A really important study came out recently from Ryerson University that compared the percentage of revenues that Olympians get compared to athletes from other sports, like the National Basketball Association, the National Football League, the English Premier League of football over in the U.K. And what they found in that study was, with those other leagues, those other professional leagues, the athletes took in between 45 and 60% of the revenues. With the Olympics, Olympians only take in 4.1% of the revenues — 4.1% compared to 45 to 60%. So Olympians aren’t even getting a fair share of the Olympic money pie. And that very much has to change.

And one exciting thing is that we’re seeing athletes around the world begin to really come together and organize around these issues and support each other — groups like Global Athlete, an athlete-led group that’s out there fighting for justice, groups like the Athletic Association in track and field, groups like the newly formed International Swimmers’ Alliance. They’re realizing that if athletes want to get more of a fair shake at the games, that they need to come together and organize independent of the Olympic honchos.

AMY GOODMAN: And just to say, the Paralympics actually take place not right now, but from August 24th until September 5th. I want to ask about the Spanish Olympic swimmer Ona Carbonell, who has criticized the Olympic committee for imposing rules that made it nearly impossible for her to continue breastfeeding her child while at the Olympics. On Wednesday, she released a video expressing her disappointment and disillusionment after she decided she cannot bring her breastfeeding son to Tokyo while she competes.

ONA CARBONELL: [translated] So, I had to take a very tough decision, together with my team, who’s been helping me a lot, with my family, because the Japanese government’s impositions are not compatible with my athletic performance and being with my family at the same time.

AMY GOODMAN: Jules Boykoff?

JULES BOYKOFF: Again, another heart-wrenching story that we’re hearing out of the Olympic zone. And basically, she was forced to choose between her family and her Olympic dream. The

International Olympic Committee did loosen its rules, after a lot of pressure from these organized athletes that I was talking about. At the end of June, they said that mothers who were nursing could continue to do so during the Olympics, but under very strict conditions, where the baby would be kept in a hotel far away from the Olympic zone. And the athlete that you were just talking about, Ona Carbonell, said that this would actually be more dangerous. I mean, if she had to travel to a hotel, where the baby would be for 20 days in quarantine, and then travel back into the Olympic Village, that's, again, just not best scientific practices. And I think it just points to the fact that the International Olympic Committee is making athletes take terrible choices out there, very heart-wrenching choices. And I really feel for that athlete, of course, in this situation.

AMY GOODMAN: Finally, Jules Boykoff, the message for Los Angeles? And explain when the Olympics are in Los Angeles and what this means.

JULES BOYKOFF: Los Angeles is slated to host the 2028 Summer Olympics. And they were originally awarded the games in 2017. That's unconventional, such an 11-year lead time. And what we've seen since then is the efflorescence of an anti-Olympics movement here in Los Angeles, where I'm coming to you from, a group called NOlympics LA, that emerged out of the Democratic Socialists of America's Housing and Homelessness Committee. And they've been fighting on the ground since 2017 to raise awareness about the downsides of the Olympics.

People here in Los Angeles who are trying to bring the games, who are going to bring the games, it looks like, to Los Angeles, have long said that costs are not a problem, they're not going to go up. Well, they've already gone up. In the bid, they were \$5.3 billion, and now they've been updated to \$6.9 billion.

But more importantly for the activists here in Los Angeles, they're talking about how the Olympics are stoking gentrification in the city, stoking the displacement of working populations in this town, and also militarizing the public sphere. Los Angeles hosted the 1984 Olympics, that if you look back at media coverage of that time, you'll hear a journalist saying that the real sound of the Olympics was a helicopter blade whirring above. And a lot of the equipment that was purchased for the 1984 Olympics was then turned around and used in the racialized drug war here in Los Angeles, because that's what happens with the Olympics. Because they're such a huge spectacle, they necessitate a massive security infrastructure. Well, they don't put that stuff back in the box and just return to sender. That sticks around and becomes part of normal policing.

So, you're seeing a lot of pushback. And because of the fact, here in Los Angeles, that they were awarded the games 11 years in advance, it's actually a chance for activists to have a little bit more time to organize than is typical around the Olympics. But, you know, Los Angeles should be looking at what's happening in Tokyo and be aware of what could possibly happen here, as well.

AMY GOODMAN: Jules Boykoff, I want to thank you for being with us, author of four books on the Olympics. And, Satoko Itani, associate professor of sports, gender and sexuality at Kansai University, we have 20 seconds. What's the plans for the coming days?

SATOKO ITANI: So, the protesters will continue protesting. And we have to make our voices heard, because these Olympics have shown, even when we are in the global pandemic, and even when the majority of people opposing, our voices cannot be heard and the Olympics must go on. And we have to keep saying no. And hopefully, the future Olympians — NOlympians will address this issue.

AMY GOODMAN: Satoko Itani, speaking to us from outside the Olympic Stadium, where major protests are taking place.

Coming up, Indigenous leader Winona LaDuke and Reverend Liz Theoharis, two women in two different places in the United States, will talk about why they were arrested this week. First we'll go to Minnesota, where Winona LaDuke has just been released from jail. Stay with us.

2021-07-23 Just Out of Jail, Winona LaDuke Decries Militarized Crackdown on Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Protests



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longtime Indigenous activist who has been organizing for years to block the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline.

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Nearly 600 water protectors have been arrested during ongoing protests in Minnesota against the construction of the Enbridge Line 3 tar sands pipeline at the Shell River, which the partially completed pipeline is set to cross in five places. On Monday, authorities arrested Indigenous leader Winona LaDuke and at least six others. She was just released from jail yesterday and joins us after three nights in jail. LaDuke describes how the Canadian multinational corporation Enbridge, which is building the pipeline, has funded more than 40 police squads from around the state to crack down on protests, saying, "It is a civil crisis when a Canadian multinational controls your police force." LaDuke is executive director of Honor the Earth. She says Enbridge's efforts to finish construction come as investors are increasingly pulling out of the fossil fuels sector. "Who wants to have the last tar sands pipeline? It's the end of the party."

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AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!* I'm Amy Goodman.

We look now at the ongoing resistance to construction of the Enbridge Line 3 tar sands pipeline in Minnesota along the Shell River, which the partially completed pipeline is set to cross in five places. Nearly 600 water protectors have been arrested during protests against the pipeline so far.

On Monday, authorities arrested Indigenous leader Winona LaDuke and at least six others. She was just released from jail yesterday and joins us now after three nights in jail. She's executive director of Honor the Earth, her latest book, *To Be a Water Protector*, joining us from her home on the White Earth Reservation in northern Minnesota.

Winona, welcome back to *Democracy Now!* Why were you arrested?

WINONA LADUKE: I was arrested because I wanted to stop Enbridge's Line 3 from crossing the Shell River. I've been appointed guardian *ad litem* for Shell River by the 1855 Treaty Commission and by my tribe. And Enbridge is trying to finish this line. And along with — it's now 600 people have been arrested. But we stood there in front of the police for quite a while with our people and, you know, our horses and our children. And they arrested seven of us.

AMY GOODMAN: Explain who owns Enbridge Line 3 and why you want it shut down.

WINONA LADUKE: Well, Enbridge Line 3 is owned by the Enbridge Corporation, the Canadian multinational that also owns the pipe under the Straits of Mackinac. And, you know, it's a really risky Canadian corporation, 225 subsidiaries, with all the money kept in Canada. And they're shoving this pipeline down our throat.

And about a month ago, the Minnesota DNR, which is probably the most corrupt agency in the state of Minnesota, allocated 5 billion gallons of water to Enbridge in the middle of a drought. They knew about the appropriation request in November. In December, they began under — studying it. And they didn't even notify the tribes until May. And then they issued the permit in June — 5 billion gallons in the worst drought in history. You know, our rivers are down 50%, 75%, and yet this pipeline is marching ahead in the middle of this drought.

And, you know, ironically, you're looking here, and, like, more and more money is being divested from the tar sands. I mean, the Saudi sovereign fund, you know, divested like \$3 billion from the tar sands. And Chevron and a New York pension fund and Royal Dutch Shell, they're all looking at doing this. It's like the last tar sands pipeline, and Enbridge wants to shove it down our throats. And our Anishinaabe people and water protectors have been standing strong. And you've got to say, like, "Who wants to be the last — have the last tar sands pipeline?" It's the end of the party.

But the Enbridge way seems to be to keep pushing ahead. They've — I think it's called regulatory capture, when they take over your regulatory system and your police, because I think, as you know, Amy, the majority of the — Enbridge has been required by law to pay for the police forces in northern Minnesota required to put in their pipeline. And, you know, one has to ask, "If it was such a good idea, why do you need so many police?" But many, many —

AMY GOODMAN: Let's talk about the police. *The Intercept* [reported](#) Thursday that Minnesota police expected the Line 3 pipeline to help boost their budget to fund new weapons. The article reveals that a few weeks before Line 3 was approved for construction, Aitkin County Sheriff's Deputy Aaron Cook bought a new assault rifle that cost \$725. In a November 2020 email, Cook wrote to the gun seller, quote, "Our budget took a hit last week, so that's all we will be ordering for now. ... I'm hoping the pipeline will give us an extra boost to next year's budget, which should make it easy for me to propose an upgrade/trade to your rifles rather than a rebuild of our 8 Bushmasters" — referencing another assault rifle. Your response, Winona?

WINONA LADUKE: That's exactly right. They've been bankrolling the northern police departments. Some of the police departments, like Aitkin County, were saddened by COVID,

because they had to let people out of prison or out of jail there and losing money on their budgets in that dysfunctional system. And so, you know, at this point, Enbridge has been financing all these northern police departments. And so you're seeing 40 different squads show up from counties throughout the state to repress water protectors, who are just trying to protect the water in northern Minnesota, and arrest hundreds of us.

And, you know, it begins — it's a civil crisis when a Canadian multinational controls your police force. You know, I thought the police were supposed to work for the people and not for the Canadian multinational, but that's not what's happening up here. A Canadian multinational has taken our civil rights, clearly, you know, myself, among many, being put in jail. I mean, that's the Enbridge way: control the police of the state of Minnesota and shove your pipeline through. You know, it's so wrong from every aspect.

AMY GOODMAN: Winona, talk about this related to the climate emergency. We're talking to you as there are some 80 massive wildfires burning, something larger than the city of Los Angeles, all through the West — Montana, Oregon, Washington, California. You've got Salt Lake, the Great Salt Lake, at its lowest level ever. You've got the fires raging. In China, you've got this massive flooding in central China, which forced to evacuate hundreds of thousands of people. How does that relate to your arrest?

WINONA LADUKE: Well, you know, Enbridge's Line 3 is the equivalent of adding 50 new coal-fired power plants. You know, you don't get a tiara for putting this one in. And, you know, so what's happening is that every day now you see the haze from the Canadian wildfires. We see our rivers are parched. But yet we see Enbridge and the DNR, Minnesota DNR, guarding hoses as they suck millions of gallons of water out of our river to put in this Canadian tar sands pipeline, in the worst disaster of a drought, you know, and these massive fires that are to the north and west of us. It's really a devastating time for all of us as climate chaos descends upon us. And then, yet you see Governor Walz decide to sell us all out, to sell out the Anishinaabe people and the people of Minnesota, so it could get 23 jobs, at the end of this, 23 jobs from a Canadian multinational. It's really — you know, it's so wrong. It's so wrong.

And the Biden administration is just sitting by and watching it happen. I mean, I'm watching river after river get frac-outs on them in northern Minnesota. These are pristine river systems. You know, I'm watching things get destroyed as Enbridge ravages through our country. And then I'm watching hundreds of people get arrested trying to protect our water and to stop the climate disaster that Enbridge's Line 3 represents.

You know, we're looking for more divestment in that. You know, it's a \$9 billion pipeline right now, the most expensive tar sands pipeline in the world. And as I said, that's like a great gamble at the end of the fossil fuel era, the most expensive tar sands pipeline in the world. And, you know, it's brutal. It's brutal out here. I didn't like my three days in jail, but that's the Enbridge way.

AMY GOODMAN: Talk about what a frac-out is. And have there been leaks?

WINONA LADUKE: You know, this is a new pipeline project going in, but they're crossing like 69 rivers, and 22 of them with this thing called the HDD, which is a super phallic, horrible drill system, the high direction drill — horizontal direction drill. And so, what happens is that they're drilling like underneath the rivers, and they hit an aquifer, and they shoot out into — or they hit a seam that shoots out into the river, in some spring that they didn't know about, and all of a

sudden you've got a bunch of, like, toxic bentonite, all kind of crazy stuff at the bottom of the river.

And, you know, the thing is, is like the Shell River is a pristine river, crossed five times by Enbridge, hit by industrial agriculture like R.D. Offutt. And it has the largest mussel population in the Upper Mississippi River. It has this huge and beautiful mussel river, hence the name Shell River. And those guys don't last through frac-outs, you know? Just the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Interior, you know, all of these agencies are looking aside as Biden seems to approve the tar sands pipeline. And you can't do both.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, that's interesting you mention —

WINONA LADUKE: You can't be a climate president and do this.

AMY GOODMAN: — Department of Interior, because it's a Native American — first Native American secretary of the Department of Interior, Deb Haaland. She actually was at the protest in North Dakota against DAPL. About 200 major activists, celebrities, Democratic donors and environmentalists sent a letter demanding that President Biden stop Enbridge's pipeline project, like he did with Keystone XL, and to firmly establish the principle, they said, that we will move forward toward real climate solutions. But the Biden administration has not done this. Has Deb Haaland weighed in — not only not done this for Enbridge, but not done it for DAPL, where she was there protesting the Dakota Access pipeline?

WINONA LADUKE: Yeah, sadly, Deb Haaland has not stepped up on this. And the Biden administration certainly has chained her to their position. You know, it's tragic. You know, there's no federal environmental impact statement on this project. It wouldn't pass the climate test. It's exactly — it's even bigger than Keystone. So, if Keystone wouldn't pass the climate test, why would this pipeline pass the climate test, let alone the water impact? This is a fifth of the world's water. Enbridge is in the middle of the water wealth of our territory, you know, the heartland of the water. And the Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Interior, no agency has stepped up to protect the waters of the people of Minnesota, the Anishinaabe, trust responsibility, nor any of the waters of this territory.

And, you know, it's so disappointing that the Biden administration is throwing Indigenous people under the bus, the water under the bus — you know, there's no new water — and that everybody is tolerating more and more arrests, as if, you know, that's how it goes these days — we just keep arresting people because we think our project's a great thing. You know, I'm so disappointed in the Biden administration, in Deb Haaland, you know, in every agency. I'm so disappointed that they are destroying our planet so a Canadian multinational can make a buck at the end of the tar sands era.

AMY GOODMAN: Winona LaDuke, I want to thank you for being with us, longtime Anishinaabe activist who's been organizing for years to block the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline, executive director of Honor the Earth. Her latest book, *To Be a Water Protector*.

As we continue with these arrested developments, we'll go to another woman who was arrested this week, in Washington, D.C., the Reverend Liz Theoharis of the Poor People's Campaign. Stay with us.

2021-07-23 Rev. Liz Theoharis of Poor People's Campaign Arrested in Protest over Voting Rights & Infrastructure

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On Monday, more than a hundred women from around the United States were arrested outside the Supreme Court as they marked the 173rd anniversary of the first women's rights convention at Seneca Falls with a protest calling for voting rights and economic justice. Among them, Reverend Liz Theoharis, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign. She has since been released and joins us now, as the Poor People's Campaign prepares to hold a Selma-to-Montgomery-style march next week in Texas, from Georgetown to Austin, to demand Congress protect voting rights. Liz Theoharis is executive director of the Kairos Center at Union Theological Seminary.

Thanks so much for being with us, Reverend Theoharis. Welcome back. Why did you get arrested?

REV. LIZ THEOHARIS: Well, I and nearly a hundred other women got arrested in front of the Supreme Court, in front of the Senate office buildings, because our democracy is in peril. We are living in a moment when 17 states have passed voter restrictions in the past — since 2020, and where, since the 2020, about more than almost 400 voter suppression kind of legislation has been introduced in states. And we see the connection between this attack on voting rights and all of the other issues that impact, especially the 140 million poor and low-income people in this country.

And so, we were there demanding four things. One, to end the filibuster, and not just for voting rights, but for all the things the filibuster is being used to block in this society right now. The

second is to pass all the provisions of the For the People Act. The John Lewis Act is not enough. We need the For the People Act and restoration of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. And then the fourth demand is to raise the minimum wage to a \$15-an-hour minimum wage immediately, because we see this connection between economic justice and voting rights. And so, we were there making sure our voices were heard, standing up for democracy, because we need to do that in this moment.

AMY GOODMAN: What also is your reaction to the Republican senators filibustering the infrastructure act as the country — a whole part of the country burns, and the others are inhaling it as far away here as New York, from Oregon and Washington, these massive fires? The climate crisis is undeniable. That's a part of the infrastructure bill, though they have stripped out as much of the Green New Deal as they can from the bipartisan infrastructure bill. Your response?

REV. LIZ THEOHARIS: So, indeed, we need to get rid of this filibuster so that we can pass a bold and broad infrastructure bill that looks at infrastructure, including climate resilience, including education, including new water systems, that doesn't just put on communities and on municipalities the privatization of these resources. We need a bold infrastructure bill, and we need to stop this moral obstructionism. That's what's going on right now when you have a minority of senators blocking the will of the people.

People across the board, across party lines, across geography, across race, across sexuality and gender, need — need the very things that are in a bold infrastructure bill, and need to expand healthcare and need immigration reform and need so many other things. People are demanding it. And right now we have elected officials that are blocking the needs and the demands of the people, including with this infrastructure bill.

AMY GOODMAN: Reverend Theoharis, you did all of this, these protests this week, just in the wake of your dad dying. Our condolences on the death of your father, Athan Theoharis. So, I wanted to ask you about him. He was a remarkable figure, a prominent historian who exposed FBI misconduct. He wrote several books that detailed how the FBI investigated political opponents, intimidated critics and illegally eavesdropped on activists. He died July 3rd at the age of 84. I wanted to play your dad, Athan Theoharis, speaking in 2008.

ATHAN THEOHARIS: I think the history of the FBI raises very sharply that issue of accountability, and how do we, as we deal with different problems, ensure that the agency does not violate individual rights, or, if we look at the essence of the American constitutional system, accepts the limited role of the government as defined by law. And the history of the FBI suggests that this problem has not been addressed.

AMY GOODMAN: Historian Athan Theoharis. Liz Theoharis, can you talk about your dad's work? He also co-authored a book with your sister, the historian Jeanne Theoharis.

REV. LIZ THEOHARIS: Yes, thanks so much. And thanks for playing that clip. It's so good to hear his voice and his analysis. We surely need it in this moment, when there is an abuse of power going on and when we are rising up to defend democracy, like I and so many people learned from my father.

You know, my father really helped to break open, expose the abuses of the FBI and pave the way for generations of journalists and scholars and activists to both be able to access documents, figure out how to use FOIA to actually look at what the FBI was doing and is still continuing to do, and have a sense of how these federal intelligence agencies, the surveillance that has been going

on for decades in our society, is being used to suppress activism, rather than actually anything that's about defending democracy or making this country any better.

And so, his work lives on in his students, in the activists that continue to defend democracy and stand up for voting rights, that continue to do all the work he was so dedicated to. And I do encourage folks to check out his work — the 23 books he wrote, the guide for how you access your FBI files, and so much of his analysis — that still is so prescient in our society today.

AMY GOODMAN: Interesting that you talk about the FBI surveillance. Are you concerned about Congress putting into place laws, after the bloody insurrection, that ultimately will be used against, well, people like you, the Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis, against Reverend Barber, people — other people protesting, but this being done in the name of stopping an insurrection of Trump supporters?

REV. LIZ THEOHARIS: Yes, indeed. I mean, what we are seeing in states across the country and on a federal level is a whole wave of anti-protest bills that are about targeting folks that are coming forward, not to tear the society down, but for what we're calling them, a moral resurrection. And indeed, right now folks should be very aware of these anti-protest laws and of the way they're being used to deny voting rights, to crack down on protesters that are calling out things like Line 3. Just a whole host of the issues that are on this program, today and every day, are the very things that are under attack, when actually what we need is to defend the democracy and defend our civil liberties, and have the right to say what's not right that's going on, and then to build a movement to do something about it.

AMY GOODMAN: Again, our condolences. And thanks so much for being with us, Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign. I'm Amy Goodman. Stay safe.