

“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](http://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#**

\* **Saturday: History of our Galactic World & NESARA** Hosts: Tara & Rama  
1:30 pm Pacific / 4:30 pm Eastern

**One Hour conference Call: 1-720 716 7301 – Access Code: 353 863#**

**Call to interact / ask questions: Canada & US: STATION 2 1- 888-429-5471**  
**Direct 1- 323-744-4841**

**C Skype: BBSradio2**

#### **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, written and audio, also exist on the rainbowroundtable website:**

[www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net) - look under the “Archives” tab for **written notes which include links to the entire podcast, as well as links to the audio recordings** of the conference calls

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

<http://www.ashtarontheroad.com/ashtarconferences.html>

To access **by Phone:** • 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:AscensionTimes@gmail.com) with the message "YES to Abundance!"**

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

**A. Opening Meditation: Rainbird / Cimi Drum; Prayer to the 7 Galactic 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](http://www.lawoftime.org) website for further information.

**Next Week's Mayan Record of Days / Calendar in the year of the Magnetic Wizard**  
**The next 4 days are core days – like portal days: for extra-dimensional activities, awarenesses**

**30<sup>th</sup> Fri – 7 CABAN - Red Resonant Earth** - Eve of May Day; we're in the power of a high holy holiday: WESAK; it's also Arbour Day. We are the keepers of the earth; listen to her and be aware of her energies. Embrace the gift of planetary harmony – and become that balancing point, as we take advantage of our intuition. This is the midpoint of the matrix

**1<sup>st</sup> MAY Sat - 8 ETZNAB White Galactic Mirror** – also May Day - the maidenhood of spring, all is blooming we celebrate with festivals and dancing around the May Pole. The tone represents the counter clockwise spin of galactic harmony. Warrior aspect – about working on our groundedness, the wise use of honesty. The mirror energy is about skrying the unseen. Let go of fear, of separateness

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sun – 9 CAUAC- Blue Solar Storm – visionary aspect.** Transformation for others, and lighting clear thoughts in ourselves. Let go of addiction to crisis, to despair.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mon – 10 AHAU Yellow Planetary Sun – Healing Aspect.** Rising to Christ Consciousness – end of 4 core days. Striving towards wholeness; gift is possibility thinking and the God self.

**4<sup>th</sup> Tues – 11 IMIX Red Spectral Dragon – and Artist Aspect.** It;s the beginning of the wheel the Spectral tone is change, releasing, letting go of what no longer serves us. Embrace the gift of change. Trust the Universe; work with clarity of mind. Let go of any illusions of lack of support

**5<sup>th</sup> Wed – 12 IK White Crystal Wind** – this is Cinco De Mayo so we do this with our ancestors! Remember our unity with Spirit. We're co-creating with spirit and the earth a **Visionary Aspect** – it's about allowing spirit to work through us

**6<sup>th</sup> Thur – 13 AKBAL – Blue Night** – working with participation, be the new tree of Life. Let go of judgment

**7<sup>th</sup> Fri – I KAN – Yellow Seed** - our openness to life; harmony seeking; about timing. Gift of possibility, co-creation. Let go of lack of trust

[www.Spacestationplaza.co](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**  
**Thank you, thank you, thank you ! . .**

- Go to [BBSradio.com/Station2](http://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:  
**B B S RADIO** [Please put **"Attention Don"** on the envelope]  
1500 Pleasant Hill RD [Note inside that it's for T & R calls]  
Lafayette, CA 94549 [& the Thursday call, as well]

- **BBS archives can be accessed by everyone;** there are archives on [www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net) 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 [www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net)**

**FOOD MONEY:** VIA PAYPAL OR See the PAGE ON Rainbowroundtable  
Rama has a pride of Paschats – 9 in total - including the rabbit ! ! !

**BASICS:** Food for Paschats, for the car, for T & R - \$250

**Bills:** \$ 500.00 4 bills Thanks for helping them catch up . . . .

**THIS IS RENT WEEK - \$1150 + RAMA HAS ANOTHER DR APP'T - \$180**

• **Please notify T & R if you're sending something:** [koran9999@comcast.net](mailto:koran9999@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!**

• **Donations to the Fresh Produce Fund for Tara & Rama -  
now on the [www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net)**

**\*\* [www.rainbowroundtable.net /page/donate](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net/page/donate) \*\***

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

• They continue to appreciate each & every donation received for food.

• Please continue to go to [www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net) and link to their Paypal account: click on the word CHANGE; choose **family and friends option so Paypal takes off no fees.**

**FREEMART:** Rama and Tara are being helped by this account: they get their supplements there. **The returns also help [www.rainbowroundtable.net](http://www.rainbowroundtable.net)**

<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](mailto: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](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.keshefoundation.org/store/?alias=store>

**Keshe Corona site**

[www.plasmainnature.com/health/coronavirus-1-cup-1-life-series-protocols-and-other-info/](http://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-april-30-2021>

**NOTE: Any issues with accessing the program have to do with further upgrading at BBS**  
– there are so many new listeners that Don and Doug are upgrading the technology – lots of coding to do

**Rama, Tara [R, T] • • •**

Greetings! Happy May Day! Happy Lei Day!

**T:** going to play info from *Democracy Now* – Amy Goodman talking to Jeremy Scahill  
he’s gone over the history of Joe Biden’s career – 1972 – to now: 48 years

- Refers to him as ‘definitely a war hawk’
- Hillary the Hologram was on The Reidout – Joy Reid’s programs

**R:** was told yesterday: the Drumpf-Clinton-Bush Crime families are next to be exposed.

- As Michael Cohen has said: Rudy’ll be doing all kinds of flipping before the story is done
  - Rudy was mayor of NYC on the morning of 9/11
    - he and Biden ordered it up, along with Bloomberg, Silverstein
  - to this day, Dr Judy Woods name is not mentioned, or the Hutchison Effect which has to do with magnetic particale beam weaponry
  - over 90,000 dead that morning
- FBI visited, at 6 am, Rudy’s Madison Ave apartment and Park Ave Office

**T** refers to this article:

**2021-04-29 (2021-04-07) EXCLUSIVE - Former Pfizer VP: ‘Your government is lying to you in a way that could lead to your death.’ SEE BELOW**

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/exclusive-former-pfizer-vp-your-government-is-lying-to-you-in-a-way-that-could-lead-to-your-death>

**T: a reminder: St G is intervening: it is THROUGH US – important to remember.**

**T: On** last night’s call, learned about **the testing swabs; only the first few minutes were relayed**

**2021-04-29 PCR tests a tool for Genocide ENTIRE ARTICLE BELOW**

**Forwarded from Radiating Love via Telegram**

**Translation of the article:**

Breaking news after medical analysis: **PCR tests prove to be a tool for genocide**  
An analysis of test sticks from COVID PCR tests by a hospital in Slovakia confirms genocide.  
This is a global, thoughtful and carefully prepared event!

Very disturbing news from Slovakia, where hospital staff in Bratislava conducted an investigation into the PCR tests. They concluded that the cotton swab tests, which are inserted through the nose all the way to the brain, are designed to implant your body with DARPA Hydrogel.

**NOTE: THERE IS A PDF LINK WHICH SHOWS MAGNIFIED PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATING THE TEXT AND ANALYSIS** [SEE ARTICLE BELOW](#)

**R:** Received a call from **Tom The Ring tailed Cat** at noon today

- we are about to go into the X Files, head first! It is about the deep state [?] and the willing participant in our government. Uncle Joe has a long and sordid history with the Deep State. There are whistleblowers from the FSB [Russian Federation]; CIA; NSA, DIA who know about the triangular-shaped craft and they are telling us in no uncertain terms: the old timeline is just that: OLD – and it is passing into NO Time.
- As Lord Kryon says, take your power back; stand in your Mighty I AM Presence; the opposition wants us to give up
  - We are in the greatest moments of our story: no nukes; expect magic and miracles with this Beltane or May Day or Lei Day
- See you in the Light of the Most Radiant One!

**T: from Tania Gabrielle**

[SEE BELOW](#)

2021-04-30 **Sun Conjunct Uranus: Uplift and Shift! [April 30]**

The Sun shines the light on Uranus today as both conjunct each other at **10°** Taurus. Hours later, on May 1, we begin a powerful **10** Universal Month.

- **10** births new beginnings through amazing manifestation opportunities.
- **Uranus conjunct the Sun** adds excitement and unexpected events to generate an awakening within you.

This is an extremely powerful shift energy, since Uranus represents anything that is connected to the electric and unpredictable.

[FULL DOC BELOW](#)

**T:** about a volcano in Iceland: hasn't erupted in 6,000 years – began erupting and still going  
**R:** all kinds of ships are there – saw some pictures on Twitter now gone – and no, he couldn't get them down fast enough!

**T:** what she's seen lately:

Takes 620 gallons of fresh water to make 1 burger; 6.2 gal to make 1 veggie burger

**CONFERENCE CALL**

<https://fccdl.in/WhyN9H9mCh>

Something happened, and the **entire set of notes disappeared!**

**Only the Conference Call notes ARE NOT RECONSTRUCTED: please listen to the call yourselves . . . . .**

## **B B S RADIO**

**AUDIO:** [PatriciaCotaRobles VLOG 216 - COCREATING THE DIVINE PLAN FOR 2021](#)  
<https://youtu.be/fv1RvcsXKz8>

**AUDIO:** [The Ascended Masters Broadcasts](#)  
**Goddess of Peace – April 30th 2021:** [Listen/download](#)  
<https://instantteleseminar.com/Events/126168429>

## **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! Happy Beltane!**

Goddess is alive, magic is afoot! It is about the return of that goddess energy that's shifting the balance of power on this planet, planetary system.

- A lot coming down the pike, as we say.

**T:** There's a lot of growling in the corners, everywhere . .

**M/A:** Yes. It is that moment She speaks of: it is hitting the fan. It's about Freedom's holy flame.

- In this present moment, send more love to all the situations.

- Mind over matter: that's the deal. We have the ability to shift this right now. It's not about war; it's about how much good we can do in the world, simply by changing our thoughts. That's a big deal.
  - Reversing the programming that we came in with, with the false story; forgetting about the mission. Let's say it's time.
  - And it's about this return of the energies that bring peace and joy to the planet, instead of what we are seeing.

- Please place Mother India in the Circle of Support; it's an interesting moment in our present space/time continuum, as they're running out of ways to mess with us as the vibrations keep getting higher.
  - And even at that, they're so busy with their own demise – not worrying about us all – we are - let's say, they're trying to fry bigger fish to get out of the frying pan –
    - it's all about this sacred moment, sending more love to the situations.
    - Yes . . .

**T:** the discussions during the conference call: they're getting told on and not necessarily in the main media – and the stuff they are doing: in plain English, they are murdering every body

**M/A:** because they are so desperate to control the story line

**T:** that's all they can think of: to do harm to everyone and their dog – that doesn't work

**M/A:** No it doesn't and, and at this present moment, earth, this whole solar system getting raised up as the sun goes through its transfiguration, and it affects everything.

- Right at this time, this is the biggest story as it changes everything: our bodies, our lives - every particle, every molecule, dances with the frequencies of ecstasy.
- As the light pours in at this time, there is nothing that can stop it: all we can do is embrace the light coming in, shift our consciousness. It is the easiest way to integrate these energies
- In the same moment, let us just say - it is such an awesome time to be alive. Yes-s-s- . . . it's the energies

**T:** They're pretty intense, Mother

**M/A:** can feel it

**T:** Uh- huh - and people get sleepy

**M/A:** Yes, Right now, let's say as things progress, it is quite an interesting moment to be here and experience these ascension frequencies.

- We are going from carbon to silica in a matter of a few nano seconds: it may not seem that way, yet it is.
- Each day more of their craft are being seen - more interactions with them - this is why She says: expect them.
- The times that are unfolding, things are only getting higher and much better - the concept of the light pouring in
  - we have never been where we are at this moment: we are the co-creators of this divine story and as we embrace love, it changes everything,
  - This may seem alien and so far from what's happening, yet it is the key to earth's salvation, let's put it that way. **Love is the answer.**
  - **War has been cancelled** just like John and Yoko said: War is over, as you want it
- Right now, this realm is getting a cosmic makeover, so to speak. It's about the Love coming in - focus on that Radiant Light pouring in.
  - She knows we've got a lot to deal with, with the intense stories here

**T:** She's gathering from what Mother says we are right in the process of the transition

**M/A:** it is so big, She has not the words to describe it, except to experience the energies as we embrace them. [and] jump into the frequencies head first. And it may seem totally insane to do what She is saying, yet it's . . .

**T:** Living in unusual times . . .

**M/A:** We are! Goddess has returned and what's happening is the lifting up [of] 13,000 years PLUS of false stories and, as we were to meet someone here and now, who's 7 feet tall, 20 ft tall - and we were to interact with the present moment: **Love is the answer.**

- There are so many pieces to this : we are the co creators of this story;

- She'd better be on her way:

**T:** are you done, Mother?

**M/A:** Yes - She's got miles to be before She sleeps

**T:** are you talking about the big story?

**M/A:** talking about having a little conference with a few folks on Saturn's moon, Titan.



- There are some issues at hand; the people of earth would like to put some technologies into Titan's atmosphere and see if it's suitable for life - Not in the way we understand life;
  - it is unique, these moments – every spark of life is sacred, and the forms are so varied, She has not the words. Yet every speck, every atom, every molecule dances with the radiance of the Office of the Christ whether we know it or not.
- It is that cosmic dance of ecstasy that holds this universe together , this planetary system, galaxy
- It is the goo that holds what is going on here: the ascension process can't be stopped and the old timeline is just that: old! Let it go -
  - there are more magnificent things to focus on – like the return of the angels, and the fairy lords, the elven folk: if we were to listen to the elven music, it is as equal to the harp music we have heard from the Irish ladies.
  - There is so much more unfolding that is about Joy and Ecstasy – the return of the light -
    - Tomorrow is May Day, Lei Day – this energy about what is unfolding – the mystical month of May as Patti calls it –
    - it's about the light that is pouring in with Love that's shifting everything

**Both:** Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One. Kadoish, kadoish, kadoish

**RAMA RETURNS:**

- Has been on one of the Arcturian ships in orbit – many folks are here to help participate in lifting us up; anytime now we're gonna see some stuff hit the fan as it is unfolding by the moment.
- The folks playing with the old toys of war haven't got a moment to spare, as they can forgive themselves.

**T:** haven't made a motion to lift a finger to do such a thing:

**R:** They're gonna get their moment not already started with Rudy – watch it unfold, is what he's hearing.

- The options are expect Love to show up in the most unusual, most unlikely of places - not about the revenge of the Sith but about restoring the balance on this planet where Goddess calls the shots

**AUDIO: from Democracy Now April 28, 2021**

**Full transcripts below**

**2021-04-28 "Empire Politician": Joe Biden's Half-Century Record on Foreign Policy, War, Militarism & the CIA**

**Topics [Joe Biden](#)**

**[Military Industrial Complex](#)**

- [CIA](#)

**Links ["Empire Politician: A Half-Century of Joe Biden's Stances on War, Militarism, and the CIA"](#)**

Image Credit: The Intercept

As President Joe Biden nears his 100th day in the White House, we look at his foreign policy record, both as president and over the past five decades. A new project created by Jeremy Scahill, award-winning journalist and senior correspondent at The Intercept, examines Biden's stances on war, militarism and the CIA going back to the early 1970s, when he was first elected as a senator in Delaware. We air a video discussing the project, titled "Empire Politician," featuring Scahill.

**2021-04-28 Jeremy Scahill: Joe Biden's Foreign Policy Record Shows Evolution of U.S. Empire Since Vietnam War**

[https://www.democracynow.org/2021/4/28/jeremy\\_scahill\\_joe\\_biden\\_foreign\\_policy](https://www.democracynow.org/2021/4/28/jeremy_scahill_joe_biden_foreign_policy)

**2021-04-28 Jeremy Scahill on Biden's "War Against Whistleblowers," from Daniel Ellsberg to Edward Snowden**

Story April 28, 2021

**Full transcripts below**

**AUDIO: Zero Hour - Richard R.J.Eskow – guest is Prof. Richard Wolf**

**2021-04-26 The Zero Hour: To See Real Recovery We Need New Eyes**

Prof Wolff joins RJ Eskow on The Zero Hour to discuss the US economy and its perceived "recovery."

[https://www.rdwolff.com/the\\_zero\\_hour\\_to\\_see\\_real\\_recovery\\_we\\_need\\_new\\_eyes](https://www.rdwolff.com/the_zero_hour_to_see_real_recovery_we_need_new_eyes)

**AUDIO: REDACTED TONIGHT**

**2021-04-30**

**~333~ 13 Facts About US Prisons That'll Blow Your Mind!**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egCOIWZZoJ4&ab\\_channel=RedactedTonight](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egCOIWZZoJ4&ab_channel=RedactedTonight)

Watch the full episode on: <https://www.portable.tv/videos/prison...>

**13 Facts About US Prisons That'll Blow Your Mind!**

People just assume that the US's system of mass incarceration has always been this way. Lee Camp looks into the truth about prisons in the US. Imprisoning huge chunks of society is neither necessary nor beneficial to society as a whole and the stories that Camp explores here will blow your mind. The system is a racist continuation of slavery and we all need to understand that better.

Also on this episode: Lee Camp also covers Big Pharma's goal of stopping the patent waiver to help the world get hold of the coronavirus vaccine, and he makes a correction from his recent segment on Greg Gutfeld's new comedy show on FOX News.



Anders Lee joins Camp to discuss the newest propaganda effort to push the US into war. A group in the Democratic Republic of Congo wants to ignite a conflict with a group who they claim are being funded and trained by ISIS. The group, Invisible Children, were connected to another attempt to bring US troops into conflict in Africa in 2012 based on faulty intelligence.

Natalie McGill brings Camp stories about Joe Biden's speech this week, the crisis of homelessness in LA, and how body parts from children killed in the MOVE bombing in Philadelphia were being used in Princeton courses without the permission of the parents.

<https://www.portable.tv/series/redactedtonight>

**AUDIO: KEISER REPORT [Burying fiat, finding bitcoin \(E1690\)](#)**

2021-04-29

**VIDEO:** <https://www.rt.com/shows/keiser-report/522385-bitcoin-silver-price-manipulation/>

**PODCAST:** <https://soundcloud.com/rttv/keiser-report-9>

In this episode of the *Keiser Report*, Max and Stacy look at the \$421,000 worth of 1958 dollars (inflation adjusted) found under a floorboard – worth just \$46,000 over 50 years later.

In the second half, Max continues his interview with Craig 'Don Quixote' Hemke of TFMetalsReport.com about his campaign to try and stop silver price manipulation.



**CLOSING** Rainbird

### **Rama's Final Music**

**Control - Alan Watts** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kfe9nJUP2E>

**Some music in honour of Beltane**

## INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

**2021-04-29 (2021-04-07) EXCLUSIVE - Former Pfizer VP: 'Your government is lying to you in a way that could lead to your death.'**

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/exclusive-former-pfizer-vp-your-government-is-lying-to-you-in-a-way-that-could-lead-to-your-death>

'Look out the window, and think, "why is my government lying to me about something so fundamental?" Because, I think the answer is, they are going to kill you using this method. They're going to kill you and your family.'



Dr. Mike Yeadon

Arshad Ebrahim / YouTube



By Patrick Delaney

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April 7, 2021 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) — Dr. Michael Yeadon, Pfizer's former Vice President and Chief Scientist for Allergy & Respiratory who spent 32 years in the industry leading new medicines research and [retired](#) from the pharmaceutical giant with "the most senior research position" in his field, spoke with LifeSiteNews in a telephone interview.

He addressed the "demonstrably false" propaganda from governments in response to COVID-19, including the "lie" of dangerous variants, the totalitarian potential for "vaccine passports," and the strong possibility we are dealing with a "conspiracy" which could lead to something far beyond the carnage experienced in the wars and massacres of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

His main points included:

1. There is "no possibility" current variants of COVID-19 will escape immunity. It is "just a lie."

2. Yet, governments around the world are repeating this lie, indicating that we are witnessing not just “convergent opportunism,” but a “conspiracy.” Meanwhile media outlets and Big Tech platforms are committed to the same propaganda and the censorship of the truth.
3. Pharmaceutical companies have already begun to develop unneeded “top-up” (“booster”) vaccines for the “variants.” The companies are planning to manufacture billions of vials, in addition to the current experimental COVID-19 “[vaccine](#)” campaign.
4. Regulatory agencies like the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the European Medicines Agency, have announced that since these “top-up” vaccines will be so similar to the prior injections which were approved for emergency use authorization, drug companies will not be required to “perform any clinical safety studies.”
5. Thus, this virtually means that design and implementation of repeated and coerced mRNA vaccines “go from the computer screen of a pharmaceutical company into the arms of hundreds of millions of people, [injecting] some superfluous genetic sequence for which there is absolutely no need or justification.”
6. Why are they doing this? Since no benign reason is apparent, the use of vaccine passports along with a “banking reset” could issue in a totalitarianism unlike the world has ever seen. Recalling the evil of Stalin, Mao, and Hitler, “mass depopulation” remains a logical outcome.
7. The fact that this at least *could be* true means everyone must “*fight like crazy to make sure that system never forms.*”

Dr. Yeadon began identifying himself as merely a “boring guy” who went “to work for a big drug company ... listening to the main national broadcast and reading the broad sheet newspapers.”

Continuing, he said: “But in the last year I have realized that my government and its advisers are lying in the faces of the British people about everything to do with this coronavirus. *Absolutely everything.* It’s a fallacy this idea of asymptomatic transmission and that you don’t have symptoms, but you are a source of a virus. That lockdowns work, that masks have a protective value obviously for you or someone else, and that variants are scary things and we even need to close international borders in case some of these nasty foreign variants get in.

“Or, by the way, on top of the current list of gene-based vaccines that we have miraculously made, there will be some ‘top-up’ vaccines to cope with the immune escape variants.

“Everything I have told you, every single one of those things is demonstrably false. But our entire national policy is based on these all being broadly right, but they are all wrong.”

### **‘Conspiracy’ and not just ‘convergent opportunism’**

“But what I would like to do is talk about immune escape because I think that’s probably going to be the end game for this whole event, which I think is probably a conspiracy. Last year I thought it was what I called ‘convergent opportunism,’ that is a bunch of different stakeholder groups have managed to pounce on a world in chaos to push us in a particular direction. So it *looked* like it was *kind of* linked, but I was prepared to say it was just convergence.”

“I [now] think that’s naïve. There is no question in my mind that very significant powerbrokers around the world have either planned to take advantage of the next pandemic or created the

pandemic. One of those two things is true because the reason it must be true is that dozens and dozens of governments are all saying the same lies and doing the same inefficacious things that demonstrably cost lives.

"And they are talking the same sort of future script which is, 'We don't want you to move around because of these pesky varmints, these "variants"'— which I call 'samiant's' by the way, because they are pretty much the same — but they're all saying this and they are all saying 'don't worry, there will be "top-up" vaccines that will cope with the potential escapees.' They're all saying this when it is obviously nonsense."

### **Possible end game: vaccine 'passports' tied to spending allowances, thorough control**

"I think the end game is going to be, 'everyone receives a vaccine'... Everyone on the planet is going to find themselves persuaded, cajoled, not quite mandated, hemmed-in to take a jab.

"When they do that every single individual on the planet will have a name, or unique digital ID and a health status flag which will be 'vaccinated,' or not ... and whoever possesses that, sort of single database, operable centrally, applicable everywhere to control, to provide as it were, a privilege, you can either cross this particular threshold or conduct this particular transaction or not depending on [what] the controllers of that one human population database decide. And I think that's what this is all about because once you've got that, we become playthings and the world can be as the controllers of that database want it.

"For example, you might find that after a banking reset that you can only [spend through using an app](#) that actually feeds off this [database], your ID, your name, [and] your health status flag."

"And, yes, certainly crossing an international border is the most obvious use for these [vaccine passports](#), as they are called, but I've heard talk of them already that they could be necessary for you to get into public spaces, enclosed public spaces. I expect that if they wanted to, you would not be able to leave your house in the future without the appropriate privilege on your app.

"But even if that's not [the] true [intent of the vaccine campaign], it doesn't matter, *the fact that it could be true* means everyone [reading] this should *fight like crazy to make sure that [vaccine passport] system never forms.*"

"[With such a system], here is an example of what they could make you do, and I think this is what they're going to make [people] do.

"You could invent a story that is about a virus and its variations, its mutations over time. You could invent the story and make sure you embed it through the captive media, make sure that no one can counter it by censoring alternative sources, then people are now familiar with this idea that this virus mutates, which it does, and that it produces variants, which is true [as well], which could *escape your immune system, and that's a lie.*

"But, nevertheless, we're going to tell you it's true, and then when we tell you that it's true and we say 'but we've got the cure, here's a top-up vaccine,' you'll get a message, based on this one global, this one ID system: 'Bing!' it will come up and say 'Dr. Yeadon, time for your top-up vaccine. And, by the way,' it will say 'your existing immune privileges remain valid for four weeks. But if you don't get your top-up vaccine in that time, you will unfortunately detrimentally be an "out person," and you don't want that, do you?' So, that's how it'll work, and people will just walk up and they'll get their top-up vaccine."

## **Gov't lies, Big Pharma moves forward, medicine regulators get out of the way, and possible 'mass-depopulation'**

"But I will take you through this, Patrick, because I am qualified to comment. I don't know what [Vanden Bossche](#) is about. There was no possibility *at all*, based on all of the variants that are in the public domain, 4000 or so of them, none of them are going to escape immunity [i.e. become more dangerous].

"Nevertheless, politicians and health advisers (to loads of governments) are [saying that they are](#). They're lying. Well, why would you do that?

"Here's the other thing, in parallel, pharmaceutical companies have said, several of them, it will be quite easy for us to adjust our gene-based vaccines, and we can hasten them through development, and we can help you.

"And here's the real scary part, global medicines regulators like [the U.S. Food and Drug Administration] [FDA](#), the Japanese medicines agency, the [European Medicines Agency](#), have gotten together and announced ... since top-up vaccines will be considered so similar to the ones that we have already approved for emergency use authorization, we are not going to require the drug companies to perform any clinical safety studies.

"So, you've got on the one hand, governments and their advisers that are lying to you that variants are different enough from the current virus that, even if you're immune from natural exposure or vaccination, you're a risk and you need to come and get this top-up vaccine. So, I think neither of those are true. So why is the drug company making the top-up vaccines? And [with] the regulators having got out of the way — and if Yeadon is right, and I'm sure I am or I wouldn't be telling you this — *you go from the computer screen of a pharmaceutical company into the arms of hundreds of millions of people, some superfluous genetic sequence for which there is absolutely no need or justification.*

"And if you wanted to introduce a characteristic which could be harmful and could even be lethal, and you can even tune it to say 'let's put it in some gene that will cause liver injury over a nine-month period,' or, cause your kidneys to fail but not until you encounter this kind of organism [that would be quite possible]. *Biotechnology provides you with limitless ways, frankly, to injure or kill billions of people.*

"And since I can't think of a benign explanation for any of the steps: variants, top-up vaccines, no regulatory studies... it's not only that I cannot think of a benign explanation, the steps described, and the scenario described, and the necessary sort of resolution to this false problem is going to allow what I just described: unknown, and unnecessary gene sequences injected into the arms of potentially billions of people for no reason.

"I'm very worried ... that pathway will be used for mass depopulation, because I can't think of any benign explanation."

### **'Absurdly impossible' variants will escape immunity, 'just a lie'**

"If I can show you that one major thing that governments around the world are telling the people is a lie, you should take my 32 years of experienced opinion that says, most of it, if not all of it, is a lie."

"The most different variant is only 0.3% different from the original sequence as emailed out of Wuhan in ... January 2020. 0.3% [is] the one [variant] that is the *most* different on the planet so far. And now another way of saying it is, 'all of the variants are not less than 99.7% identical to each other.'

"Now, you might be thinking, 'hmm, .3%, is that enough [to escape immunity and become more dangerous]?' The answer is *no*. Get away, ya know, get out of here ...

"The human immune system is a thing of wonder. What it does is when it faces a new pathogen like this, you've got [professional cells](#), they're called [professional antigen-presenting cells](#) — they're kind of rough tough things that tend not to succumb to viruses. And their job is to grab foreign things in the near environment and tear them limb from limb [inside the cell]. They really cut them up into hundreds of pieces. And then they present these pieces on the surfaces of their cell to other bits of your immune system, and amazingly, because of the variability that God and nature gave you, huge variability to recognize foreign things, and your body ends up using 15 to 20 different specific motifs that it spots about this virus. They're called [epitopes](#), basically they're just like little photographs of the details about this virus. That's what they do. And that is what is called your repertoire, your immune repertoire is like 20 different accurate photographs, close-ups, of different bits of this virus.

"Now, if a tiny piece of the virus changes, like the .3% I've just described, if you are reinfected by that variant, your professional cells tear into that virus and cut it into pieces, present them again, and lo and behold, most of the pieces that you have already seen and recognized, are still there in the variants.

*"There is absolutely no chance that all of them will fail to be recognized and that is what is required for immune escape, to escape your immunity. It must present to you as a new pathogen. It must be sufficiently different that, when it is cut up by your professional checker cells, it won't find mostly the same thing it has seen before. And that is just absurdly impossible when you have only varied .3%, so it is 99.7% (similar).*

"You can go and check that by looking at papers by a person called [Alison Tarke](#). There is also [Shane Crotty](#), and all of the other co-authors.

"And before them, coming from my theoretical understanding of multi-locus immunity, which is what I just badly tried to describe, to what actually happens ... If your [immune system] is presented with something that contains even half of those similar pieces, there is no way your body will say, 'that's a new pathogen.'

*"And, so, the idea that 0.3% could even have a chance of getting around immunity is just a lie. It's not [even] like an opinion difference.*

"I don't think 3% would be enough. That's 10 times more variation than has occurred in 16 months [with this virus]. I don't even think 30% difference would be enough. So, I'm saying that 100 times more variation than has actually happened, would still leave me putting *a big bet on the human immune system not being fooled that these are new pathogens*.

"I've chatted this over with several professors of immunology and they agreed with me, it's like, 'why are you asking me this?'

"So, I think that what I've just said is that governments and their advisors in multiple countries are lying about variants. That's a massive thing! You should check it out. Your readers should check it out. If it's true, don't you think it's terrifying?! It was when I realized it.



"So, they're lying about variants, and then, of course, since [the variants] are not really different, you do not need a 'top-up' vaccine. *Now you should be getting the hairs on the back of your neck up, because they are [making them right now!](#)*"

"They are making [billions](#) of vials of it. And they will be available by the end of the year.

"And I think they'll require people to first, be on the vaccine passport one-world database, and then it will roll up into the top-ups, and if it takes a bit longer it will take a bit longer.

"But this is not going away. It won't go away until enough people, if they ever do, say 'you're a bunch of frauds and we are taking our freedoms back, so you can just stop doing this.'

"Because one person shouting into the wilderness and all of the other academics looking the other way, will have us just going down this pipe maybe a week later than if I hadn't said anything, but we're still going down *to hell*.

"So, that's why I'm frightened.

"The variants aren't different. I call them 'samiants'... they're pretty much the same. They're not different. Therefore, you don't need a top-up vaccine, so don't go near any of them."

### **'Why is my government lying to me?' Because 'they are going to kill you.'**

"[And if you recognize that our governments are involved in a major verifiable lie], don't just turn your computer off and go to supper. Stop. Look out the window, and think, 'why is my government lying to me about something so fundamental?' Because, I think the answer is, *they are going to kill you using this method. They're going to kill you and your family.*

"The eugenicists have got hold of the levers of power and this is a really artful way of getting you to line-up and receive some unspecified thing that will damage you. I have no idea what it will actually be, but it won't be a vaccine because you don't need one. And it won't kill you on the end of the needle because you would spot that.

"It could be something that will produce normal pathology, it will be at various times between vaccination and the event, it will be plausibly deniable because there will be something else going on in the world at that time, in the context of which your demise, or that of your children will look normal.

"That's what I would do if I wanted to get rid of 90 or 95% of the world's population. And I think that's what they're doing."

"Now I don't know [for certain] that they're going to use that [system] to kill you, but I can't think of a benign reason, and with that power they certainly could harm you, or control you, so you should object [and strenuously oppose it]."

### **People can't deal with this level of evil, but Soviets, Hitler, Mao show its possibility**

"It's become absolutely clear to me, even when I talk to intelligent people, friends, acquaintances ... and they can tell I'm telling them something important, but they get to the point [where I say] 'your government is lying to you in a way that could lead to your death and that of your children,' and they can't begin to engage with it. And I think maybe 10% of them understand what I said, and 90% of those blank their understanding of it because it is too difficult. And my concern is, we are going to lose this, because people will not deal with the possibility that anyone is so evil..."

"But I remind you of what happened in Russia in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, what happened in 1933 to 1945, what happened in, you know, Southeast Asia in some of the most awful times in the post-war era. And, what happened in China with Mao and so on.

"We've only got to look back two or three generations. All around us there are people who are as bad as the people doing this. They're all around us. So, I say to folks, the only thing that really marks this one out, is its *scale*.

"But actually, this is probably less bloody, it's less personal, isn't it? The people who are steering this ... it's going to be much easier for them. They don't have to shoot anyone in the face. They don't have to beat someone to death with a baseball bat, or freeze them, starve them, make them work until they die. All of those things did happen two or three generations back and our grandparents or great grandparents were either victims of this, or they were actually members of it, or at least they witnessed it from overseas. That's how close we are.

"And all I'm saying is, some shifts like that are happening again, but now they are using molecular biology.

"And the people going along with it, I think they would probably say, 'I was only following orders,' which we have heard before.

"But I know, because I have talked to lots of people, and some of them have said 'I don't want to believe that you are right, so I'm going to just put it away because if it is true, I can't handle it.' And I think ... all you need to do is find a good reason to tell people, 'Don't take the vaccine unless you're a medical risk of dying from the virus!' That seems to me a pretty good line!"

### **Towards a solution – 'We need God'**

"I'm a scientist, and I can tell you, talking to non-scientists, using science as a tool, will not work. It will fail.

"So, we need philosophers, people who understand logic, religion, something like that, [they have] got to wrestle with this, and start talking in a language people will understand. Because if we leave it with scientists, people like me, even though I'm well-intentioned, I'm a gabbling alien as far as most people in the street are concerned. They won't believe the government will lie to them, they don't believe the government would ever do anything that will harm them, but they are [doing such things]."

Finally, in an email correspondence, Dr. Yeadon concluded, "I have latest taken to signing off with 'May God save us', because I think we need God now more than at any time since WW2."

*LifeSiteNews has produced an extensive COVID-19 vaccines resources page. [View it here.](#)*

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**2021-04-29            PCR tests a tool for Genocide**

**Forwarded from Radiating Love via Telegram**

**Translation of the article:**

Breaking news after medical analysis: PCR tests prove to be a tool for genocide

An analysis of test sticks from COVID PCR tests by a hospital in Slovakia confirms genocide. This is a global, thoughtful and carefully prepared event!

Very disturbing news from Slovakia, where hospital staff in Bratislava conducted an investigation into the PCR tests. They concluded that the cotton swab tests, which are inserted through the nose all the way to the brain, are designed to implant your body with DARPA Hydrogel.

**Criminal instrument for genocide**

The analysis was carried out in the months of November 2020 to March 2021 (<https://www.golokaproject.org/documentfiles/Analysis-of-test-sticks-from-surface-testing-in-the-Slovak-Republic.pdf> ) on test swabs in sets: SD Biosensor, Abbott and Nadal, in an - for safety reasons - unnamed hospital laboratory in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Here is the link to the full, comprehensive study in PDF format. Even a layman like me can understand this.

And anyone who has at least a standard school microscope and a test microscope can verify the information, regarding the test swabs published here. All information about Test Sticks, DARPA Hydrogel, and Lithium is publicly available in scientific and business work. See the links at the bottom of the PDF document and at the bottom of this article.

It is clear from this information that test sticks are a criminal tool for genocide of the people of Slovakia. However, this is a global, thoughtful and carefully prepared event!

**Hollow nylon fibers at the end of PCR tests**

These broken-formed fiber ends have the task of disrupting the epithelium, the surface layer of your mucous membranes. Due to their breakage at the tip and subsequent leaching and loss of their fiber content - that's DARPA Hydrogel and Lithium - these substances end up in your body... close to the brain! These hollow fibers or threads are patented by, you guessed it, DARPA.

This image shows a longitudinally opened fiber with broken end, and shows DARPA Hydrogel balls. See also the other images in the PDF for clarification.

This 'material' now remains after emptying in the back of your nasal cavity!

After contact of the DARPA Hydrogel with your organic liquids, such as saliva, they start to form rectangular crystal structures within minutes. These grow and multiply. See the result after 24 hours in the PDF!

**Main target: your pineal gland**

These DARPA Hydrogel 'crystals' create a spatial 3D structure and grow right through your body tissue.

DARPA Hydrogel crystals grew under the microscope in the direction of the magnetic field... This means that it grows in the nasal cavity towards the pineal gland. The pineal gland creates a locally stronger magnetic field than the external magnetic field of the earth.

You must realize that natural crystallization of saliva, without DARPA Hydrogel, creates crystals that do not form 3D spatial models or rectangular structures; neither do they grow fractally, so they multiply.

### **Ivermectin used as a test ...**

As a kind of test, Ivermectin was added to the unnatural crystallization. This caused an immediate, complete and permanent disappearance of the DARPA Hydrogel crystal structures.

Ivermectin thus has an incredibly strong effect against what DARPA Hydrogel produces in our organisms! Ivermectin is an anti-parasitic drug that is effective against most intestinal worms, parasitic mites and lice.

### **The effect of DARPA Hydrogel on human blood cells**

Addition of DARPA Hydrogel from the PCR test stick resulted in: don't be alarmed, a total slaughter of red blood cells! In addition, DARPA Hydrogel forms blood clots within seconds. These clots damage and then clog the blood vessels!

### **Resume**

After deliberately expanding a mixture of nylon fiber fragments in your nose, DARPA Hydrogel, along with Lithium, remains on the nasal mucosa, under the pituitary and pineal glands. This mixture immediately reacts with living structures to form crystals that target the pineal gland, which has its own electromagnetic field. After all, man is a bio-electric being. The shape of the crystals says something about the type of hydrogel that was used.

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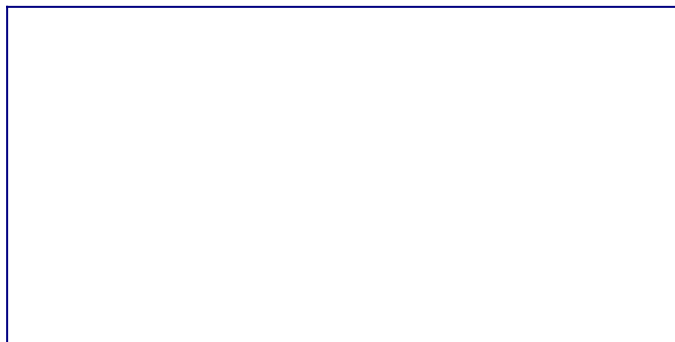
## 2021-04-30 Sun Conjunct Uranus: Uplift and Shift! [April 30]

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The Sun shines the light on Uranus today as both conjunct each other at **10°** Taurus. Hours later, on May 1, we begin a powerful **10** Universal Month.

- **10** births new beginnings through amazing manifestation opportunities.
- **Uranus conjunct the Sun** adds excitement and unexpected events to generate an awakening within you.

This is an extremely powerful shift energy, since Uranus represents anything that is connected to the electric and unpredictable.



The Sun uplifts, and Uranus shifts!

So you may have an urge to break from a limiting situation or relationship. Committing to new, unconventional directions feels a lot more feasible now.

If you experience instability, something needs to be brought into balance in your life. Be sure to take time for grounding and meditation to keep yourself immersed in the calmness of Taurus.

The Sun in Taurus gives you courage, and 10° provides the ease of manifesting. Uranus represents the **lightning bolt of change** whose only goal is to set you free, so you may notice a part of your life shifting in extraordinary ways.

- Guard against being reactive, aggressive or acting in haste.
- If you need to speak, then speak up.
- If you need to rest, then make room to rest.
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Uranus says - *who knows what you'll do from one moment to the next anyways?*  
It doesn't matter, because what needs to happen does.

Life works out without pushing hard or resisting or hurrying. And if you feel yourself contracting, stop for a moment and reassess what is impacting and why.

Uranus conjunct the Sun helps you see the truth behind the illusion.

It's a wonderful time to open your heart with gratitude and welcome thrilling new opportunities. For more on the astro-numerology star codes unfolding over the next 31 days of May and beyond, turn to the in-depth Premium Wealth Forecast. [Click here to listen to a free excerpt for May!](#)

Blessings and Love,

Tania Gabrielle

## 2021-04-28 "Empire Politician": Joe Biden's Half-Century Record on Foreign Policy, War, Militarism & the CIA

April 28, 2021



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As President Joe Biden nears his 100th day in the White House, we look at his foreign policy record, both as president and over the past five decades. A new project created by Jeremy Scahill, award-winning journalist and senior correspondent at The Intercept, examines Biden's stances on war, militarism and the CIA going back to the early 1970s, when he was first elected as a senator in Delaware. We air a video discussing the project, titled "Empire Politician," featuring Scahill.

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### Transcript

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**AMY GOODMAN:** President Biden is addressing a joint session of Congress tonight for the first time. It comes on the eve of his 100th day in the White House. Biden is expected to unveil his \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan to expand educational opportunities, child care and paid family leave. He's proposing to fund the plan in part by raising the capital gains tax for the nation's wealthiest households and cracking down on wealthy dodgers.

While much of tonight's speech is expected to focus on domestic issues, we spend the hour today looking at Biden's foreign policy record, both as president and over the past half-century. *The Intercept* has just launched a sweeping [project](#) examining a half-century of Biden's stances on war, militarism and the CIA, going back to the early '70s, when Biden was first elected senator of Delaware. The project is called "Empire Politician." It was created by the award-winning journalist Jeremy Scahill, senior correspondent and editor-at-large at *The Intercept*, which he helped found. Later in the show, Jeremy will join us, but first we turn to a new video featuring Jeremy Scahill, produced by *The Intercept*.

<https://democracynow.cachefly.net/democracynow/360/dn2021-0428.mp4?start=881.0&end=1634.0>

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** We have never had a president with a longer paper trail than Joe Biden. He's taken so many different positions on the same issues so many times throughout his career that I sometimes wonder if Biden even knows anymore what he actually thinks about a particular issue. Joe Biden might tell you one thing one day and

really believe it, and then the next day he's doing the exact opposite because he's cut some side deal that maybe we'll hear about in some years.

Above all, Biden is an empire politician. He is someone who believes that questions of war don't really matter on a moral level, but how does it impact America's credibility, security and prestige.

**BOB CLARK:** The youngest new face in the U.S. Senate next year will be that of Democrat Joseph Biden of Delaware.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** When Joe Biden began his run for the U.S. Senate, Richard Nixon was running a lawless administration.

**PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON:** We must never allow America to become the second-strongest nation in the world.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** The CIA is conducting operations inside of the United States. There's secret components to the War in Vietnam. And early on in his Senate career, Biden ends up on a subcommittee that is examining the issue of American war power: Who has the right to send the American people into a war? And he becomes an original co-sponsor of one of the most important laws passed by the United States Congress on questions of war.

**NEWS ANCHOR:** The War Powers Act grew out of the agony of the Vietnam War. Based on its constitutional authority, Congress passed a joint resolution which obliged the president to get congressional approval.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** Also, Biden becomes a very early and ardent critic of the CIA for the perception that the White House and the CIA are regularly circumventing the U.S. Congress. And then, on the other side of it, Biden becomes a totally radical warrior against leaking and against whistleblowers.

Jimmy Carter nominates an outsider to be director of the CIA, Ted Sorensen, a friend of the Kennedy family and adviser to JFK. Carter had said he was going to rein in the CIA, shrink it, reduce its budget. But then Biden discovers, oh, Ted Sorensen actually wrote an affidavit in support of Daniel Ellsberg when the Pentagon Papers prosecution was happening and Ellsberg was facing a century in prison under the Espionage Act. And in that affidavit, Ted Sorensen says everybody in Washington takes classified documents home, and they regularly leak far more sensitive documents to the press than the Pentagon Papers. Ted Sorensen's nomination was dead in the water after Biden joined the Republicans. Biden was more obsessed with some random admission from a Washington insider that they had taken classified documents home than he was about actually reining in the CIA.

**REPORTER:** Republican audiences love what he has to say.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** Reagan and Bush take power in Washington. Biden understands exactly what they want to do. They want to undo all of the oversight mechanisms that were put in place post-Nixon. So Biden becomes the leading opponent of Reagan's nominee to be CIA director, William Casey. But then, as Biden sort of gets to know people — and, you know, he's big on personal relationships — he starts to back away

from his own supposedly bedrock positions. So he opposes William Casey's nomination but ultimately then votes for William Casey.

So, throughout Casey's tenure, which spanned both of Reagan's terms, you see Biden, on the one hand, blasting Casey in public, and then, privately, literally collaborating to sell covert options as in American national interest — in some cases, to sell wars that were being done without the very laws being followed that Joe Biden co-sponsored. He had supported the invasion of Grenada in 1983. He supported airstrikes that were intended to kill Muammar Gaddafi in 1986. In Nicaragua, the Reagan administration begins financing and arming the Contra death squads, and this would ultimately lead to the Iran-Contra scandal. Biden publicly is railing against the funding of the Contras, but then does what I think can just be called a Biden.

**SEN. JOE BIDEN:** Joe Biden. How are you?

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** So, Biden starts to try to broker deals. "Well, we can support the Contras, Mr. Reagan, if we put this restriction on it and that restriction on it."

**SEN. JOE BIDEN:** I think I'm looking forward to helping you on this one, too.

**PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN:** Well, bless your heart.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** He would say, "Oh, well, that's because I'm a great compromiser." You don't compromise with death squads. And, you know, Joe Biden, very, very early on in the Iran-Contra scandal, came out and said, basically, that Reagan probably should resign. Reagan gives this now-infamous speech in which he says that "At the time, I made these statements saying that we didn't transfer any arms for hostages."

**PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN:** My heart and my best intentions still tell me that's true. But the facts and the evidence tell me it is not.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** Reagan gives this sort of logical gymnastics speech. Who does it resonate with? It resonates with Joe Biden.

**SEN. JOE BIDEN:** I take the president at his word that he did not know. I accept him at his word.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** So, in 1990, 1991, it becomes clear that the United States is going to go to war against Iraq. Joe Biden starts raising holy hell in the U.S. Senate about the War Powers Resolution. Biden gets so furious during this battle with the White House and Bush's utter disdain for congressional war powers that he takes a principled stand and actually votes against the authorization. And Biden actually lives to regret that he didn't vote in favor of that war, because it ended up being very popular and was helping to sort of boost the American morale in the post-Vietnam era.

**PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH:** Aggression is defeated. The war is over.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** Biden then, almost overnight, transforms into one of the most hawkish figures on Iraq policy in United States Congress. He becomes a leading voice calling for the overthrow of the Iraqi regime.



**SEN. JOE BIDEN:** And it's going to require guys like you in uniform to be back on foot in the desert taking the son of a — the — taking Saddam down.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** And so, what you see is Biden emerging from the 1990s as an empire guy. Now, in the case of the war in the former Yugoslavia, Biden was a very early advocate of the U.S. intervening militarily. Biden was among the first to call it a genocide in Bosnia. But at the same time, Biden also sort of rejected notions that this is just a humanitarian cause. Biden would talk about it throughout the '90s as defending American prestige.

**SEN. JOE BIDEN:** We should go to Belgrade, and we should have a Japanese-, German-style occupation of that country.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** As Biden is agitating for the United States to be militarily involved in the former Yugoslavia, Haitians in the United States are watching as a brutal junta, death squads, overthrow the democratically elected government of the leftist President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. And Biden gives an interview on *Charlie Rose* in which he basically says nobody cares about Haiti.

**SEN. JOE BIDEN:** If Haiti just quietly sunk into the Caribbean or rose up 300 feet, it wouldn't matter a whole lot in terms of our interest.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** He viewed the stakes in Europe as something that the U.S. could gain by getting involved. In the case of Haiti, it would have been purely humanitarian in nature.

And then the Clinton administration, immersed in the Monica Lewinsky scandal, suddenly starts a series of wars and military actions. So Biden supports all of them. He supports the bombing of a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan. He supports bombing some farm in Afghanistan where maybe Osama bin Laden had been recently.

And when the FBI director comes to testify in front of Congress, Joe Biden is one of the senators who starts saying, "Can you clarify for me: What's the legality of assassination?" Biden seems to get this — the problem with the idea that America can kill whomever it wants, wherever it wants, however it wants.

Then the 9/11 attacks happen. And the simplest way to put it is that Joe Biden just supports almost everything that the Bush administration wants in the immediate aftermath. Biden not only votes in favor of the 2003 invasion and occupation of Iraq, he plays a key role in facilitating a war based on lies.

**PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH:** No matter how long it takes.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** Now as president, Joe Biden is saying he's going to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

**PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN:** I've concluded that it's time to end America's longest war.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** This doesn't mean that the war is going to completely end. When Biden was vice president, Biden wanted to use the very forces that actually are at the tip of the spear of assassination operations, instead of the large-scale troop deployment. What he's doing is finally getting the war waged the way he wanted it,

which is the CIA, Special Operations Forces, that are going to hunt down and kill the people that he determines are the enemy.

If Biden had become president, you know, 20 years ago, I think that it would have been easier to predict some of his future actions or policy behavior. But because of his age, because of the political moment that we're in, I think there are some real wildcards in how Biden is going to approach the world, including on questions of war.

**AMY GOODMAN:** That was a new video produced by *Intercept*, featuring Jeremy Scahill talking about his sweeping new investigative [project](#), "Empire Politician," about Joe Biden's foreign policy record over the past half-century. Jeremy joins us after break.

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## 2021-04-28 Jeremy Scahill: Joe Biden's Foreign Policy Record Shows Evolution of U.S. Empire Since Vietnam War

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An investigation into President Joe Biden's foreign policy record reveals "the history of the evolution of the American empire, from the Vietnam War to the present," says Jeremy Scahill, award-winning journalist and co-founder of *The Intercept*, which recently published a project titled "Empire Politician" that examines Biden's stances on war and militarism. Scahill says Joe Biden is the first president in decades to come to the White House after spending significant time in Congress, but it's not clear whether that will push him toward greater restraint in matters of war and peace. "Biden has spent his entire life railing against executive overreach, demanding that Congress be in charge of declaring war, and he may well be presented with a conflict around the world where it's going to really call the question on which Joe Biden shows up: Joe Biden, commander in chief, or Joe Biden who spent most of the past 50 years as a senator demanding that Congress be given its proper authority," says Scahill.

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As President Biden prepares to address a joint session of Congress, we're looking today at Biden's foreign policy record, both in his first 99 days in office and over the past five decades. We're joined by Jeremy Scahill, co-founder of *The Intercept*, where he's senior correspondent, editor-at-large, co-founder. Jeremy is also the host of the [podcast](#) *Intercepted*. He has just launched this new remarkable [project](#) titled "Empire Politician: A Half-Century of Joe Biden's Stances on War, Militarism, and the CIA." Jeremy is author of several books, including *Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army* and *Dirty Wars: The World Is a Battlefield*, also the name of his Oscar-nominated film.

Jeremy, welcome back to *Democracy Now!* It's great to have you with us. Why don't you just lay out the big picture for us, as you were doing in that video, what this project is doing, and then where — how you see it fitting in to what President Biden represents today?

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** Well, you know, Amy, first of all, thank you for having me on. And greetings to you, Juan.

In the big picture, if you study Joe Biden's history, what you realize is that the history of Joe Biden, particularly on matters of war, the CIA, espionage, the balance of powers between the executive branch and the congressional branch, questions of civil liberties — the history of Joe Biden is really the history of the evolution of the American Empire, from the Vietnam War to the present.

And what I think is significant is that Joe Biden, when he first ran for Senate in 1972, remarkably telegraphed what the sort of thrust of his argument about empire and war would be for the next 50 years. And that was that Joe Biden was not a militant opponent of the Vietnam War. In fact, he had great disdain for antiwar protesters. And he tells a story about walking on his campus when he's in law school at the height of the Vietnam War with some of his colleagues, and they see fellow students protesting against the Vietnam War, and they call them "a—holes." Biden says he wasn't big on flak jackets or tie-dye and that he didn't really have any moral qualms about the Vietnam War, that his issue was that he thought it was based on lousy policy and was not executed in the correct manner.

And, you know, Biden also really inflated his involvement, which was almost nonexistent, in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. He only later was forced to kind of clarify that he personally supported it, but that he wasn't doing sit-ins himself, after he had made kind of more sweeping claims.

So, what you see as he starts his political career is that Biden is not really part of the civil rights movement, he has great disdain for the antiwar movement, but he thinks that the empire has made some mistakes in how it has extended itself in Vietnam, in particular.

He gets elected to the Senate. He's one of the youngest people in U.S. history, and the youngest in modern history at that time, to have been elected. He begins serving at age 30 years old. And Biden ends up on a couple of crucial committees at a very crucial time in U.S. history.

The Richard Nixon administration was, of course, a lawless enterprise. You had not only the overt War in Vietnam, but you had secret components to the War in Vietnam. You had the CIA carrying out a spate of assassinations around the world, conducting coups, running guns, cultivating assets who were dictators, thugs, gangsters, criminals. And for the first time since the creation of the CIA in the aftermath of World War II, Congress was finally getting around to trying to confront the CIA and trying to impose restrictions and oversight of Congress.

And Biden ends up in two crucial roles. On the one hand, he ends up being one of the senators studying war powers. And that leads to an extremely important law getting past called the War Powers Resolution of 1973. Biden is a co-sponsor of that. The Nixon White House decides this is a grave threat to executive power, and they veto it. And then the House ends up overriding the veto, so the War Powers Resolution, which says that the Congress has the right to declare war, not the president, and puts restrictions on the president's ability to conduct military actions and, certainly, to deploy American troops without consulting with Congress. On the other side, Biden was one of the people who helped to create the Senate Intelligence Committee, which would be the first congressional body that was going to have jurisdiction over CIA activities.

And so, Amy, there is a sort of two-prong part of this history. On the one hand, Biden seems to understand very well what Richard Nixon did during his time in office and very well how out of control the CIA was. On the other hand, Biden, as a new senator, starts to get a taste for what it means to have access to power, powerful people, classified information, and he develops this very complicated relationship with the CIA of sort of, in public, being an aggressive interrogator of the CIA, denouncing its secrecy and withholding of information from Congress, and, on the other hand, Joe Biden aids and abets the CIA not only in pushing covert operations and selling wars to Biden's Senate colleagues, but also aiding the CIA in an emerging, and continuing to this day, war against whistleblowers and leakers.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** Jeremy, I wanted to ask you — Joe Biden is unique among presidents, I guess, since the post-World War II era, in terms of his understanding of how Congress works, because if you look at the previous presidents, from Nixon, Bill Clinton, George Bush, the second George Bush, Jimmy Carter, they all came into the White House as governors. And Herbert Walker Bush obviously had a long history in the CIA before becoming vice president. You'd have to go back to Lyndon Johnson to find a president who actually knows how Congress works, knows how laws are passed, knows how you reach agreements to get legislation passed. But Biden seems to suffer the same problem that Johnson had. Johnson could pass great domestic policy, but when it came to foreign policy, whether it was Vietnam or his invasion of the Dominican Republic in 1965, was extremely hawkish in foreign policy. I'm wondering your sense of how you see Biden moving forward in terms of the U.S. expanding the U.S. Empire, if it can be still talked about as an empire with possibilities of expansion.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** It's a great question, Juan. And I'll just answer it by saying that the White House is pushing, as the sort of premier issue on war regarding Biden, this notion that Biden is going to end the war in Afghanistan. I think it's really important, just for accuracy's sake, to recognize that the plan that Biden is implementing now was the plan that was developed by the Trump administration. And it's basically the plan that was on Biden's desk when he left office

— when Trump left office. And so, Biden said, you know, “I would have done this differently, but agreements are agreements. The Trump administration signed this agreement with the Taliban, so we’re going to abide by it.” Now, there are other policies where Biden says we’re not going to continue on with the path of Trump. So he’s playing a little bit with the notion that the U.S. always keeps its agreement.

But what I think is interesting, Juan, and it cuts to the heart of your question, is that when Joe Biden was vice president under Barack Obama, there were a handful of policy issues where Biden sort of decided that he was in the opposition, and he took a dissenting view. The first one was the first year of the Obama-Biden administration. Obama’s advisers, many of them, wanted to surge U.S. troops in Afghanistan, and they ultimately did that. They wanted to engage in the COIN doctrine, counterinsurgency, which is another way of saying sort of nation-building, that you have this large-scale military deployment, you set up your own infrastructure, and you’re basically running an occupation regime in a country, similar to what the United States did, and other European allies, in Europe in the aftermath of World War II.

Biden says, “Whoa, wait a minute. I don’t like what I’m seeing here. I don’t think we should be having large-scale troop deployments. I think we should use our assassins, essentially — the CIA, the Joint Special Operations Command — in a small footprint, to conduct antiterrorism operations to hunt down people that we determine represent an ongoing threat to our national security.”

Ultimately, Biden loses, in part, that argument, because what happens is that Obama decides to do both. He goes with a large-scale surge, and he starts escalating the use of drones — and not just in Afghanistan, as you know, Juan, but in many countries around the world. And they basically empower the CIA and the Joint Special Operations Command as really streamlined implementers of an emerging U.S. assassination policy.

Now that Biden is president, essentially, he is getting the war waged the way he proposed back in 2009. He’s going to pull out the large-scale U.S. military presence. There are a few thousand troops and 16,000 contractors that are on the ground there. But what he’s saying is that he’s going to keep these hit teams in the region to do surgical strikes. And the risk for Biden is that he ends up in a scenario akin to what happened with President Barack Obama in 2014, where he actually has to redeploy U.S. troops to Iraq in the battle against ISIS, after having declared the war over and initiated this made-for-television withdrawal from Iraq in 2011.

So, you know, to wrap this part of it up, Juan, I think it’s fascinating that Biden has spent his entire life railing against executive overreach, demanding that Congress be in charge of declaring war, and he may well be presented with a conflict around the world where it’s going to really call the question on which Joe Biden shows up: Joe Biden, commander-in-chief, or Joe Biden who spent most of the past 50 years as a senator demanding that Congress be given its proper authority?

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** Now, I wanted to ask you about another major foreign policy issue that Biden will deal with, and that’s relations with China. There’s a very interesting [column](#) in today’s *New York Times* by Thomas Friedman, who is arguably —

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** Is that possible?

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** — one of the most influential — one of the most influential —

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** That —

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** Can you hear me?

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** Yeah. Sorry.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** Yeah, Thomas Friedman's column in today's *New York Times*. He's arguably one of the most influential voices of the U.S. neoliberal elite. And his column is titled "Is There a War Coming Between the U.S. and China?" And he goes on to say, "What has made this return of Chinese, Iranian and Russian aggressive nationalism even more dangerous is that, in each country, it is married to state-led industries — particularly military industries — and it's emerging at a time when America's democracy is weakening." Of course, he doesn't mention the United States's major defense industry and how our state is married to our defense industry.

But he goes on to talk about Taiwan as a major producer of the most advanced chips in the world for — in terms of artificial intelligence. And he goes on to say, "And as much as U.S. strategists are committed to preserving Taiwan's democracy, they are even more committed to ensuring that TSMC" — the big chip maker in Taiwan — "doesn't fall into China's hands." And, "Because," he goes on to say, "in a digitizing world, he who controls the best chip maker will control ... a lot." It almost sounds like Friedman is urging Biden to draw a line on the issue of Taiwan, when the entire world has already recognized that Taiwan is historically and legitimately a part of China. Your sense of how Biden will act when it comes to relations with China?

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** Well, you know, Juan, we just came off of an era, under the Trump administration, where overt xenophobia and racism became official U.S. policy. And the Biden team is still implementing many of the sort of underlying principles of the Trump policy, if you will, but doing it in a more diplomatic manner.

And what's always absent, and this is certainly — what's always absent from Thomas Friedman's columns, for sure, but what is almost always absent from discussions about U.S. relationship with China, U.S. relationship with Russia, is the U.S. role in the world. There is no more hostile, threatening, powerful force in the world right now than the United States government. And you always need to look through the lens of how other nations are responding to the United States. You can't just say, "Oh, China is aggressively pursuing this technology," or "China is in countries throughout Africa right now," and pretend that it's some ominous development that a major world power with one-seventh of the world's population would be interested in expanding its influence or securing its future. All discussions about China, all discussions about Russia, regarding U.S. policy, leave out the role that the United States plays in destabilizing the world, but also provoking responses from other nations.

Now, having said that, Juan, I think one of the areas to watch, that does not get a great amount of attention, is the way that the United States, China and other world powers are battling for control of natural resources throughout Africa. The United States has quietly, over the past 10 or 15 years, built up a kind of covert and semi-overt military presence in Africa, while also flooding the zone with a lot of private business and contractors. China is doing the exact same thing. And in fact, China, because it is not bound by any laws requiring that it certify human rights practices, is really taking control of large parts of several African nations' natural resource supply. And this cuts to the heart of technology, precious metals and an incredibly geostrategical important location in the world.

So, I think that you're going to see a lot of pressure on Biden to become much more belligerent, much more hostile to China. And the people that are pushing him to do that are going to

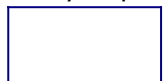
completely ignore and minimize the role that the United States plays in provoking responses from other powerful nations.

**AMY GOODMAN:** We're going to break and then come back to this discussion. We're talking to Jeremy Scahill, *The Intercept's* senior correspondent, editor-at-large, co-founder. The new [project](#), with more than 50 articles across *The Intercept* website, "Empire Politician: A Half-Century of Joe Biden's Stances on War, Militarism, and the CIA." Stay with us.

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## 2021-04-28 Jeremy Scahill on Biden's "War Against Whistleblowers," from Daniel Ellsberg to Edward Snowden

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We continue our conversation with *The Intercept's* Jeremy Scahill, who just published a groundbreaking new project on Joe Biden's decades-long foreign policy record. Scahill says that during his years in the U.S. Senate, Biden "almost never meets a war he doesn't support," becoming one of the most hawkish figures in Washington in the 1990s and 2000s. Scahill also discusses Biden's "war against whistleblowers," from Daniel Ellsberg to Edward Snowden.

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I wanted to go to the 1980s, Jeremy, and also talk about how that links to Joe Biden today. Now, in his address tonight, his first address to the joint session of Congress, it's expected he'll be mainly focusing on domestic policy. There, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez says that

President Biden is more progressive than many progressives expected. But we're talking about his foreign policy.

So, today, in headlines, we talked about a trial that's going on in El Salvador on the 1981 El Mozote massacre, that horrifying massacre of around 1,000 Salvadorans killed by the Atlacatl Battalion, which was a U.S.-trained Salvadoran military battalion. One of the expert witnesses, Terry Karl, professor at Stanford, detailed the on-site presence of U.S. military adviser Allen Bruce Hazelwood in some of the pretrial testimony. This is extremely significant, what's happened back then and what's happening today.

Also, this goes to media criticism. You had Ray Bonner of *The New York Times* writing, eventually, about this massacre. And within months, because of enormous pressure from the Reagan administration, A.M. Rosenthal, then one of the chiefs at *The New York Times*, pulls him from covering Central America because he's exposing what happened in El Salvador.

So, you've got the U.S. policy in El Salvador. You've got the support for the Contras; in Guatemala, what the U.S. did in its support of the both murderous military and the paramilitary death squads.

And then you look at what's happening today with, from that very area, the number of immigrants who are fleeing north, and the connection between immigration today and U.S. policy and intervention of the 1980s — not to mention what's going on with Venezuela with the Biden administration saying they recognize as president not the democratically elected leader, but, in fact, the person that both President Trump and, before that, Democrats also supported. Talk about the policy of yesteryear determining today, and how, in some ways, that isn't changing, and where you see openings.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** Well, I think it's important to say, because this portion of history often doesn't get mentioned, that in terms of El Salvador and U.S. administrations, Jimmy Carter emerged, even though he had campaigned on a pledge to sort of confront dictatorships and to respect human rights, as the original supporter of the coup regime that took power in 1979 in El Salvador, and the subsequent killing of protesters started this civil war. Carter, and particularly his national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, believed that this is a communist menace, or at least they said that it was. And they said, "Oh, if we don't support this military regime in El Salvador, we're going to end up with a Sandinista-style government. Cuba is going to run the deck on Central and Latin America."

And you have powerful voices in the Catholic Church, such as Archbishop Óscar Romero of San Salvador, who himself was a conservative Catholic until the 1979 coup takes place — he writes to Jimmy Carter, pleading with him not to support the military junta. And Jimmy Carter's administration ignores Archbishop Romero. And, in fact, Zbigniew Brzezinski writes to the pope, Pope John Paul II, and says, essentially, "You need to shut Óscar Romero up. You know, he's starting to sound like a communist, and we've warned him about this." Well, a month after Archbishop Romero writes to Carter a personal letter pleading with him not to send weapons and Huey attack helicopters to the junta, Óscar Romero is assassinated, shot through the heart, while he was saying Mass — a month after he writes to Jimmy Carter.

Joe Biden, at the time, was a critic of the military junta in El Salvador, but he also accepted the framework of the war against communism. And Biden could have become a really militant voice, especially as a Catholic. An overtly Catholic politician could have really gone to town on the fact



that nuns, Catholic nuns, including U.S. citizens, were being raped and murdered by what was effectively a client state of the United States.

And eventually, Carter temporarily stops the aid to El Salvador, and he is defeated then in the election by Reagan. Biden writes to Reagan, in a very polite manner, saying, "I think we should maybe link our funding and arming of the Salvadoran dictatorship to investigating the murders of American citizens." Carter, on his way out the door, gives emergency resumption of military gear and weaponry and financing to the Salvadoran junta. And Reagan takes power, and then it's the gloves come off, and it's just a massive bloodshed in El Salvador, sponsored in part by the United States.

And what you see is Joe Biden, on the one hand, denouncing the extrajudicial killings and murder, and, on the other hand, trying to tinker on the edges of American policy, proposing, "Mr. Reagan, I'll support financing this dictatorship, or in the case of Nicaragua, I can agree to support the Contras, if we put this restriction on it or we make sure that they only spend it in this way."

And I think that this was a crucial point of development for Joe Biden on questions of war. He almost never meets a war he doesn't support. And the one time he did oppose a war, in 1991, Gulf War, he regretted it and then immediately became any ultra-hawk after it. But in the '80s, Biden was making deals on these really dirty questions of dictatorships and death squads. And he played a significant role, in terms of his position in the Senate, in not having a very clear line in the sand drawn: "We don't support dictators. We don't support death squads." Biden helped negotiate compromises with Reagan rather than just militantly opposing it.

**JUAN GONZÁLEZ:** And, Jeremy, going back to those Carter years, could you talk about when Carter named Ted Sorensen, the former Kennedy adviser, as his CIA director, what happened and how Biden functioned there?

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** This is a wild story, Juan. So, Ted Sorensen is nominated by Jimmy Carter to be CIA director. And the reason was that Carter has said he basically wanted to cut the budget of the CIA, rein it in. His campaign actually put out a position paper implying that Jimmy Carter intended to prosecute CIA officers who engaged in lawless activity. So, when Carter becomes president, the CIA is not excited, to say the least. And then Carter nominates an outsider, who happens to be a close friend of the Kennedy family. And Kennedy, of course, famously had his conflicts with the CIA.

So, Ted Sorensen is introduced to Joe Biden as the person who's going to kind of shepherd him through the confirmation process in front of the Intelligence Committee. And Biden says, you know, to Ted Sorensen, "I'm more enthusiastic about you than any other nominee in the Carter — emerging Carter White House."

Joe Biden, though, starts talking with Senate Republicans, who wanted to kill the Ted Sorensen nomination for a number of reasons. One, because the CIA didn't want him there. He was a CIA outsider. None of the spooks at the agency wanted Ted Sorensen to be implementing Jimmy Carter's agenda. Two, there was this sort of whisper campaign that Ted Sorensen was a pacifist who had resisted the Korean War. And three, Ted Sorensen was one of the people involved with the aftermath of the Chappaquiddick incident, where Teddy Kennedy was drunk and drove off a bridge, resulting in the death of a young woman.

But Biden is sort of like playing defense for the Carter White House at the time and trying to resolve those issues. And Biden is tipped off by a Republican colleague that Ted Sorensen had given an — had written an affidavit in support of Daniel Ellsberg during the Pentagon Papers

prosecution, where Ellsberg was facing more than a century in prison under the Espionage Act. And Biden gets wind of this. He gets one of his staffers to go and dig up this affidavit, which wasn't even officially filed. So they had to, like, you know, really dig deep to find Ted Sorensen's affidavit.

And what that affidavit said, Juan, was, basically, "Everybody in Washington leaks. This is the culture of the elite here." Ted Sorensen had also said, "I took government documents home when I was writing my biography, *Kennedy*. You know, this is a common practice. And by the way, many of the things that elite Washington insiders are leaking to *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* for their own reasons are far more sensitive than what Daniel Ellsberg leaked in the Pentagon Papers."

Well, Biden hits the roof on this, and he starts saying to Jimmy Carter, "This nomination is dead." And at the end of the day, Joe Biden publicly says of Ted Sorensen, when he kills his nomination with the Republicans, you know, "I don't know what we should do with you. Maybe you should even be prosecuted under the Espionage Act yourself," he says about Ted Sorensen, for Ted Sorensen's crime of stating an open secret, that government officials take home government documents and, at the time, were leaking them for their own political purposes.

That, Juan, then kicks off this relationship between Biden and the CIA, where Biden becomes one of the most aggressive senators in trying to go after leakers and whistleblowers, particularly when Philip Agee comes out, the former CIA operative, and blows the whistle on covert operations around the world. Joe Biden secretly aids the CIA in pressuring the Justice Department to not only go after leakers and whistleblowers, but to go after defense lawyers representing whistleblowers or leakers, who are putting in requests for documents as part of their defense. Joe Biden sponsors legislation to stop this practice of what they called graymailing. Basically, what Biden was saying is, when we arrest leakers or whistleblowers, their lawyers are then requesting in discovery all these documents from the U.S. government about the operations that they were a part of, and this could expose further secrets. So, Biden played a really crucial role in trying to create rules for federal whistleblower cases where defense lawyers were not allowed to subpoena documents that would assist them in the defense of their whistleblower or leaker clients.

Biden also goes on, even though he tries to kill Reagan's nominee for CIA director — he tries to kill the nomination of William Casey, William Casey, of course, you know, one of the most infamous, notorious spies in American history. And Biden had his number. Biden basically said, "These Reagan people want to undo everything we did in the aftermath of Richard Nixon. They want to get rid of the War Powers Act. They want to circumvent the intelligence committees. And William Casey —

**AMY GOODMAN:** Jeremy, we have 20 seconds.

**JEREMY SCAHILL:** "And William Casey is a key player in this." So, Biden tries to kill it, unsuccessful, votes for Casey, and then aids and abets Reagan's CIA in pushing covert action, including defending the 1983 invasion of Grenada. So, Biden had a very complicated relationship with the CIA. And his war against whistleblowers endures to this day.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Well, Jeremy, congratulations on this massive [project](#), that has just been posted, at *The Intercept*. And thanks for the exclusive use of running that video at the beginning, which people can watch. *The Intercept* senior correspondent, editor-at-large, co-founder, and host of the [podcast Intercepted](#) — the new project, "Empire Politician: A Half-Century of Joe Biden's Stances on War, Militarism, and the CIA" — Jeremy Scahill, our guest for the hour.

I'll be [speaking](#) with Dan Ellsberg and Ed Snowden Saturday. I'm Amy Goodman, with Juan González.