

"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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I TO ACCESS THE THREE WEEKLY CALLS via the Internet

A BBS RADIO Go To www.bbsradio.com; click on "64K Listen"

*** Thursday: *A Night at the Round Table* Hosts: Panel Members**
6 pm Pacific / 9 pm Eastern

*** Friday: *Friday Night Hard News* Hosts: Tara & Rama**
6 pm Pacific / 9 pm Eastern

One Hour conference Call: 1-641-741-1704 Access Code: 353 863#

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1:30 pm Pacific / 4:30 pm Eastern

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D Archives for the 3 Programs listed above:

- Go to *BBSRadio.com*; in first column, LHS, **FIND TALK SHOW**
- Enter *Friday Hard News*, press the GO button. You'll be taken directly to **Hard News on Friday**; click on **"Archives"** which takes you to the listing of all program archives, the latest one being at the top.
- You can listen directly or download the program to your own computer.
To listen directly, click on the arrow on the black bar.
To download, go to **Episode MP3 link**. Then **right click** on the name '**hardnewsonfriday including the date**' and the drop down menu appears. Click on '**save link as**'

E Archives, both written and audio, also exist on the 2013 website:

<http://2013rainbowroundtable.ning.com/> look under the "Archives" tab for **written notes** plus **audio recordings** of the conference calls plus the entire podcast.

II TO ACCESS OTHER CALLS SUPPORTED BY 2013 Rainbow Roundtable

A Sunday, Mondays: 9 – 10:30 EST *Cheryl Croci's Activation Calls*
By telephone only: 1-425-436-6260; PIN 9467 441#

B Tuesdays, 2nd & 4th of each month: 9:00 – 10:30 pm EST *Ashtar on the Road; Ashtar Legacy Calls*
Host is Fran

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- 1 – 559 – 726 – 1300; PIN 972400#
- Call is free [except for long distance charges]

via HD Conferencing: 712-770-4160 **PIN #** 980339 [always the same]
<https://www.freeconferencecallhd.com/hd-conferencing/>

via Skype **Click on the VOIP button** and enter what they ask for:
<https://www.freeconferencecallhd.com/hd-conferencing/>

C Wednesdays: 7:00 – 9:00 EST *The Friends of The Aboriginal Moabite Nation Call*
By telephone only: 1-712-432-0900 PIN 666238#
Replay# [good for 1 wk] 1-712-432-0990 PIN 66238#

D Every 2nd Wednesday 5:45 PM Pacific / 8:45 PM Eastern *The Abundance Call - Caroline Oceana Ryan*
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 Galactic Directions - with the Cimi Drum

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.

Next Week's Mayan Record of Days / Calendar in the year of the Magnetic Wizard

We're in the Wave of Caban

16th Fri – 6 IMIX – Red Rhythmic Dragon – a double dragon day and a new moon – nurturing, beingness and synchronicity of the new moon on the same day

- an artist aspect; working with creation; trust in the universe and having clarity of mind embrace the gift of being ??

17th Sat - 7 IK – White Resonant Wind - a visionary aspect. About channeling, being a conduit. 7- the ability to move from Source and back to matter. Co-creation of heaven on earth; remembering our unity with spirit on earth.

18th Sun – 8 AKBAL - Blue Galactic Night a portal day, meaning lots of extra dimensionality

- An Artist aspect – 8 represents the counter clockwise spin; working with participation

- 19th Mon – 9 KAN – Yellow Solar Seed** – $9 = 3 \times 3$ – much manifestation. Healing aspect – being open to life. About timing, potential of the seed.
- 20th Tues – 10 CHICCAN – Red Planetary Serpent** – a warrior aspect; remaining open to change – transmute – working with our instincts, our body-sensing – letting go of any issues with our body. 10 is manifestation
- 21st Wed – 11 CIMI – White Spectral World Bridger-** warrior aspect. About forgiveness and moving into a state of grace. Let go of ego, controlling behaviour
- 22nd Thu – 12 MANIK – Blue Crystal Hand** – a healing aspect. Healing ourselves and others; creating peace – embracing the gift of being healer of humankind. Let go of distraction – no procrastination
- 23rd Fri – 13 LAMAT – Yellow Cosmic Stargate-** a Mother's day! Moving through space – completing one time to another – work with the illumination of human kind; embrace the gifts of journeying – power to see beyond the gate.

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**

This is not a 3rd dimensional calendar -

C. Housekeeping: Rainbird

- 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.**

BBS:

- Listener-supported radio programs; program archives can be accessed
- The radio program costs \$300 per week. **Need \$300 for this week.**
We are staying caught up – thank you ! ! !

- Go to BBSradio.com/Station2; find the listing for **Hard News Call & Paypal** button

- BBS appreciates getting checks via the mail: no Paypal fees!

- The mailing address for those who do not like paying electronically:

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Lafayette, CA 94549

[Please put **"Attention Don"** on the envelope]

[Note inside that it's for T & R calls
[& the Thursday call, as well]

- **BBS archives can be accessed by everyone; there are archives on 2013 Rainbow Roundtable too. All are free to access.**

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 of 2013 Rainbow Roundtable**

FOOD MONEY: VIA PAYPAL OR See the PAGE ON 2013 Roundtable

BASICS: food, gas – usual stuff + \$ for bills **\$600**

Car Repair – need help in this area!

- **Please notify T & R if you're sending something:** koran999@comcast.net
EVERY \$5 HELPS - ALL GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

- 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!**

• **Donations to the Fresh Produce Fund for Tara & Rama -**
now on the 2013 Rainbow Roundtable website thru Caroline Oceana Ryan

**** <http://2013rainbowroundtable.ning.com/page/donate> ****

- Your donation supports an account set up for Tara & Rama with
Beneficial Farms Community Supported Agriculture in Santa Fe, NM

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE IMPACT OF THE Corona Virus, BENEFICIAL FARMS
have moved their operations to the open air market in Santa Fe, where they and all other
producers are required to follow all the rules and regs for displaying their produce, and for
enabling customers to pay for and pick up food. So Rama, Tara still buy their food from
Beneficial Farms but via the Santa Fe market.

- They continue to appreciate each donation for food that they receive.
- Please continue to go to 2013 Rainbow Roundtable and link to their Paypal account – click
on the word CHANGE; choose **family and friends option so Paypal takes off no fees.**

Let Rama know - by e-mail - that you are sending any donations: koran9999@hotmail.com

FREEMART: Rama and Tara are being helped by this account: they get their supplements
there. **The returns also help 2013 Rainbow Roundtable**

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

- all the products have much to offer, so take a look!
- 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: INFORMATION SOURCES RELATIVE TO M.T. KESHE AND KESHE FOUNDATION

contact Rainbird with questions: lightenergync@gmail.com

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLaVutWXju0> (CHECK THIS OUT)

**** Go to Knowledge Workers workshop 344 on You Tube:** see Keshe's personal tour of his
exhibition in Austria - **The first expo in Europe since the pandemic -**

**One Cup One Life – Production and Application; Prevention and Reversal of the
Corona Virus**

https://en.kfwiki.org/wiki/One_Cup_One_Life_-_Production_and_Application_-_Prevention_and_Reversal_of_the_Corona_Virus

KF Wiki

<https://www.kfwiki.org>

The free Plasma Cyclopdia of the Keshe Foundation

Keshe Foundation Store

<https://store.keshfoundation.org/store/?alias=store>

Keshe Corona site

www.plasmainnature.com/health/coronavirus-1-cup-1-life-series-protocols-and-other-info/

E. ACCESS TO PODCAST:

<https://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-october-16-2020>

HARD NEWS

Rama, Tara – R, T

T: Powerful energies

- Thanks to Randy and Mr Keshe for last night –
- As for their making the Cup of Life, and Cup 2: people are calling for consultations due to the events in their various lives – Blaze the Violet Fire
- About Freemart – moving their warehouse from North Carolina to Texas - Freemart has a relatively new product: called Firegel – describes what it does

R: the fiasco is getting bigger by the day; as we go into Libra new moon and Scorpio, Mars, Pluto coming into play – a huge deal as **all that is going on will get reversed!**

T: reference to Tanis Gabrielle – powerful # - 23 degrees Libra

The number 23 being the most important number: 2 represents the twin flame consciousness which is within us – all of us!

3 is for the three fold flame which we all also have access to – just need to choose it

Tom the Cat told Rama today: as the madness get more and more blatant and polarized: it's as plain as day! It's about fanning the flames of racial hatred to stir the pot – directed at Pres Obama

- What's happening: the end of this cycle and all the stories associated with it – the hidden wisdom within us as we learn who and what we are as Creator gods and goddesses of the most high: all is possible.

Tom: these ones are playing along with the Deep State and other players who are in a fight to the death: it's the old timeline is getting erased.
As things move higher, they cease to be in this realm.

Tom: stay in your high heart as the Sh1T is hitting the fan like nobody's business!

T: will play Amy Goodman today – went to the hearing on Tuesday, the Mercury retrograde time will hear all the evidence presented by Sen Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island – this is fact, researched – had about 15 poster boards, all outlined

R: About Amy Coney Barrett who owes these two all kinds of money!
playing with Jacob Rothschild (an undead person who has \$500 TRILLION)
& Charles Koch of Koch Industries – only has \$100 BILLION
And THEY are the ones steering the replacement of R B G

T: Randi Rhodes described how this operation has been going on

- since 1949, wealthy billionaires have thrown people of the world into the pot of warm water and have been turning up the heat slowly and gradually
- they moved the dial when they made Ron Reagan president and killed him 2 months later
 - Bush Sr declared himself president – then lowered the tax rate for billionaires

and maintained the lowest wage rate of \$6.25/hour – after 40 years, it is now only \$7.25

- Blaze the Violet Flame as they has been caught
- Hold your nose and vote for Joe ; yet know that he is as criminal as Trump – both controlled by the same folks – just different way of appealing to situations
 - the republican party is bent on being nazi, a fascist state
 - the hope is in the progressive young people in the Democrats: The Squad and others
- Will be getting the info for Thursday's call with Mr Keshe up on the website
- Thanks to Aria for all she has done with aiding the website – and thanks to Samana, too, for all her work on developing the new website!

CONFERENCE CALL To re-listen to the conference call, go to the websites and look for the date under *Archive: Audio*

- Discussion of the Thursday call and Mr Keshe
- RM:** over 800 in the zoom room at one point: discussion about this – how many are there depends on the license, package you get
 - NOW WE ARE WELL KNOWN: people from Brazil, Portugal, Spain, UK & elsewhere
 - He posted the program on all the Keshe forums he is part of
 - Will find out who can do the adding of graphics to the program
- ZOOM can be installed separately from the browser – some browsers can slow down both the audio and video / graphics: best to access Zoom direct from their website and not through a browser
- Mr Keshe revealed stuff on this call that even the older Knowledge Seekers didn't know – and they've been with him for 10 years +

Caller/Z: speaks of the wonderful timbre of his voice!

- Comments about the Thursday show and what people have been doing
- In 1949, Israel joined the US - or really,
- Sheldon Whitehouse would not be making the presentation he did on Tuesday last (at the Amy Coney Barrett examination session) if we weren't getting to close to final days

RB: did anyone look at Amy Coney Barrett's face when that presentation was going on – think she was terrified. [She's much in debt to Jacob Rothschild and Charles Koch – one has \$500 Billion and the other \$100 Billion!]

Consent: that Amy CB is a marionette!

T: LM Nada and Natasha told them: she is a Daughter of Satan (cult)

R: brings up the Netflix doc called *The Handmaidens Tale* -

all tied into Bohemian Grove and Moloch – represents the devil's card in the Tarot
Moloch is ½ human, ½ animal – against Divine Law

- Why is this forbidden? When the beings came to earth, they violated the law because of the difference in consciousness – one can take advantage of another

- Why is the owl considered evil?
- "Lucifer returned to the light " - so ?
- What's going on in Inner Earth in relation to what 's going on on the surface? Are they involved in what we are involved?
 - They are aligned with the energies pouring in from the sun – the sun in the centre of the earth is connected to our sun, 93 Million miles away. As the energies increase, it reflects through the earth to the inner sun. The beings know this is the time when the great shift happens in the solar system, and they are prepared to help us as things get wonkier – climate change, etc. As the energies get higher, people get more disoriented as they do not come from their high heart.
- The orange beach ball has become more unhinged: the darkness coming from that side of the force is orchestrated to create more chaos and disorientation. The inner earth people are helping to raise things up for us – and doing the proper things
- Nassim Harimein knows about the deep state
- Blaze the violet fire as they spread the stories that are false or twisted or copied – the ABC agencies are listening to us; all ends as the Atlantean grid becomes more active

R: the only things that are getting reset is what has gone awry in the last 26, 820 – as we go through the process of climate disruption, consciousness and chaos – as we become a singularity of one heart, one mind

- the galactics are coming in 24/7 to help us, and the Dark Side creates more stuff and we kinda forget to meditate and get caught up on the day to day

RM: the revolution comes from within, not without – media, religion etc talk of

- How is inner earth helping us? They come in the dream time and, at this time, in our present every day activities: in a sense, we watch the mad dictator getting madder every day and people say this doesn't make sense!
- The sickness is the system itself as per Dr Richard Wolff -
 - in the 24th century all war, all poverty etc etc will be gone

T: and the 24th century is here already

Caller/S: all the kinds of lights coming in are breaking down the nucleus of our cells – we are waking up at the atomic level and thus becoming crystalline

T: as we work in the etheric realms of light colour sound . . .

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE election: T saying that not one election has been held in the right venue except that of Barack Obama

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

VLOG 188 PREPARING OUR BODIES TO RECEIVE MORE LIGHT



AUDIO: RADIANT ROSE ACADEMY - Mother Mary

2020-10-16

Mother Mary – October 16th 2020: [Listen/download](#)

<https://hosting.instantteleseminar.com/audio/673220503961253-001.mp3?Z=344341575?Save&Z=86736998>

To listen by phone, dial 206-402-0103 and enter ID: 123-823-002#.

MOTHER SEKHMET / 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, we are in a most auspicious moment of NOW! It is heating up, as they say on our planet. It is about this Koyaanisqatsi: Life out of Balance. Things are getting back into balance.

- It is about this moment where a whole planet has said: "Enough!" Now She comes and escorts Her children back to Dracos.
 - These events are not down the road: they are NOW - right now! The energies are going so much ever higher; the body is going through quite a bit of change: the energies are intense. Had a moment there where She was falling asleep
- It is about these moments of frequency shift as things get so much higher and, at the same time, the exposure of the Dark Side is at hand. It is very much a moment where we take our power back with Love. It is not by Force!
 - This story – so big – it is about having compassion for the greater good of the whole story; we've all got a part to play. It is about working with Love, and watching the garden grow as things rapidly unfolding with the new light coming in.
- She can say with great certainty: this is this moment where goddess is handed the talking stick – the Feminine speaks her mind in the halls of power.
- Very much in this moment of NOW, this shift of power going on has been a challenge. She can say the stories out there are about this huge row which doesn't have any weight. When it is in the eyes for all to see, there's one choice here – it is about the higher path which is choosing Love

- Right now, She gives us some heads up as the energies get so much higher with this new moon. The Dark Side is acting out – let them act out; give them no power. Send more love in all situations: it's how we get through it.
- Excuse the pause here: it's a challenge in these moments with the energies –
 - Let's say - work with the higher frequencies: it's very much in the forefront.
- She is going to be on Her way; the body is a bit tired with the voice challenge here. She must say: stay in the frequencies of the Violet Flame. Very much so: it's how we get through this.

T: You say we are so very much close now-

M / A: It is so close . . .

T: That word 'soon' is not going to be a bothersome thing ?

M / A: It is so close that if it were a mirror, it would bite you! It's about what's in your proximity – sharing your auric space; you could say a knock of opportunity that comes from out of left field – that divine magic: *A Field of Dreams* comes to mind. You saw that one?

- It is this unfolding here of the magic of each moment. She can say very much: to repeat it – She will be taking her children for a little ride and taking Her leave for a moment in time. Yet a moment in time can be 30 seconds; for our present time/space, might seem like 30,000 years!

- She can say with great certainty - time/space, space/time has sped up: all time is NOW – yet staying in this NOW moment has been the challenge.

- She will just say: watch the magic of the Universe unfold before our very eyes, as miracles come about. She will just say it is about the liberation of this planet and, for all intents and purposes, the Dracos hold no power in this local system. They are scattered to the winds; the ones that are still about, send them more love. That's the deal.

Both: Greetings in the light of the Most Radiant One. Kadoish, Kadoish, Kadoish. Adonai sabeoth, Adonai Sabeoth

M: Remember who we are . . .

Rama Returns: He was on LM Athena's ship and was at some kind of re-integration chamber that re-integrated his energies and there were moments when he just merged with the energy of the chamber.

- Did not see his body there; just saw stars – doesn't know where to go with that!
- It's about merging with All That Is – and you just let go

AUDIO: Democracy Now SEE BELOW FOR

2020-10-16 Headlines <https://www.democracynow.org/2020/10/16/headlines>

2020-10-16 https://www.democracynow.org/2020/10/16/amy_coney_barrett_hearings

Deeply Troubling: Kristen Clarke on How Rush to Confirm Barrett Endangers Voting & Civil Rights

[Part 2: Preserving Roe: West Virginia Mom Tells Abortion Story in Heartfelt Speech Against Amy Coney Barrett](#)

Part 3: Dark Money & Barrett Nomination: The Link Between Big Polluters & the War on ACA, Roe & LGBT Rights

NB: Part 3 is the segment in which part of Sheldon Whitehouse's presentation is given.

AUDIO: Central banks begin airdropping free money (E1606)

2020-10-15



VIDEO: <https://www.rt.com/shows/keiser-report/503499-central-bank-digital-currency/>

PODCAST: [Keiser Report: Central banks begin airdropping free money](#)

In this episode of the *Keiser Report*, Max and Stacy look at the race to issue the first successful 'central bank digital currency,' with China currently at the front of the pack with a free money airdrop starting this week. In the second half, Max chats to Chris Fenton, author of 'Feeding the Dragon,' about what China cutting off US Vice President Pence during the debate with his Democratic opponent, Kamala Harris, suggests about China's views on the two parties. They look at the NBA game which was aired in China, suggesting an end to the conflict between the two sides.

AUDIO: How COVID-19 may help IMF to reshape global economy (Full show)
2020-10-16 [RT America](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hy3wGcEOhM>

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is offering loans to the world's poorest 81 countries to help them rebuild their devastated economies, still reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic. But accepting such loans paves the way for increased austerity, privatization, and greater income inequality. RT America's Alex Mihailovich explains.

Then former UK MP George Galloway joins RT America's Faran Fronczak (in for Rick Sanchez) to weigh in.

RT's Peter Oliver examines the skyrocketing number of COVID-19 cases across Europe and the reimposition of harsh restrictions to stymie its spread.

Legal and media analyst Lionel and civil rights attorney Robert Patillo debate proposals aimed at mitigating the perceived influence of the Federalist Society in US courts.

RT America's Trinity Chavez reports on the recent flyby of Venus where the BepiColombo probe captured amazing new images of the planet.

Plus, RT America's Steve Christakos joins for "Jock Talk."

AUDIO: The Thom Hartmann Show – Dr Richard Wolff 2020-10-15

What is the REAL Unemployment Rate? (w/ Richard Wolff)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGLiStdnic&feature=emb_logo

Lies, dam lies and statistics - and the numbers of unemployment in the US are buried there somewhere. It is crystal clear that the published numbers are set by the government at the lowest number, where the opposition push much higher numbers. Who is right? Anyone?

2020-10-19 Thom Hartmann: What is the REAL Unemployment Rate?



posted by Richard Wolff

https://www.rdwolff.com/what_is_real_unemployment_rate

It is crystal clear that the published unemployment numbers are set by the government at the lowest number, where the opposition push much higher numbers. Who is right? Anyone? Richard Wolff joined the Thom Hartmann Program to explain why the numbers we see can't be trusted.

THE ARTICLE Thom and Prof Wolff are discussing: SEE BELOW for complete doc

2020-10-13 Exclusive: America's true unemployment rate

<https://www.axios.com/americas-true-unemployment-rate-6e34decb-c274-4feb-a4af-ffac8cf5840d.html>

T: all the people who speak after the segment above all knew what Drumpf was doing and said nothing. And it was 2 weeks ago the last of the clones 'died' and he became a solid image hologram

T: a bit more discussion

CLOSING: Rainbird - with thanks for subjects covered, especially Sheldon Whitehouse's presentation at the Amy Coney Barrett hearing – extremely well done!

She also thanked Penny for the music that followed the presentation by Mr Keshe on the Thursday **A Night at the Roundtable** Show; totally suitable, appropriate

From Penny aka 'The Ghost Scribe': Here is the link to the youtube of the music referred to and chosen because Mr Keshe embodies the values, the spirit of freedom that Beethoven was celebrating, and which is what is returning to us after how many millenia? ? ? ?

Ode to Joy – the Opera Babes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1KSXBSVjL8

2017-04-09 Ode II Joy (From Symphony No. 9)

Ode II Joy (From Symphony No. 9)

Opera Babes · Frank Gallagher · Nick Ingman · John Paracelli · Richard Cottle ·
Metro Voices · London Symphony Orchestra

Ode II Joy Lyrics

All believing, all embracing
Earth below and sky above.
There will never be a power
Greater than united love.

O light of hope enduring
Ever in our hearts reside.
Now, the time to stand together.
No man can alone abide.
All as one in every nation
By our bearing will be bound.
Peace, the true and humble treasure,
Through compassion will be found.

O light of clearest vision
No illusion shall divide.
Now, the time to stand together.
No man can alone abide.

Rama's Choices: Alan Watts + Superposition – Dream

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVgLJWr_2Kk

A beautiful song

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2020-10-16 Headlines

<https://www.democracynow.org/2020/10/16/headlines>



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COVID-19 Hospitalizations on the Rise Across U.S. as Confirmed Cases Hit 8 Million

Oct 16, 2020



The United States is approaching 8 million confirmed coronavirus infections, surpassing 64,000 new cases Thursday for the first time since July. More than 1,000 COVID-19 deaths were reported over the last 24 hours, with every region of the U.S. reporting increased hospitalizations.

Wisconsin set another statewide record for infections, with more than 3,700 new coronavirus cases reported Thursday. Wisconsin has one of the world's highest test positivity rates — now over 20%. Despite that, President Trump is planning to hold a packed campaign rally in Janesville, Wisconsin, on Saturday.

This comes as The Wall Street Journal reports that throughout the pandemic, White House officials have made line-by-line edits to official health guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, altering language written by scientists on social distancing and rolling back CDC limits on in-person gatherings like church choirs.

French Police Raid Homes of Government Officials in Probe of Failed Coronavirus Response

Oct 16, 2020



Globally, new coronavirus infections hit a new record high Thursday with over 330,000 reported cases. Nearly 39 million people have now contracted the virus worldwide.

In France, coronavirus restrictions have been extended to the entire country as growing cases threaten to overwhelm hospitals. This comes after French police raided the homes of senior government and health officials Thursday as part of an ongoing investigation into their handling of the pandemic.

Latin America is also seeing a massive surge of cases. Brazil's death toll has surpassed 152,000 as over 5.1 million people have been infected — the third-largest number of infections after the United States and India.

WHO Finds Remdesivir Fails to Prevent COVID-19 Deaths

Oct 16, 2020



The World Health Organization warned Thursday that the antiviral drug remdesivir fails to prevent deaths among COVID-19 patients. The WHO's conclusion is based on a study of more than 11,000 patients. It follows smaller, less rigorous studies that found the drug can cut the number of days COVID-19 patients are hospitalized.

Remdesivir has been routinely administered to COVID-19 patients in the United States since May, when the FDA granted the drug emergency use authorization. It was one of several drugs administered to President Trump as he battled a COVID-19 infection earlier this month.

World Health Organization Warns Many Will Have to Wait Until 2022 for Vaccine

Oct 16, 2020



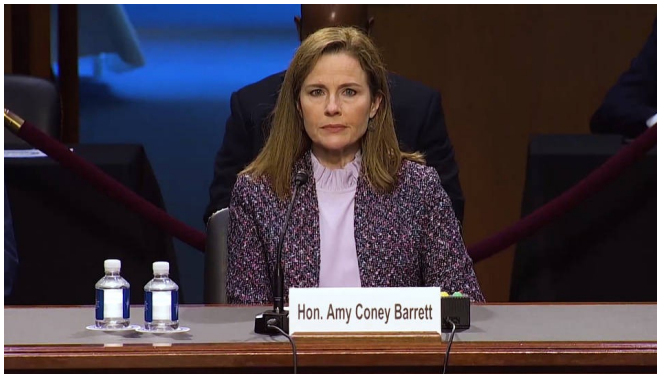
Image Credit: Youtube: World Health Organization

The WHO is warning that even in a best-case scenario, younger, healthier people may have to wait for over a year before they'll be able to receive a vaccine against COVID-19. This is Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, chief scientist at the WHO.

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan: "I think for an average person, a healthy young person might have to wait 'til 2022 to get a vaccine."

Senate on Track to Confirm Far-Right Supreme Court Nominee Amy Coney Barrett on Oct. 26

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Supreme Court confirmation hearings for Amy Coney

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Joe Biden Defends 1994 Crime Bill and Calls for More Police Funding Oct 16, 2020



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In North Carolina, voters queued in lines for up to four hours Thursday as early voting got underway. With less than three weeks to go before Election Day, a record 17 million people have already cast ballots — some 15% of the U.S. electorate, many of them in battleground states like Pennsylvania, Florida and Texas.

On Thursday night, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden appeared on ABC for a "town hall" event scheduled by the campaign after President Trump refused to hold a second debate with Biden remotely after Trump tested positive for COVID-19. During the 90-minute event, Biden blasted Trump over his handling of the pandemic and urged people to wear masks and follow other public health measures. Biden also defended elements of his 1994 crime bill, which led to mass incarceration in the U.S., and he said local police departments should be reformed and better funded — not defunded or dismantled.

Joe Biden: "We shouldn't be defunding cops. We should be mandating the things that we should be doing within police departments and make sure there's total transparency."

President Trump Refuses to Disavow Far-Right Anti-Semitic QAnon Conspiracy Theory



Image Credit: NBC News

As Joe Biden spoke, President Trump appeared at a rival town hall event in Miami, Florida, hosted by NBC. The network's decision to give Trump a simultaneous platform drew protests from NBC News anchors and journalists. Columbia Journalism Review editor Kyle Pope called it a "craven ratings stunt."

During the one-hour broadcast, Trump falsely claimed that 85% of people wearing masks catch the coronavirus, said he was unaware of whether he took a coronavirus test ahead of his debate with Joe Biden in late September, and did not deny that he's more than \$400 million in debt — just wouldn't say to whom. Pressed by NBC anchor Savannah Guthrie, Trump refused to disavow the far-right, anti-Semitic QAnon conspiracy theory.

Savannah Guthrie: "Let me ask you about QAnon. It is this theory that Democrats are a satanic pedophile ring and that you are the savior of that. Now, can you just, once and for all, state that that is completely not true" —

President Donald Trump: "So, I know you — yeah."

Savannah Guthrie: — "and disavow QAnon in its entirety?"

President Donald Trump: "I know nothing about QAnon."

Savannah Guthrie: "I just told you."

President Donald Trump: "I know very little — you told me, but what you tell me doesn't necessarily make it fact. I hate to say that. I know nothing about it. I do know they are very much against pedophilia. They fight it very hard. But I know nothing about it."

Trump's own FBI Director Christopher Wray has identified QAnon as a domestic terrorism threat.

Trump Celebrates Apparent Extrajudicial Killing by U.S. Marshals Carrying Out His Orders



Ahead of Thursday's dueling town hall events, President Trump rallied some 2,000 supporters in Greenville, North Carolina, where people packed shoulder to shoulder and few wore masks. In a shocking moment, Trump appeared to admit that he ordered U.S. Marshals to carry out the extrajudicial killing of anti-fascist activist Michael Reinhoehl in Washington state on September 3.

President Donald Trump: "We sent in the U.S. Marshals. Took 15 minutes. It was over. Fifteen minutes, it was over. We got him. They knew who he was. They didn't want to arrest him. And 15 minutes, that ended."

Last month Trump bragged about Reinhoehl's killing in an interview with Fox News, saying, "There has to be retribution." Reinhoehl was believed to have killed a far-right protester.

Chris Christie Says "I Was Wrong Not to Wear a Mask" at White House, After Release from ICU



Former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie is asking Americans to wear masks and to practice social distancing, after he revealed on Thursday that he spent a week in an intensive care unit while hospitalized with COVID-19. Christie is one of dozens of people — including President Trump — who became infected after a White House celebration for Trump's Supreme Court nominee in late September.

In a statement, Christie wrote, "I was wrong not to wear a mask at the Amy Coney Barrett announcement and I was wrong not to wear a mask at my multiple debate prep sessions with the president and the rest of the team. I hope that my experience shows my fellow citizens that you should follow C.D.C. guidelines in public no matter where you are and wear a mask to protect yourself and others."

Pandemic Forces 8 Million Americans into Poverty Amid Mass Unemployment

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U.S. workers filed nearly 900,000 initial unemployment claims last week amid fresh signs the U.S. economy is suffering lasting damage due to the pandemic. About 65 million U.S. workers have applied for some form of jobless assistance since March. This comes as a pair of new studies shows 8 million U.S. residents have been forced into poverty since Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell let the CARES Act

coronavirus relief bill expire in July. McConnell has refused to hold a Senate vote on the follow-up \$3 trillion HEROES Act relief bill passed by House Democrats in May.

Kansas City Housing Activists Chain Themselves to Doors of Eviction Court Oct 16, 2020



Image Credit: Twitter: @KCTenants

In Kansas City, housing advocates protesting evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic chained themselves to the front doors of the Jackson County Courthouse in an attempt to shut down the court all day and block eviction hearings. Activists with the group KC Tenants have referred to evictions during the pandemic as “acts of violence.”

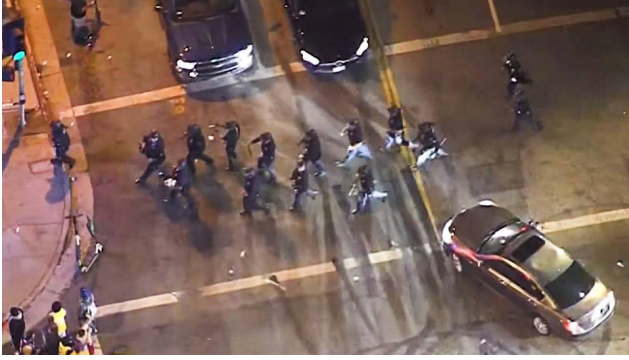
Chicago Police Department Rejects Use-of-Force Reforms as Ex-Chief Accused of Rape



In Chicago, ex-Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson is being accused of repeatedly raping and abusing his former driver and fellow police officer. In a lawsuit filed late Wednesday, officer Cynthia Donald says Johnson committed “shockingly violent” acts of sexual assault against her for over three years and later destroyed the evidence on his cellphone when the city’s inspector general launched an investigation into Johnson’s conduct. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot fired Johnson last year following mounting accusations of misconduct and after he was found asleep at the wheel after a night of heavy drinking.

This comes as the Chicago Police Department says it will only accept five of the 155 proposed changes to its use-of-force policy suggested by a group of community leaders. The 20-member group was appointed after the May police killing of George Floyd in Minnesota.

L.A. Lakers Fan Loses Eye as Police Fire “Less Lethal” Rounds into Crowds of Revelers



In Los Angeles, 22-year-old basketball fan William Gonzalez lost vision in his right eye early Monday after he was shot in the face by a police projectile, causing his eye socket to shatter and eyeball to explode. The incident came as the LAPD declared a celebration of the Lakers’ NBA championship an “unlawful gathering” and moved in on revelers. Other people were also badly injured by police, including a man who lost eight teeth.

University of Miami Reportedly Used Facial Recognition to Discipline Student Protesters



Image Credit: Facebook: UMiami Employee Student

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The University of Miami used a network of surveillance cameras and facial recognition software to track down students involved in a protest last month against the university’s decision to resume in-person classes during the pandemic. That’s according to the Miami New Times, which reports that after being identified in surveillance footage, the students received emails ordering them to report to university administrators for questioning.

GOP Sen. Ben Sasse Says Trump Coddles Dictators and Racists While Profiting from Presidency

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Nebraska Republican Senator Ben Sasse tore into President Trump on Wednesday over his support of human rights abuses and racists, accusing Trump of personally profiting from the presidency. Senator Sasse's remarks can be heard in a recording of a phone call with constituents published by the Washington Examiner.

Sen. Ben Sasse: "The way he kisses dictators' butts. I mean, the way he ignores that the Uyghurs are in literal concentration camps in Xinjiang right now. He hasn't lifted a finger on behalf of the Hong Kongers. ... The United States now regularly sells out our allies under his leadership. The way he treats women and spends like a drunken sailor. The ways that I criticized President Obama for that kind of spending, I've criticized President Trump for, as well. He mocks evangelicals behind closed doors. His family has treated the presidency like a business opportunity. He's flirted with white supremacists."

Those comments came as The Daily Beast reported right-wing media mogul Rupert Murdoch is predicting Joe Biden will defeat Donald Trump in a landslide.

Cameron Peak Fire Becomes Largest in Colorado's History

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In Colorado, the Cameron Peak Fire has become the largest wildfire in the state's history. The fire has consumed more than 167,000 acres west of Fort Collins, north of Denver.

Yemen's Saudi-Backed Government Swaps Prisoners with Houthi Rebels

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Yemen Houthi rebels have begun exchanging more than 1,000 prisoners with Yemen's Saudi-backed government in the first large-scale prisoner swap since civil war erupted in 2014. U.N. envoy Martin Griffiths hailed the exchange as an "important milestone" toward ending conflict in Yemen, where years of attacks by a U.S.-supported, Saudi-led coalition have exacerbated a humanitarian crisis that's pushed millions to the brink of famine.

In a related prisoner exchange, more than 200 Houthi supporters were allowed to return home from Oman in exchange for the release of two U.S. citizens held captive by Houthis. This is released American prisoner Mikael Gidada speaking from Oman just after his release.

Mikael Gidada: “[I am] an American citizen. I was living and working in Yemen and was in prison for 899 days, two years and six months, in solitary confinement. And it was hell. It was really hell.”

Mexican Ex-Defense Secretary Arrested in L.A. on Drug and Money Laundering Charges Oct 16, 2020



Mexico's former defense secretary, General Salvador Cienfuegos, was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport on Thursday while on a family vacation. He was arrested on a warrant by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. He served as defense secretary from 2012 to 2018 under former Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto. The Mexican magazine Proceso reports the arrest was connected to a corruption probe involving drug traffickers. Cienfuegos was defense secretary in 2014 at the time of the disappearance and presumed massacre of 43 students from a teachers' college in Ayotzinapa, Guerrero. Last month Mexican authorities issued arrest warrants for soldiers in connection to the massacre.

Jesuit Priest Sentenced to 33 Months for Peaceful Anti-Nuclear Protest in Georgia Oct 16, 2020



In Georgia, a Catholic priest has been sentenced to 33 months in jail for breaking into the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in Georgia to protest U.S. nuclear weapons policy. Father Steve Kelly is part of the Kings Bay Plowshares 7 — a group of Catholic peace activists who entered the base in 2018 armed with hammers, crime scene tape, baby bottles containing their own blood, and an indictment charging the U.S. government with crimes against peace. The base is home to at least six nuclear ballistic missile submarines, each of which carries 20 Trident thermonuclear weapons. Kelly has been locked up since his arrest on April 4, 2018, so he has already served nearly all of his 33-month sentence, which included time served. Another member of the Kings Bay Plowshares 7, Patrick O'Neill, is being sentenced today. [Click here to see all of our coverage on the Kings Bay Plowshares.](#)

2020-10-16 Deeply Troubling: Kristen Clarke on How Rush to Confirm Barrett Endangers Voting & Civil Rights

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The Senate confirmation hearing for President Trump's Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett ended Thursday with Republicans on the Judiciary Committee scheduling a vote on her nomination for October 22, with a full Senate vote to follow shortly thereafter — less than two weeks before the presidential election, in which the Supreme Court could play a decisive role. The right-wing judge's confirmation looks all but assured, after four rushed days of questioning in which Barrett refused to state her position on abortion rights, gay marriage, the Affordable Care Act, voting rights, climate change, and even if President Trump could delay the election. If confirmed, she gives conservatives a 6-3 majority on the high court. "We have never had a president put forth a nomination and commence confirmation hearings in the middle of an ongoing presidential election," says Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Transcript

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

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The hearings' final day kicked off with Senate Republicans in the Judiciary Committee voting to schedule a vote on Barrett's Supreme Court confirmation for October 22nd. Republican Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Lindsey Graham called for a vote before the hearing had even finished and without enough Democrats present in the room. Senator Dick Durbin, the sole Democrat present, attempted to adjourn the meeting in response.

SEN. DICK DURBIN: Mr. Chairman?

SEN. LINDSEY GRAHAM: Yes.

SEN. DICK DURBIN: You cannot conduct that business without another minority member present. And so, at this point, I'm going to make a motion to adjourn this meeting until we have completed the hearing on Amy Coney Barrett. We still have a panel before us. This is unprecedented. We have never done this before as a committee. And if we are going to honor the rules and show mutual respect, the fact is, we cannot move forward. ...

SEN. LINDSEY GRAHAM: Senator Durbin, with all due respect, we've had this problem in the past. We're dealing with it the way we are today. If we create this problem for you in the future, you're going to do what I'm going to do, which is move forward on the business of the committee. On the motion, the clerk will call the roll.

AMY GOODMAN: Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said the move solidified, quote, "the illegitimacy of this sham process," unquote. If the Senate Judiciary Committee approves Judge Barrett's confirmation on October 22nd, the full Senate could vote on whether or not to confirm her as early as October 26 — just about a week before Election Day. This has never happened before. Senate Majority Leader Republican Mitch McConnell said Thursday Republicans have the votes needed to confirm her. On Thursday, Democratic Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut moved to suspend the hearing indefinitely.

SEN. RICHARD BLUMENTHAL: I move to indefinitely postpone the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett —

SEN. LINDSEY GRAHAM: No, we're not.

SEN. RICHARD BLUMENTHAL: — to be an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. I believe that this rushed sham process is a disservice to our committee. She has been rushed in a way that is historically unprecedented. There's never been a nomination in an election year after the month of July. And the purpose of doing it is simply to have a justice on the Supreme Court, as the president said, to decide the election and to strike down the Affordable Care Act. We've had inadequate time to review this nomination — as indicated most recently yesterday, a CNN report that there are seven more speeches or talks that she has given that have not been disclosed to this committee. The consequence of this rushed process is that we've given inadequate scrutiny to this nominee. I move to delay these proceedings so that we can do our job.

AMY GOODMAN: Senator Blumenthal was referencing a CNN [report](#) that revealed Judge Barrett did not disclose seven talks recorded on the University of Notre Dame Law School's public calendar, including one with an anti-choice group in 2007. CNN also uncovered evidence she gave two talks in 2013 to anti-choice groups at the school. Under Senate rules, Barrett is required to provide a list of all public talks she's given in her professional career.

Blumenthal's motion to suspend the hearing indefinitely was denied along party lines. Despite outcry from Democrats about the rushed nomination process and how Judge Barrett's role on the court could end healthcare for millions and threaten *Roe v. Wade*, California Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein ended the hearing thanking Senate Judiciary Chair Lindsey Graham for his leadership.

SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN: Mr. Chairman, I just want to thank you. This has been one of the best set of hearings that I've participated in, and I want to thank you for your fairness.

AMY GOODMAN: The 87-year-old ranking Democrat then hugged Graham, who has refused to be tested for the coronavirus. Neither of them wore masks.

Well, for more, we go to Washington, D.C., where we're joined by Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. She testified at Judge Barrett's confirmation hearing on Thursday.

Kristen, welcome back to *Democracy Now!* It's great to have you with us. Why don't you start off — this is just after you yourself have testified, remotely because of COVID, at this hearing — start off by talking about the significance of what you heard this week and also what has actually taken place here, the unprecedented nature of this taking place as people are voting all over the country for the next president of the United States?

KRISTEN CLARKE: Well, thank you for having me.

This is a historic nomination because this has never happened before. We have never had a president put forth a nomination and commence confirmation hearings in the middle of an ongoing presidential election. According to Michael McDonald, who runs the Elections Project, as of yesterday, about 20 million Americans have cast their ballots. And for many of those Americans, those may be people for whom the Supreme Court is top of mind. Those are people who are exercising their right to determine who will be president and who will sit in those senatorial seats to carry out the constitutional role of filling a Supreme Court vacancy. Throughout our nation's history, presidents have respected the fact that the voters deserve voice in this process, which is why we have never seen a nomination take place at this moment. There are two instances that Senator Graham talked about in which vacancies were filled late in the year. Those were vacancies filled by presidents who were actually reelected, one of whom was reelected and that president's party also gained a deeper majority in the Senate. So, I want to just underscore how unprecedented this moment is, because it truly politicizes the Supreme Court in dangerous ways, in ways that may undermine the public's confidence and faith in the court.

We also cannot ignore President Trump's prerogative — President Trump's objective here. He has made very clear that he wants a full nine-member court to decide any disputes which he anticipates may or may not arise from this election. He wants a nine-member court in place by November 10th to hear the Affordable Care Act case. So, that loomed heavy this week throughout the hearings.

I thought that what happened yesterday morning was incredibly important. Senator Blumenthal put forth a motion to suspend the process. They raced forward this week in the middle of a pandemic. They started the process on a federal holiday. They did so while the Senate actually was in recess. They've turned attention away from the emergency needs that the public faces in the middle of the pandemic to turn attention to this. And as you noted, it's continuing to surface that there are aspects of her record that have not yet surfaced. The senator's motion ultimately failed, and the hearing went forward, but I thought that it was important that we had an opportunity to shine a light on what a broken process this is, what a rushed process this is. We're talking about a lifetime seat on our nation's highest court, and that should be a seat filled after the Senate is able to carefully — carefully — carry out its duty to provide advice and consent by thoroughly looking at and examining every aspect of her record, leaving no stone unturned.

That said, Amy, my organization, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, conducted a thorough examination of her record, at least the record that has been made public. We looked at her speeches during her time of Notre Dame, her writings, and her opinions during her short tenure on the 7th Circuit. We found that she failed the second prong of our standard, which looks to determine whether or not the nominee is someone who will bring an exceptional commitment to enforcement of our federal civil rights laws and the Constitution.

And what was really striking this week was to see Judge Barrett go to great lengths to distance herself from the reality of voting discrimination that we face in our country. She was asked basic questions: Is voter intimidation illegal? And she would not agree to this proposition. And voter intimidation is plainly illegal under Section 11(b) of the Voting Rights Act. It violates federal criminal laws. She was asked whether voting discrimination is ongoing. This was during questioning with Senator Harris. And she refused to answer that question, as well.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to go to her questioning on this issue by Minnesota Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar.

SEN. AMY KLOBUCHAR: Last week, a contractor from outside of my state of Minnesota started recruiting "poll watchers" with Special Forces experience, mm-hmm, to protect polling locations in my state. This was clear voter intimidation. Similar efforts are going on around the country, solicited by President Trump's false claims of massive voter fraud. ... So, as a result of his claims, people are trying to get "poll watchers," Special Forces people, to go to the polls. Judge Barrett, under federal law, is it illegal to intimidate voters at the polls?

JUDGE AMY CONEY BARRETT: Senator Klobuchar, I can't characterize the facts in a hypothetical situation, and I can't apply the law to a hypothetical set of facts. I can only decide cases as they come to me litigated by parties, on a full record, after fully engaging precedent, talking to colleagues, writing an opinion. And so, I can't answer questions like that.

AMY GOODMAN: That's Judge Barrett. The significance of this response, Kristen Clarke?

KRISTEN CLARKE: Well, there is nothing hypothetical about voter intimidation. We are in the middle of an election season where we know voter suppression is alive and well. We've heard the reports about intimidating poll watchers showing up at satellite voting centers in Philadelphia. And voter intimidation, sadly, has been a stain on our democracy throughout our nation's history. So it was deeply troubling that Judge Barrett was unwilling to acknowledge basic aspects about American life, that the right to vote is central, but that the right to vote has been under attack for Black people, for Latinos and for communities of color, that voter intimidation is real. I could accept aspects of her response, that, you know, I'd need to actually look at a particular scenario in order to determine whether or not it violates the Constitution or federal law, but to not tell the American public that she would come to the bench with a basic understanding that voting discrimination is real, that voter intimidation does happen, is deeply, deeply troubling.

2020-10-13 Exclusive: America's true unemployment rate

<https://www.axios.com/americas-true-unemployment-rate-6e34decb-c274-4feb-a4af-ffac8cf5840d.html>



Felix Salmon, author of [Capital](#)



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A person who is looking for a full-time job that pays a living wage — but who can't find one — is unemployed. If you accept that definition, the true unemployment rate in the U.S. is a stunning 26.1%, according to an important new data set shared exclusively with "Axios on HBO."

Why it matters: The official unemployment rate is artificially depressed by excluding people who might be earning only a few dollars a week. It also excludes anybody who has stopped looking for work or is discouraged by a lack of jobs or by the demands of child care during the coronavirus crisis.

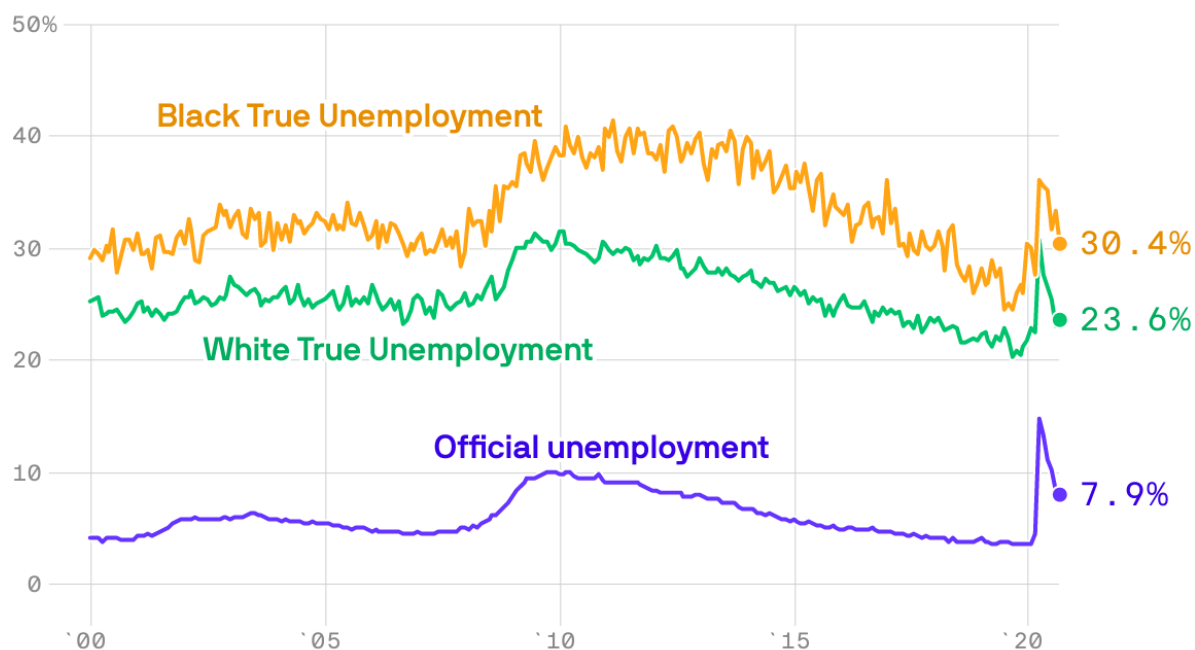
- **If you measure the unemployed** as anybody over 16 years old who isn't earning a living wage, the rate rises even further, to 54.6%. For Black Americans, it's 59.2%.

The backstory: The official definition of unemployment can be traced back to the 1870s, when a Massachusetts statistician named Carroll Wright [diagnosed](#) what he referred to as "industrial hypochondria".

- **By restricting the "unemployed" label** to men who "really want employment," Wright managed to minimize the unemployment figure.
- **Wright went on to found** the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and he brought his unemployment definition with him.
- **To this day**, to be officially counted as unemployed you need to be earning no money at all, and you need to be actively looking for work.

True and official unemployment

Jan. 2000 to Sept. 2020



Data: [Ludwig Institute for Shared Economic Prosperity](#) Chart: Axios Visuals

By the numbers: In January, when the official rate of unemployment was 3.6%, the true rate was seven times greater — 23.4%. That's according to new calculations from the [Ludwig Institute for Shared Economic Prosperity](#), founded by Gene Ludwig, a former U.S. Comptroller of the Currency.

- **"I was shocked,"** he tells Axios on HBO, "that a quarter of the population that want work can't earn a living wage."
- **The recession made everything worse.** Only 46.1% of white Americans over the age of 16 — and a mere 40.8% of Black Americans — now have a full-time job paying more than \$20,000 per year.
- **The bottom line:** The unemployment catastrophe in America is not new. It's been at crisis levels for decades, but it has been hidden behind the official numbers. Ludwig's hope is that his new data will light a fire under Congress to address this national emergency.