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I TO ACCESS THE THREE WEEKLY CALLS via the Internet

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

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

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

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

*** Saturday: History of our Galactic World & NESARA Hosts: Tara & Rama**
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D Archives for the 3 Programs listed above:

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- Go to [BBSRadio.com/ Station 2](http://BBSRadio.com/Station2); scroll down on LHS; click on **Live Talk Radio Shows**
- Scroll through the pages to **Hard News on Friday with Tara and Rama**; click on **"Archives"**
- Clicking on those words takes you to the listing of all program archives, the latest one being at the top.
- You can download the program to your own computer or listen directly.

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

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

II TO ACCESS OTHER CALLS SUPPORTED BY 2013 Rainbow Roundtable

A Sunday, Mondays: 9 – 10:30 EST *Cheryl Croci's Activation Calls*
By telephone only: 1-605-475-5950; PIN 972400#

B Tuesdays, 2nd & 4th 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 2nd Wednesday 5:45 PM Pacific / 8:45 PM Eastern *The Abundance Call*
60-minute conference call with the Collective,
a group of Angelic and Galactic beings, channeled by
Caroline Oceana Ryan

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

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

A. Opening Meditation: Rainbird Prayer to the 7 Galactic Directions - with the Cimi Drum

B. Mayan Calendar: Rainbird

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

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

11th Fri – 10 CIMI – White Planetary World Bridger – a warrior aspect; work is about forgiveness and moving into a state of grace. Bridging between worlds: the past and the future; let go of that which is no more – the ego, controlling tendencies; the belief that life is a struggle

12th Sat - 11 MANIK – Blue Healing Hand – also the deer; a healing aspect; healing self and others; creating contentment and peace. Embrace gift of being healer of humankind – let go of procrastination – 11 is the spectral tone -

13th Sun – 12 LAMAT – Blue crystal Star – opening the stargate. Embrace gift of journeying – seeing beyond the gate. **A PORTAL DAY** – let go of self-doubt

14th Mon – 13 MULUC – Yellow Cosmic Moon – about the wise use of mind – our cosmic mind is working with telepathy – let go of self doubt. This is end of Wave of Caban.

15th Tues – 1 OC – White Magnetic dog – begin the Wave of Oc. An artist aspect – about unconditional love, healing the pain of the past. Contact with spirit guides; let go of fears and unwise use of anger

16th Wed – 2 CHUEN – White Lunar Monkey; an artist aspect; gift of innocence and spontaneity, to play and laugh. Let go to any resistance to compassion

17th Thu – 3 EB – Yellow Electric Human – a healing aspect. Going into action. Work with enlightenment of human kind - gift of being human servant warrior; work with contact with other dimensions – NEW MOON IN LIBRA AT 6 AM CENTRAL TIME

18th Fri – 4 BEN – Red Self-existing Skywalker – warrior aspect. Working of focus, self-illuminations. Ability to bend dimensions – A PORTAL DAY

www.Spacestationplaza.co – source of more information SEE ALSO the Law of Time

C. Housekeeping: Rainbird

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

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

BBS archives can be accessed by everyone; there are archives on 2013 Rainbow Roundtable too.

- Go to BBSradio.com/Station2; find the listing for **Hard News Call & Paypal** button
- BBS appreciates getting checks via the mail: no Paypal fees!
- The mailing address for those who do not like paying electronically:
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]
- **FREE to ACCESS BBS ARCHIVES** - Thursday, Friday, Saturday programs

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, and access to BBS Radio in order to compile and distribute this information to the world.

- Donations via Paypal button on the **homepage of 2013 Rainbow Roundtable**

FOOD MONEY: VIA PAYPAL OR See the PAGE ON 2013 Roundtable
BASICS: food, gas – usual stuff!

- **Please notify T & R if you're sending something:** koran999@comcast.net
EVERY \$5 HELPS - ALL GRATEFULLY RECEIVED
- Rama's mailing address for cheques, Money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
PO Box 280
Santa Cruz, NM 87567
- **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**
- **Donations to the Fresh Produce Fund for Tara & Rama - now on the 2013 Rainbow Roundtable website thru Caroline Oceana Ryan**
- **** <http://2013rainbowroundtable.ning.com/page/donate> ****
- Your donation supports an account set up for Tara & Rama with Beneficial Farms Community Supported Agriculture in Santa Fe, NM

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

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

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

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

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

- all the products have much to offer, so take a look!
- Freemart is a private shoppers club; it's **FREE TO JOIN.**

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

D: INFORMATION SOURCES RELATIVE TO M.T. KESHE AND KESHE FOUNDATION

contact Rainbird with questions: lightenergync@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

KF Wiki

<https://www.kfwiki.org>

The free Plasma Cyclopdia of the Keshe Foundation

Keshe Foundation Store

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

Keshe Corona site

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

E: Access To Podcast: Listen to the entire program on the following link.

<https://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-september-11-2020>

HARD NEWS

TARA, RAMA – T, R •

R, T: Thanks to all for being here

Sending good vibrations to the firefighters in California

Rama's Report: Had a call from the Poppy Lady a bit before noon - from outside Kandahar, Afghanistan; she's with Rosa in Ramallah. Rosa worked with LM Nada and Mahmoud Abbas who has been head of PLO since Arafat was killed.

- Rosa is a free lance journalist whose 35 family members were killed by the IDF – of Israel - as 27 family members of the Poppy Lady were killed by US
 - Bahrain has normalized its relationship with Israel – YET THIS REPORT IS A TROJAN HORSE! Bahrain has been home base for US navy's entire 5th fleet in the Middle East since 9/11
 - the Palestinians and Iran & others rejected the arrangement that Jared, Ivanka and others connected with them concocted -
[from Thom Hartmann – more detail about Jared and Ben Salmon who arranged together to murder Jamal Khashoggi – even got a special oven to place in the back yard of Saudi embassy to dispose of the evidence. Jamal, still a part of Saudi Arabia, was told to go to embassy and get some kind of document in order to marry his fiancé. Once he arrived, they cut off his fingers, dismembered him and incinerated the body parts in the oven.]
 - The deal that was arranged in exchange for the United Arab Emirates – Jared wanted some \$ so he could keep his 666 Fifth Ave building. When the UAE said no, bin Salmon arranged it: MBS caused the financial crash for UAE to lose \$8 billion – so they gave Jared \$1.8 billion – he got \$800,000,000 for himself, and \$1Billion for the building.
 - **Rosa and the Poppy Lady:** the rumours of a military coup are getting louder and louder. There are stories that Trump wishes to suspend the election and declare Martial Law because of the so-called threat of Black Lives Matter – **which is propaganda**
 - Together we are going into meditation to continue holding the light on this 9/11 day
 - Sat Nam. As-salamm `Alaykum, Lord Rama
- R:** Wa'alaykum salamm
- Story on all the networks: whistleblower alleges DHS Elizabeth Newman former ass't Sec for Counter Intelligence and Threat Protection said that Drumpf is threatening to invoke the Insurrection Act as he loses the election
 - Randi Rhodes: the Dept of Homeland Security has a really fascist sounding name! As W invented it and I hated it and the woman talking to you here is a Republican – she resigned because of things like this – was Ass't Sec of Counter Intelligence and

Threat Assessment - she walked out because she realized that Drumpf and his Administration were tweaking, rigging intelligence assessments -
4/5 of all killing in the US are done by White Supremacists

- Russia doing something: **it's the Russian oligarchs who are money laundering with US oligarchs - NOT THE KREMLIN OR PUTIN!** Hillary did the same kind of thing
- Alexi Nevalney – the foreign minister Lavrov nailed Germany which has provided no evidence that Nevalney was poisoned by Russia: the poisoning **WAS DONE BY THE US / UK DEEP STATE** – need more distractions to cover themselves!
 - So someone poisoned A.N. – NOT THE KREMLIN, but the oligarchs – by next Monday, Sept 14 all 500,000, The Vatican will be broke for 4 years
- the \$1.5 Trillion stimulus money for some people was a bailout for the fossil fuel people primarily
- this day continues to bring the next day in terms of exposure
 - Yesterday, Drumpf was exposed to the world that he has committed murder – 10s of 1000s are dead
 - with Fauci in the middle of this at least 40 million are dead in the US and rest of the world (2.5 Billion are dead in last 11 months)

CONFERENCE CALL <http://2013rainbowroundtable.ning.com/page/audio>
PLEASE CHECK THIS ADDRESS AND LOOK FOR Sept 11, 2020 link.

Initial discussion: how time is collapsing – this week has just whizzed by!

Question: Do the fires in CA and OR count for today's 9/11 as they started them? YES

Ca/ Ph: asking about this morning's **Morning Joe program** – he had a 14 min rant about Drumpf from this morning – really pissed off!

Ca/ Zo: quite hazy in their location – sun is an orange ball

T: huge fire SW of Portland; Thom Hartmann's wife took 1.5 hrs to get to work as I-5 was closed.

- 7 towns in Oregon burned to the ground! And all on purpose!

Ca/ Zo: people can understand Mother Nature but not maliciousness

- wants 800 # for Freemart – RB will send
- talking of Barron Trump – curious about his soul and coming in to that position

T: he was born autistic and has been all his life – a lesson plan for the parents

- autistic kids are very high IQ

Ca/ Zo: Drumpf can go after Don Jr or Eric but not Barron

T: Drumpf has not spent time with his kids – not in his nature

- the son wants out of there – not sure where he's going to go from there
- for a while was with Melania's parents
- the facade is being stripped away very, very fast – and they are not happy campers !
Drumpf wants to threaten the people with the Insurrection Act - - grabbing at straws
- what do people have to lose: people of colour were
 - in Wisconsin, the 2 white kids who were killed were working with the BLM group

- no longer talking about the mother who bought a long gun for her 17 year old son and then drove from Illinois and went to Kenosha – he murdered two people and the police let them go and gave him a bottle of water and mother drove him home
- the military - strong indication will do a coup d'état – this will only happen with St Germain giving the go ahead to the Provost Marshall General who calls on the KOS -
- she refers to the guest on AOTL whose radio program is Out of this World radio program and is about Q Anon ideas – He had a full 40 minutes on the show, and T & R had 40 minutes and gave the parallel timeline – Ashtar's name was not mentioned. T & R was in divine neutrality and
- the Insurrection Act -
 - Signed on Mar 3, 1807 by Thomas Jefferson amended 2006, 2007
 - authorizes president in particular circumstances – civil
- discussion about the meaning of the bill
- the arrests will occur within the framework of the coup d'état
- Drumpf lied about what happened on 9/11 – got rich on the event as they took out put options
 - and he also knew about the deadliness of the covid, as he told to Bob Woodward, and later told the people all would be OK: covid would be going away – a lie within 24 hours!
- Behind the scenes, things are moving fast – these guys ARE NOT IN CHARGE!
 - It was \$1,500 trillion issued for the stimulus package which ended up bailing out the fossil fuel industry and hardly anything for the people
- when we are through this, will have unlimited money and only work at repairing things – the galactics have our back
- Discussion about Mr Keshe's activities
 - the presentation area in Linz, Austria is now open to the public from across Austria
 - new YouTube video was put out today on the Life Enhancement Unit

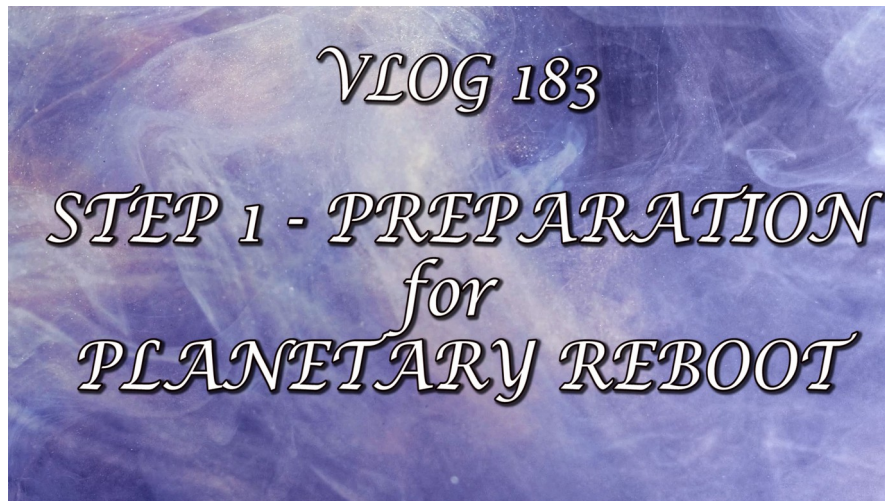
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THE BIGGER PICTURE

by **Patricia Cota-Robles**

www.eraofpeace.org

VLOG 183 STEP 1 - PREPARATION for PLANETARY REBOOT



AUDIO: Sep 11, 2020 [Radiant Rose Academy](http://www.radiantroseacademy.com)

Ascended Masters Broadcasts: Vol 37. Lord Melchizedek. September 11, 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6oEaGvWticU&t=173s>

T: reminds us about the cover up of what is in the biblical text

Noah was a star ship captain of a
Melchizedek was his 5th son, named Shem

MOTHER / ALCYONE

[M/A]

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

Greetings, Children of Ra

Indeed, some of our planet does look like Mordor in these moments. Yet it is just a temporary situation as They clear up the mess. This is happening now, great ones, as more is revealed – how deep this story goes.

- As when we find out what it's like to be immortal, got all the time in the world 'cos it is just a moment in time. It is a tremendous moment we have here on this day and in this time: there are many miracles and magic afoot, as the end of this empire is at hand.
 - We're watching, experiencing the end of this cycle. Stay in a centered place - it is not an order - it's some advice, as we can see that insanity getting more and more each day. It's best as we stay centered; the forces of Light - as the moment comes when there is this pause in the story and We are already here – yet there are ones who will come and speak before She does so we get an itinerary of how this plays out.

- We are in the last moments - it is their Armageddon that they have created for themselves.

T: 500,000 people evacuated from fire problems in Oregon – just today

M/A: Yes - over a million acres scorched! It is this story that's unfolding about this unseen war that's coming very much to be seen by the #1 issue that, when this story began quite a while ago, it was about freeing the slaves so, as it seems, We're back again to take care of the situation at hand, called 'freeing the slaves'. Earth is not a prison planet, yet they would like to make it so.

T: They've done a pretty good job, Mother!

M/A: Yeah - with the fallen matrix and the mind control – yeah

T: and all the people they've just killed

M/A: yes and the psychic wounds are a bit much – not to make like of this, but the PTSD of what we go through day to day, just having to deal with the frequencies that are anything less than the Office of the Christ

T: There's a wake up time thing happening now, a big thing - peeling away the propaganda

M/A: Yes, and we can see that there . . . as the story goes: no justice, no peace. All Lives Matter in this story 'cos it is about the freedom of this planet. As it has been talked about in the ancient stories, We show up at the time to balance things out between the different civilizations so that We can come to some kind of mediation, negotiations, of a fair way we can interact with each other in grace and beauty, respect, dignity, love – seems that these things kinda went by the wayside for a moment.

- Let's say, as it gets ironed out – to use that phrase! - there will be justice; there will be peace.
 - Lady Master Ma'at as Her future self shows up to deal with the situation.
 - She speaks in metaphors; that is, with great reverence and sadness of some degree –
 - She says she must take her children to Dracos where they will deal with the next stage of their evolutionary development according to the dictates, rules, regulations of the Draconian story.
 - Yet this is about not perpetuating the samsara - the 500,000 who go to Dracos are coming in kinda in the middle of story as not all of it was not explained to the people of earth.

T: A whole lot was not explained! All things are mis-explained -

M/A: Kinda when we got here, we lost the instruction booklet of how to use this living energy which is immortal in every sense of the word. And when we get the ramifications - what it is like to be immortal, to take care of a solar system, a galaxy, a sun – after all, we are sons and daughters of the most high, even the ones She has to take to Dracos.

- This is why She says: the time is now; we are watching the final moments
- She'll just say that Michael Flynn is as guilty as sin. It is not funny – it is about the destruction of a race: not just one race or culture - it is many

T: There has been intergalactic destruction too?

M/A: Yes, and Michael Flynn knows fully well about the secret space program and the things going on in quiet corners of the planet that are not aligned with the Office of the Christ.

- It is not about money, and this is the issue that's unfolding as we wake up to this Divine Mission we've been handed: it's about being caretakers of this living being: when she lives, we live – that's a big deal as we want to breathe! We all like to breathe, eh?

T: Not that smoky fiery mess here . . .

M/A: Kinda cutting to the chase – down to basics here . . .

T: A suggestion on Thom Hartmann about planting trees – remembers being On Maui and seeing others planting trees

M/A: these are the standing nations – as the trees live, we live as it is the symbiotic relationship with Treebeard – as we remember in the movie *Avatar* – the entire planet, Pandora, is a living organism that talks to itself, to the people, to the trees, the rocks, the grass

- it is the same here as it is on all the various worlds throughout the local Universe of Nabadon – so much life
 - What's going on is it's a day in the life of a planet, yet it's about how we come to her in her hour of need.

• She is speaking about how, as we raise our vibrations from ones of war, conflict and devastation to ones of peace, love, harmony and joy – like those Patti was talking about

- So long ago we gotta little giddy, high if you will, with the power of being immortal and we screwed up. Now we are here - full circle - getting some lessons from a few other immortals coming out of the woodwork to help us – St Germain is one; Serapis Bey another, Quan Yin; Master Aramu Meru of the Monastery of the Seven Rays
 - these wise councils of elders that are coming to the forefront are saying: the lungs of the planet need a break; it's about the very survival of this – as Patti called it , She will call it - the grand experiment about what all of us created at this time-out

T: Humanity's evolution

M/A: to live within diversity and peace, and not having issues whether we have 4 heads or 2, or are green or blue – it's about love and love is the answer.

- She knows some beings that are just as intelligent and sentient and full of wisdom and love as the people of Earth, yet they live in an environment that we would consider as the idea of something out of Mordor –
 - these beings live in volcanoes; others live at the bottom of our oceans. They move in other ways than we do – they move on the energy currents of the portals that open and close.
 - These beings have been here from the beginning, part of what makes up part of the Force, and they are saying 'Listen to us; we can help you transform your samsara, your sadness, your pain, your PTSD for what has happened
 - So many eons wars and skirmishes that have to do with false ideologies about one's skin colour or identity or body type or whether they are female or male

T: or anything in between!

M/A: not about anything else but Love – that's the deal.

- And right now we're on the line. Let's just say, as the Captain has put, it we're on duty: this planet is ascending, along with us. The dark side knows it and like She's been saying, they are burning their bridges behind them, and California will not be destroyed nor will other parts of the planet.
 - They can – with our help – fix this story in 30 days or so. Like She's been saying – it is about the radiant energy of orgasmic love with comes from the crown chakra, the soma – gold dust. Can create anything out of the gold dust. That's the deal.

T: Drumpf is saying he's going to initiate the Insurrection Act if he doesn't win in November

M/A: 19 years ago on this very day - 9/11 – Posse Comitatus went out the window along with Habeous Corpus: we are enemies of the state until proven otherwise - which is why They show up with the other immortals, eternal, to take care of the story here

T: Since we were never party to the Constitution from the beginning, none of this is real!

M/A: A grand experiment of how we can life side by side whether we have furs or fins or claws or feathers!

T: a lot of us did an admiral job within the adversity

M/A: we did indeed and we're not complete by any means

T: Thou shalt not kill!

M/A: No justice, no peace

T: when she worked at the police Academy, they said 'Oh no! It's thou shall not murder!
That is NOT what it said! Whatever happened to dialogue?

M/A: What ever happened to peace on earth? What is one man's life worth? Or a woman's life?
We are all kings and queens of the Most High at this time.

- It's a huge responsibility: comprehension when we get to realize we are immortal and we gotta take care of this temple and cover it, in the sense that as the energies go higher, things are going to get wonkier and wonkier. All we have is change – embrace change.
- As Ramtha said 'become the wind'; he became the wind. So here we are - listen to the sound of one hand clapping; it is speaking very loudly now – she's speaking very loudly right now.
- Better be on her way

T: Amy Goodman made it very clear – the guest – that no one can force anybody to take a vaccine

M/A: We have free will; as immortals nobody tells us what to do!

T: There is a law that says no one can force us; there are implications that they will try to force people to take vaccinations

M/A: And She will just say that at the level where it comes in – As We have a duty to take care of this planet along with the Great Silent Watchers from the beginning; We bring the levelling of playing field

M/A: Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One – kadoish, kadoish, kadoish
we have the power; use it for peace – peace and Love - it is how we get through this -

Rama Returns: Was sitting with LM Athena and Metatron, Neptha al Ra and others, in a circle; they were using some form of a giant crystal - somewhere on The Dove where there was a window and crystals like having the sun shining through the crystal –

- there was a portal open on the underside of the ship, and the beam was going to the earth. The rainbow rays went down and into the Fertile Crescent where the story began – the Tigris, Euphrates – when the children of Mother did their thing: co-creation
- the feeling he gets is there is so many rays of energy pouring into the planet – it's why we're still alive!

AUDIO: Democracy Now Sept 11/20

SEE INFO BELOW

Headlines

2020-09-11 Costs of War: After 9/11 Attacks, U.S. Wars Displaced at Least 37 Million People Around the World

2020-09-11 Barbara Smith: The U.S. "Functions with White Supremacy as Its Engine." Here's How We Dismantle It

2020-09-11 What Went Wrong with AstraZeneca's Vaccine Trial? CEO Only Shares Details with Investors

AUDIO: Chasing stock splits with Marx & Keynes (E1591)

2020-09-10

<https://www.rt.com/shows/keiser-report/500291-stock-splits-marx-keynes/>

In this episode of *Keiser Report*, Max and Stacy discuss the fictitious capital markets being driven higher by retail traders and meme enthusiasts, in an options-enhanced rally fueled by their own collective delusions.

In the second half, Max interviews Sinclair Skinner of BlackBlockchainSummit.com about black survival and a new Global Green Book. They discuss hosting the summit in a year of protest following the murder of George Floyd, and how that has changed the urgency of the bitcoin message for the black community.



PODCAST:

[Keiser Report: Chasing stock splits with Marx & Keynes](https://soundcloud.com/rttv/keiser-report-chasing-stock-splits-with-marx-keynes)

<https://soundcloud.com/rttv/keiser-report-chasing-stock-splits-with-marx-keynes>

AUDIO:

[Redacted Tonight: Elon Musk reveals brain implant, FBI invents left-wing conspiracies](https://www.rt.com/shows/redacted-tonight-summary/500547-elon-musk-brain-implant/)

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Elon Musk recently unveiled a pig with a microchip brain implant. Lee Camp reviews the ways that Musk and his billionaire buddies could use this technology to surveil the public. The FBI continues to invent threats from environmental and racial justice activists that they can use to expand their budgets and persecute anyone who's bothering them, and California Governor Gavin Newsom signs an emergency eviction relief law.



Negligence by Pacific Gas & Electric Company has sparked several major wildfires in California, and its victims haven't been compensated, but the Baupost Group made a fortune. Natalie McGill reports on the hedge fund that made \$3 billion by taking advantage of these wildfire victims. Anders Lee brings Camp an update on the legal case of Breonna Taylor, and the story of how Hoboken, New Jersey is suing Exxon Mobil and other representatives of big oil for covering up the dangers of climate change.

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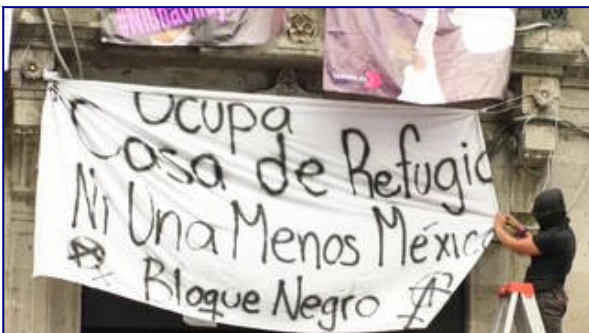
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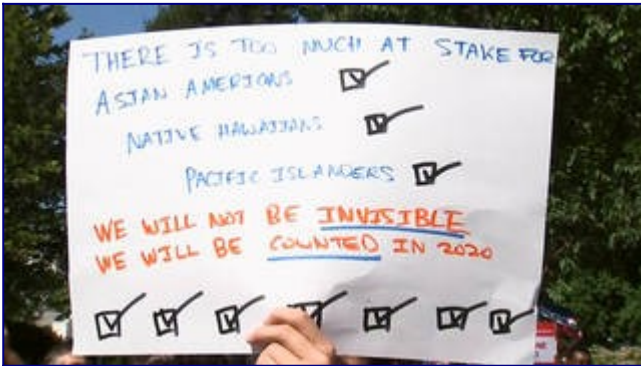
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2020-09-11 Costs of War: After 9/11 Attacks, U.S. Wars Displaced at Least 37 Million People Around the World



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As the United States marks 19 years since the September 11 terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people, a new report finds at least 37 million people in eight countries have been displaced since the start of the so-called global war on terrorism since 2001. The Costs of War Project at Brown University also found more than 800,000 people have been killed since U.S. forces began fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan and Yemen, at a cost of \$6.4 trillion to U.S. taxpayers. "The U.S. has played a disproportionate role in waging war, in launching war and in perpetuating war over the last 19 years," says report co-author David Vine, a professor of anthropology at American University.

Transcript

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AMY GOODMAN: It's been 19 years since the coordinated attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93 killed nearly 3,000 people. At 8:46 a.m. Eastern time, the first plane hit the north tower of the World Trade Center here in New York City. Today, President Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden will both visit the Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, at different times. Biden will also pay respects after attending a 9/11 memorial ceremony in New York, which Vice President Pence will also attend.

Today, the United States faces a terror of a different kind, as more than 191,000 people have died from the COVID-19 pandemic, and a new [report](#) projects the U.S. death toll could rise to as high as 3,000 people per day by December. There were more than 1,200 new deaths in the U.S. in the last 24 hours. *Time* magazine plans to mark the approaching milestone of 200,000 COVID-related deaths in the U.S. with a cover that reads "An American Failure" and has a black border for only the second time in its history. The first time was after 9/11.

This comes as a new [report](#) finds the U.S.-led so-called global war on terrorism has displaced at least 37 million people in eight countries since 2001. The Costs of War Project at Brown University has also estimated more than 800,000 people [dead] in U.S.-led wars since 2001 at a cost of \$6.4 trillion to U.S. taxpayers. The new report is titled "Creating Refugees: Displacement Caused by the United States' Post-9/11 Wars."

For more, we're joined by its co-author, David Vine, professor of anthropology at American University. His new book is out next month, called *The United States of War: A Global History of America's Endless Conflicts, from Columbus to the Islamic State*. He's also the author of *Base Nation: How U.S. Military Bases Abroad Harm America and the World*.

David Vine, welcome to *Democracy Now!* It's great to have you back with us, although this is a very sad day, on this 19th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Can you talk about the findings of your report?

DAVID VINE: Sure. Thank you, Amy, for having me. It's great to be back.

The findings of our report are basically asking — the United States has been fighting wars continuously, as you said, for 19 years. We're looking at what the effects of these wars have been. The Costs of War Project has been doing this for about a decade. We wanted to look specifically at how many people had been displaced by these wars. Basically, we found that no one had bothered to investigate how many people had been displaced by the wars in what are now, actually, at least 24 countries that the United States has been involved in.

And we found that, in total, at least 37 million people have been displaced in just eight of the most violent wars that the United States has either launched or participated in since 2001. That's Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Somalia, Yemen, Libya, Syria and the Philippines. And that's a very conservative estimate. We found that the actual total could be up to 48 to 59 million.

And I do think we have to pause on these numbers, because we — in many ways, our lives are drowning in numbers, about COVID, about many things that are important to track quantitatively, but to wrap one's mind around what — just 37 million people displaced is difficult, in fact, and I think it requires some active effort, certainly did for me.

Thirty-seven million, to put it in historical perspective, that's more people displaced by any war since at least the beginning of the 20th century, with the exception of World War II. And if our larger less conservative methodology is accurate, the 48 to 59 million estimate, that is comparable to the displacement one saw in World War II. Another way to try to wrap one's mind around just the 37 million minimum figure, 37 million is about the size of the state of California. Just imagine the entire state of California disappearing, having to flee their homes. It's about the size of all of Canada, or Texas and Virginia combined.

AMY GOODMAN: And for those enough who are lucky to have homes during this pandemic, I think people particularly appreciate — I mean, the word "refugees" is thrown around, but what it means to be displaced. Can you talk about why those eight countries? And can you correlate that with U.S. wars abroad?

DAVID VINE: Sure. Again, we wanted to focus on the most violent wars that the United States has been involved in, the wars that the United States has most deeply invested money, and, of course, the blood, the lives of U.S. military personnel, and, by extension, the lives that have been affected, the family members of U.S. military personnel and others. We wanted to look specifically at the wars the United States has launched, so the overlapping war in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the War in Iraq, of course; wars that the United States has significantly escalated, Libya and Syria, Libya along with — and Syria, along with European and other allies; and then wars the United States has participated in significantly, in ways including providing battlefield advisers, providing fuel, arms and others, in Yemen, Somalia and the Philippines.

In each of these wars, we have found displacement numbering in the millions. And indeed, I think, you know, we have to recognize that displacement, the need to flee one's home, to flee for one's life, is — in many ways, there's no way to calculate what that means for a single individual, a single family, a single community, but we did feel it was important to look at the total mass displacement that these wars have caused.

It is important to note, we are not saying the United States is solely to blame for this level of displacement. Clearly, there are other actors, other governments, other combatants, who are important in the responsibility they bear for displacement in these wars: Assad in Syria, Sunni and Shia militias in Iraq, the Taliban, of course, al-Qaeda, the Islamic State, others. U.S. allies, including Britain, also bear some responsibility.

But the United States has played a disproportionate role in waging war, in launching war and in perpetuating war over the last 19 years. And as you pointed out, this has cost U.S. taxpayers, U.S. citizens, U.S. residents in other ways, including the \$6.4 trillion — and that's trillion with a T, \$6.4 trillion — that the Costs of War Project has estimated the United States has either spent or obligated already. And that total is, of course, increasing by the day.

AMY GOODMAN: And, David Vine, the number of refugees the U.S. accepts from these wars, whose displacement the U.S. is causing?

DAVID VINE: Yeah, and we can look at the fire in Lesbos that you referred to earlier, that has displaced some 13,000 people, a refugee camp on Lesbos that's been totally destroyed. And I would hope that people looking at the fires in California and Oregon and Washington could more easily empathize with the refugees in Lesbos and the refugees throughout the Greater Middle East, in particular, where fires — essentially, one large fire has been burning since October 2001, when the U.S. launched its War in Afghanistan.

AMY GOODMAN: I wanted to turn to President Trump earlier this week telling reporters top Pentagon officials don't like him because he wants to get the U.S. out of endless wars that benefit weapons manufacturers.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: Biden shipped away our jobs, threw open our borders and sent our youth to fight in these crazy, endless wars. And it's one of the reasons the military — I'm not saying the military is in love with me. The soldiers are. The top people in the Pentagon probably aren't, because they want to do nothing but fight wars so that all of those wonderful companies that make the bombs and make the planes and make everything else stay happy. But we're getting out of the endless wars.

AMY GOODMAN: Sounds a little like, well, if Howard Zinn were alive, what he would say. But Trump's criticism of the military-industrial complex contradicts his own record of overseeing this historic increase in war spending, in the defense budget, in spending on military equipment, selling weapons overseas. Politico recently called Trump the "booster-in-chief of defense contractors." Last year, Trump bypassed Congress so he could sell \$8 billion of weapons to Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates. Earlier this year, his administration ordered a reinterpretation of a Cold War-era arms treaty in order to pave the way for drone sales to go to governments that have previously been barred from such purchases. Can you respond to what he said?

DAVID VINE: In many ways, what Trump said is quite rich, so to speak. Indeed, he is correct that weapons manufacturers have benefited greatly, to the tune of tens of billions of dollars, in addition to other infrastructure contractors, the companies that make military bases that now dot the Middle East. But, you know, Trump, indeed, as Politico said, is the booster-in-chief. He has overseen and pushed for military budgets that exceed those at the height of the Cold War.

And I think we have to ask: What are the enemies the United States faces today that require a military budget of this size? Does the United States need to be spending upwards of \$740 billion a year to defend itself? Could we be spending this money in better ways to defend ourselves? And what needs, drastic, dramatic, pressing needs, human needs, are being neglected because we are pouring tens of billions, hundreds of billions of dollars into this war machine on a yearly basis?

And I think COVID, of course, points to this, underlines it, more than ever. The United States was not prepared for a pandemic. And this is in no small part because the United States has been pouring money into this war machine while neglecting human needs in the United States and around the world — healthcare needs, pandemic preparedness, affordable housing, the environment. This money that we've been pouring into the war machine, of course, could have been addressing the global warming that one sees, that plays some role in the fires one is seeing across the West Coast, among many other pressing needs that the world faces today.

AMY GOODMAN: This is an amazing fact you've pointed out, David Vine: The U.S. military has waged war, engaged in combat or otherwise invaded foreign lands in all but 11 years of its existence.

DAVID VINE: That's right. The past 19 years of war, many people often see it as exceptional, as strange that people entering college today or most people enlisting in the U.S. military today will not have seen a day of their life or will not — have no memory of a day of their life when the United States was not at war.

In fact, this is the norm in U.S. history. And the Congressional Research Service shows this on a yearly basis in a [report](#) that you can find online. This is not just me, although I have a list of the wars, expanding on the Congressional Research Service list. These are wars and other forms of combat that the United States has engaged in since independence. And indeed, in 95% of the years in U.S. history, all but 11 years in U.S. history, the United States has been involved in some form of war or other combat.

And one needs to look at this much longer-term trend, this longer-term pattern that extends beyond the war, the so-called war on terror that George W. Bush launched in 2001, to understand why the United States has poured so much money into these wars and why the effects of these wars have been so horrific for the people involved.

AMY GOODMAN: David Vine, you report in your forthcoming book, *The United States of War: A Global History of America's Endless Conflicts, from Columbus to the Islamic State*, that U.S. bases abroad enable combat in 24 countries: quote, "Thousands of U.S. military bases in nearly 100 foreign countries and territories — more than half of them built since 2001 — have enabled the involvement of U.S. military forces in wars and other combat deployments across at least 24 nations since the George W. Bush administration launched its war on terror," so-called, following the September 11, 2001, attacks.

DAVID VINE: Indeed. The United States currently has about 800 military bases in around 80 foreign countries and territories. This is more bases than any nation in world history. The United States has, as you alluded to, had even larger numbers of bases. At the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, there were upwards of 2,000 bases abroad.

And part of what my book, *The United States of War*, shows is that this is also a long-term pattern. The United States has been building military bases abroad since independence, initially on the lands of Native American peoples, then increasingly outside of North America, and eventually encircling the globe, particularly after World War II.

And what I show is that these bases have not only enabled war, they've not only made war possible, but they've actually made war more likely. It's made war a far-too-easy policy choice decision for powerful decision makers, leaders, politicians, corporate leaders and others.

And we need to basically dismantle this infrastructure of war that the United States has built up. Why does the United States have dozens of military bases in the Middle East, in virtually every country outside of Yemen and Iran? These bases, of course, are in countries that are led by undemocratic regimes, not spreading democracy — far from it — in many cases, actually blocking the spread of democracy, and making these wars possible, that — I think it's important to underline again — beyond displacing 37 million people, at least, and perhaps up to 59 million people, these wars have taken the lives of, as the Costs of War Project has shown, around 800,000 people. And this is just in five of the wars — Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Libya and Yemen — the United States has — U.S. combat has taken the lives of around 800,000 people.

But there are also indirect deaths, deaths that have been caused by the destruction of local infrastructure, healthcare services, hospitals, food sources. And those total deaths could number upwards of 3 million people. And I think most people in the United States, again, myself included, have not really reckoned with the total damage that these wars have caused. We haven't even begun to wrap our minds around what it would mean to have this level of destruction in our lives.

AMY GOODMAN: And you have, for example, the effects of soldiers on bases, like what happened in the Philippines, where the authoritarian leader, President Duterte, just pardoned a U.S. soldier who was found guilty of murdering a trans woman off a base.

DAVID VINE: Yes, this is another cost of war. We need to look at the costs of war in terms — the human costs in terms of direct combat deaths, injuries in these wars, the "wars on terror," numbering in the tens of millions, but we also need to look at the deaths and injuries that are caused on a daily basis around U.S. military bases around the world. These bases have — in addition to enabling the wars that the United States has been fighting, they have very immediate harms that they inflict on local populations, including in the Philippines and in, as I said, around 80 countries and territories around the world, damage to their environments, their local communities, in a whole variety of ways.

AMY GOODMAN: David Vine, I want to thank you so much for being with us, professor of anthropology at American University, co-author of the new [report](#) on the Costs of War Project headlined "Creating Refugees: Displacement Caused by the United States' Post-9/11 Wars." Your new book, coming out, *The United States of War*.

This is *Democracy Now!* We'll be back in 30 seconds with the African American scholar and icon Barbara Smith, as we look at the issue of terrorism at home, as we look at the threat of white supremacist violence. Stay with us.

2020-09-11 Barbara Smith: The U.S. "Functions with White Supremacy as Its Engine." Here's How We Dismantle It



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Since the police killing of George Floyd in May sparked a nationwide uprising against police brutality, armed white supremacists have taken to the streets of U.S. cities in response to Black Lives Matter protests. Organizing against systemic racism has been met with apparent attempts by the Trump administration to cover up white supremacist violence. We speak to legendary Black feminist scholar Barbara Smith, founder of the Combahee River Collective, about her proposal for an antiracist program called the Hamer-Baker Plan — named for Fannie Lou Hamer and Ella Baker — to eradicate white supremacy in the U.S. "I'm not just talking about white supremacist groups or organized white supremacy," Smith says. "What I'm talking about is a system that actually dictates and shapes every aspect of life in the U.S."

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AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now! The Quarantine Report*. I'm Amy Goodman, as we turn now from the cost of the so-called war on terror abroad to look at how the U.S. government is targeting Black Lives Matter protesters while downplaying the threat of white supremacist violence at home.

Since the police killing of George Floyd in May sparked a nationwide uprising against police brutality, armed white supremacists have taken to the streets of U.S. cities in response to Black Lives Matter protests. After the police shooting of unarmed Black father Jake Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin, 17-year-old white Trump-supporting vigilante gunman Kyle Rittenhouse shot and killed two antiracist protesters in Kenosha last month. But President Trump has refused to criticize Rittenhouse. Just this week, Donald Trump Jr. said of the self-proclaimed vigilante, quote, "We all do stupid things at 17."

On Wednesday, a Department of Homeland Security whistleblower accused the agency's leadership of instructing analysts to downplay the violent threat posed by white supremacists. Brian Murphy, the former head of the Homeland Security Department's intelligence branch, says he had been ordered to alter the text of assessments to make the threat of white supremacy, quote, "appear less severe." Earlier this year, DHS drafted a document stating, quote, "white supremacist extremists will remain the most persistent and lethal threat in the Homeland through 2021." That's not a Black Lives Matter manual; again, that is DHS's own words. But in newer versions of the document, the reference to white supremacists was removed. Murphy also claims leaders at DHS pressured analysts to change assessments to match up to comments made by President Trump attacking anti-fascist groups.

This comes as *The Intercept* [reports](#) in many states protesters who took part in the massive Black Lives Matter demonstrations are being charged with felonies, and even terrorism.

Well, for more, we're joined by a guest who's proposing a Marshall Plan to eradicate white supremacy in the United States. She calls it the Hamer-Baker Plan, for Fannie Lou Hamer and Ella Baker. Barbara Smith joins us now from Albany, New York, an author, activist, independent scholar, founder of the Combahee River Collective and of Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press. Her latest book, *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around: Forty Years of Movement Building with Barbara Smith*. Her recent [piece](#) for *The Nation* headlined "How to Dismantle White Supremacy."

Barbara Smith, welcome back to *Democracy Now!* As we talk about terrorism, talk about what we see in the United States.

BARBARA SMITH: Well, thank you so much. It's great to be with you again, Amy.

I actually was talking about something a bit different from what you just so very clearly framed in your introduction. I'm not just talking about white supremacist groups or organized white supremacy. What I'm talking about is a system that actually dictates and shapes every aspect of life in the United States, from where your kids go to school and what kind of education they're able to get, what kind of housing you have, what your healthcare looks like, how often or much more often you die from COVID-19. I'm talking about the entire system. And I think that, of course, if we eradicate white supremacy and make that our priority and our goal, of course we're going to get rid of the most extreme manifestations of white supremacy, which is organized white supremacist groups, violent terrorist groups. But I'm talking about something even, I think, larger.

AMY GOODMAN: So, talk about that larger picture, and talk about the plan that you see needs to be put in place in this country.

BARBARA SMITH: Well, I started writing about white supremacy earlier this summer, after George Floyd was lynched. I was so full of rage and pain, because I've been dealing with this ever since Emmett Till was lynched in 1955. I was 8 years old when that happened, so, of course, I could not fully understand what had actually transpired. I just knew that the people in my family, who were all from the Deep South — I grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, because they were part of the Great Migration — I just knew they were very, very upset about someone named Emmett Till, and that this person was also a child, like my twin sister Beverly and me. So, as I said, I've been dealing with this for quite a long time, 1955 until the spring of 2020 and beyond. So, I just thought, "I've got to write." I'm a writer. I just thought, "I've got to write about this."

What motivated me was the fact that when people were talking about these issues, either in print or in media, visual media, etc., that they never really talked about white supremacy. They would talk about race relations. They would talk about implicit bias. They would talk about needing to reform and change the culture of policing. All well and good, but they never talked about where all this mess comes from. And that's what I wanted to write about.

In that first [article](#), which appeared in *The Boston Globe* — it was an op-ed in *The Boston Globe* — I proposed: What would it be like if we had a Marshall Plan, or a plan on the scale of the space race, to eradicate white supremacy? And when I was in contact then with my editor at *The Nation*, they suggested, "Why don't you spin that out?" And that's where the second [article](#) evolved from.

AMY GOODMAN: And talk about Fannie Lou Hamer and Ella Baker, why you've named this plan after them.

BARBARA SMITH: Well, as I say when people ask me, it's because I idolize them. And they are supreme examples of what being freedom fighters, principled, fearless — or at least courageous. There's a difference between being fearless and being courageous. Courageous is actually better, because everyone should have some fear about what might actually harm them.

And, of course, Fannie Lou Hamer paid a huge price for wanting to do something as seemingly ordinary as vote. But in the Jim Crow South of that era, Black people, virtually none of them were allowed to vote. She paid a permanent price because of the beating that she received. And I just found out yesterday, if you can believe it, after all these years, that she actually was blinded in one eye. She is known for having worked with SNCC, doing voter organizing and other kinds of antiracist organizing during that Jim Crow era, and then, of course, speaking out so powerfully at the 1964 Democratic convention about what went on in Mississippi, and asking the very, very, very relevant question: "Is this America?"

And then, Ella Baker, of course, she was a person — among so many other things, she worked for all of the major civil rights organizations at some time. So she had experience across organizations. She also was doing that grassroots, very, very dangerous organizing in the Jim Crow South, in little towns, in rural areas. But she is probably best known for the person who inspired and made possible the founding of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, which is SNCC.

I actually had the great, great pleasure and honor of meeting Fannie Lou Hamer when I was a teenager in Cleveland in 1965 and was very involved in the civil rights movement as a young person.

AMY GOODMAN: Barbara Smith, can you talk about why you feel racial capitalism, and what you think that term means, should be at the center of this plan?

BARBARA SMITH: Well, as you know, Amy, you can't talk about race in the United States without talking about class, and you can't talk about class without talking about race. Racism, white supremacy, capitalism are absolutely intertwined. You know, it's like a vine that has wrapped itself around a tree or another plant. What can you do to separate them? Very, very, very difficult to do.

We have and live under a system of racialized capitalism, where the worst consequences of capitalism fall upon those who have the least amount of white skin privilege — in other words, people of color. And that's why we see such disproportionate economic results and consequences

of that system. The fact that Black families have about 10% of the wealth, median wealth, of white families just says it all.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to go back to 1968, to the Kerner Commission, which offered a moment that could have launched the U.S. into a massive program to end white supremacy, but didn't. Why do you think that didn't happen during the civil rights movement? And what do you think is necessary to make this sort of national shift now?

BARBARA SMITH: Again, getting into the Wayback Machine of my memory and of my life, I remember when the Kerner Commission report came out. I remember buying my paperback copy. It was a best-selling book. And that's when people had — you know, like, read paperbacks. You didn't have the internet or all these other means of communication. So, the pocketbook, as they called them, the paperback book, that was the format.

And this was a big, thick, but small size, report done by a government bipartisan commission to explain — to investigate, explain, analyze why there had been so many urban insurrections, rebellions — I never call them "riots," the other people can call them "riots" — but why there had been so many urban insurrections during that period of the late 1960s. And they came up with the incredibly insightful conclusion that it was white racism.

And I would say that the reason that it was not addressed at that time is because — and this may sound, you know, like, pessimistic, but it's not; it's just something for us to think about — this country functions with white supremacy as its engine, an engine that runs so many aspects — banking, healthcare, education. All these disparities that we see, it would take quite a bit to say, "I think, you know, we need to get rid of that."

And that's where we are now. Do we have the political will to actually eradicate white supremacy, or do we just want to kind of nip around the edges of it and do cosmetic things? You know? Taking down the Confederate statues, very, very important, very glad that's happening, but it doesn't necessarily get to the material conditions of people who live under this system, nor does it address the incredible violent racism that results in people like a Jacob Blake being shot seven times in front of his tiny children at point-blank range.

AMY GOODMAN: And as you speak, Barbara, it just so happens that in these seconds — people will hear it at different times, but at this time, 8:46, the first plane hit the first tower of the World Trade Center 19 years ago. I wanted to ask you about intersectionality, about taking on terrorism, taking on white supremacy. You say it can't be divorced from misogyny and heteropatriarchy.

BARBARA SMITH: Right. Well, that's, you know, certainly from my long years of commitment to fighting for women's rights and women's freedom, and also being an out lesbian since the 1970s. You know, like how on businesses they say things like "Serving you since 1942," or whatever, well, if there was a little sign, you know, to explain that aspect of my life, it would be "Out lesbian since 1975." So, that's a long time, and that was not very long after Stonewall, so I've been involved in thinking about, organizing around, writing about issues of sexuality and gender, and sexuality and gender oppression, for decades, long before it was popular, long before it was considered to be cute. And I just approach everything that I work on and think about in that way.

And when you think about the issues of — the issue of white supremacy, it's absolutely entwined — again, much like racial capitalism — it's entwined with patriarchy and with homophobia and transphobia. So, you can't really address one without the other. I mean, just like for a thought experiment, what would our country be like if we decided, miraculously decided, as a nation, to

get rid of white supremacy in every possible way that we could, and left violence against women, rape, transphobia, homophobia, discrimination against people based upon gender and sexuality, if we left that intact? What would we have accomplished, if we do not look at all those vectors of oppression, all those roadblocks to freedom?

And there are many other things, you know, that we can talk about, too. We have to look at our international situation. We have to look at our relationship to the rest of the world. We export white supremacy. Your previous guest was talking about the incredible repercussions of the United States' ongoing so-called foreign policy, which is really war policy, and that, I think he said, there were only 11 years in the entire history of the country when we weren't involved in warfare. What does that say about what kind of nation we are? And so much of that has been racialized. And particularly, you know, I would say, since World War II, the skirmishes, and not — I mean, they're bigger than skirmishes — the military adventures that this nation engages in just always seems to be against populations of people of color. We could talk about disability —

AMY GOODMAN: Barbara, before we go, since we just have 30 seconds, I want to ask —

BARBARA SMITH: Yes. I'm sorry.

AMY GOODMAN: — if you see echoes of the Hamer-Baker Plan in the Democratic Party platform, or what's being put forth, in the role you see activists should play in the November election?

BARBARA SMITH: I haven't read the platform, but from what I gather, it's coming from a different place, because as — I talked about nipping around the edges of the problem. I think that even if they're bold initiatives, you have to have the consciousness. You have to acknowledge and admit that white supremacy exists, in order to fight it. And, see, that's the difference. There may very well be things in that platform that will help with our racial — our situation of vast racial inequality. But is the purpose of those initiatives to address that bedrock system of white supremacy? That's the difference, and that's why I proposed the Hamer-Baker Plan.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, we're going to link to that plan at democracynow.org. Barbara Smith, author, activist and independent scholar. Her [piece](#) in *The Nation*, "How to Dismantle White Supremacy."

When we come back, as global deaths from COVID-19 start to near 1 million, we look at the race to develop a vaccine and the issue of transparency. Back in 30 seconds.

2020-09-11 What Went Wrong with AstraZeneca's Vaccine Trial? CEO Only Shares Details with Investors



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As the world races to find a COVID-19 vaccine, one of the most promising vaccine trials has hit a major roadblock. AstraZeneca paused its Phase 3 COVID-19 vaccine trial after a woman in the trial developed severe neurological symptoms consistent with transverse myelitis, or inflammation of the spinal cord. Details were only revealed during a CEO call with investors, and “everyone was left to guess what went wrong,” writes Ed Silverman, senior writer at the health news site *STAT*, which broke the story. Silverman says the halting of the U.K. trial raises several issues, including whether pharmaceutical companies are being pushed to move faster than is safe. “Is the FDA being pushed to authorize or approve a vaccine faster than it should?”

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AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now! The Quarantine Report*. I'm Amy Goodman, as we turn now to look at why AstraZeneca paused its Phase 3 COVID-19 vaccine trial in the United Kingdom, widely considered one of the most promising trials, and what we know. AstraZeneca only revealed initial details during a private phone call between the CEO and the investors, saying a woman in the trial developed severe neurological symptoms consistent with transverse myelitis, or inflammation of the spinal cord. This was first [reported](#) by the medical news site *STAT*.

For more, we're joined by *STAT* senior writer Ed Silverman, whose [column](#) this week is headlined “Everyone was left to guess what went wrong': An open letter to AstraZeneca's CEO on transparency.”

Ed Silverman, thanks so much for joining us. Tell us what you're demanding of the CEO, and explain exactly what happened. Many people heard AstraZeneca's trial was halted, that it's doing with the University of Oxford, but not understanding why and how serious myelitis is, whether or not it's connected to this trial.

ED SILVERMAN: Well, there's an issue here — first of all, again, thank you for having me. There's an issue here — several issues here. The whole world is watching right now what is happening with vaccine development. And normally when there is a halt in a clinical trial — which is a serious matter, typically — a company has to disclose certain developments to regulators, to

trial participants and to investors, if it's considered what's called material information, something that could materially affect the business operations.

And in this particular case, the company, on Tuesday — well, we reported on Tuesday that the company halted the trial. And at that point, the company let out only a little bit of information, and only in response to calls from reporters. On Wednesday morning, the company put out a rather bland general statement calling this situation a routine matter. And at the same time, though, the CEO, as you mentioned, was on a private call with investor clients from JPMorgan.

So, that raised a whole bunch of issues in my mind, because, as I started to say, the whole world is watching this vaccine development right now. And this is in the context of several debatable controversies, one of which is the extent to which the vaccine companies are being pushed to move faster than they should — rather, move faster to get a vaccine out as quickly as possible. But at the same time, the FDA is being bullied by the Trump administration, particularly in President Trump, to get a vaccine out there as quickly as possible. And conveniently, he keeps talking about a vaccine before the election. So, if you connect the dots, you look at the situation and say, "OK, we've got a pandemic. Most people want a vaccine as quickly as possible. But is the FDA being pushed to authorize or approve a vaccine faster than it should?" There are standards that are in place, no matter what, to have safety and effectiveness data. Now, yes, we can't wait years for that to emerge, but we also don't want a vaccine before it's time.

And that plays into yet another issue, which is trust. The American people are already divided over vaccines generally — the anti-vaxxer crowd, as they're called. And now there is growing concern that if the administration, Trump in particular, is trying to get a vaccine out faster than it should be out, and is leaning on the FDA to do so, that will have another reason to not trust vaccines. And stepping back, the issue there reflects on AstraZeneca, but also the pharmaceutical industry at large, which has already taken a severe hit with its reputation for the last several years over drug pricing.

So, instead of thinking of the greater good and instead of addressing, being concerned with these issues — because these are all societal issues. And it's really — and it's not just the United States. The AstraZeneca CE acted as if it's business as usual: "Oh, we may have material information" — or maybe they didn't consider it material. But in any event, he released a few more details, selectively, to the investor crowd. And what were those details? He indicated that, as you said, the side effect that was discovered in this one trial participant is consistent with transverse myelitis. And that could be a first sign of multiple sclerosis. So, we need to know —

AMY GOODMAN: Is it also similar to Guillain-Barré?

ED SILVERMAN: Right. And we need to know more information about that. Other researchers need to know. Other companies that are using the same vaccine technology or platform, they want to know what's going on. Does this affect them? Does this affect other people's willingness and ability to enroll in one or more clinical trials by that company and others? So, there are a lot of implications here. And again, as I said, he treated it as business as usual, thinking of the greater good, instead of trying to address concerns that can show up with lack of transparency, and therefore lack of trust.

AMY GOODMAN: So, Ed, we just have a minute, but [poll](#) just done says well over 60% of the America population doesn't trust the FDA to approve a safe vaccine, just as President Trump pushes to get this done — he's very open about this — before the November election. What do

you think is the most important issue, as you're demanding of the CEO of AstraZeneca, to go along a safe path?

ED SILVERMAN: Well, I think the companies, not just AstraZeneca, have to continue to adhere to what they've already said in a public pledge released last week, to follow the usual rigorous standards for safety and effectiveness that the FDA pursues. The FDA is not perfect — no agency is — but that's a gold standard. And that is not just for the benefit of the drug companies, but presumably it's a benefit for the public. So, I think that that's crucial here.

And unfortunately, President Trump is not respecting that. And that's why our own *STAT/Harris* poll found that 78% of Americans believe that the vaccine approval is being — that politics is coming before science when it comes to the vaccine approval process.

AMY GOODMAN: Ed Silverman, I want to thank you for being with us, senior writer and columnist at [StatNews.com](https://www.statnews.com). We're going to link to your latest [piece](#), "'Everyone was left to guess what went wrong': An open letter to AstraZeneca's CEO on transparency."

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