

2013, Oct 12

Saturday History Call

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Friday: 9 pm – 2 am EST *Friday Night Hard News* **Hosts:** T & R

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A **Sunday, Mondays:** 9 – 10:30 EST *Cheryl Croci's Activation Calls*
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www.Ashtarontheroad.com

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Replay # [good for 1 week] 1-712- 432-0990 PIN 666238#

Opening Meditation: Cheryl Croci

Housekeeping: Rainbird Thank you! Thank you! Thank You!

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- A listener-supported radio program; we can access program archives on BBS
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 - Re: archives of the other programs on BBS: the money we pay to listen to other people's archives is put towards our BBS bill!
- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's Thursday Stargate Roundtable as well!!!!

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 - On the website: www.2013RainbowRoundTable.ning.com there is a Paypal button.
 - Please notify them if you're sending something: koran999@comcast.net
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 - phone contact is via MariettaRobert: 317-773-0061
or by e-mail: stargatemarietta@gmail.com
 - Remember you can also have a session with Mother, as well!

Every little bit matters! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Hard News

R: spoke to Joe Wilson this morning – this has not happened for a couple of years

Joe: we are going to go over the cliff; these guys want to create a situation of full global economic collapse

- Republicans are guilty of economic high treason
- There are stories about wanting the clean out the Congress – Joe said it is happening in the moment;
- we are seeing the fall out on a daily basis. It is not about the debt ceiling or anything else except the colour of his skin.

R: Jim Crow needs to be set aside permanently – we are one family.

- Mr Putin is going to have to come to terms with the rainbow society
 - Mr Snowden got a prize for exposing the intelligence agencies for criminal activities
 - It was on RT tv; 4 members of the intelligence agency went to Russia to present it to Edward Snowden; the father thanked Mr Putin profusely for what he has done for Edward.

R: met Joe in Whole Foods: there were 8 goons around him – looked like the MIB – that is how it is: surreal!

- We are watching the absolute collapse of the Nazis who have been in power, they cannot hold it together
- Every day there is more about the criminality which has gone on
- R got an intense feeling looking at Joe, and the ones walking with him when he goes out in public, that THE NEXT STEP IS THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE ARRESTS!!!
- it was never a game, but he is now beginning to really see how ugly it is!!
- Cruz and the others are so gully & the criminality of what is happening: the entire Congress needs its clock cleaned and start over – on the 2nd floor where “we the people” live; no corporations who get paid by

shadowy banksters, and funny characters like Shelly Adelson, Mitt Romney, Mr Kim Jong II who is a very traumatized child and the story has to do with the empire over here

- All the story in Japan – Tokyo is no longer a safe place to live; Ben Fulford is full of it
- We are still here because of the galactics being here – we need to be in a place of balance and love in order to deal with the energies here
- These ones want their stark reality: Jim Crow or the filthy rich

Camp Loveway: Ben Stewart of Zeitgeist was on

- are the banks going to go through what Panama went through: just shut their doors?
- We cannot continue with the lies of Cruz, Boehner, McCain, McConnell who are bought and paid for by the death merchants of the planet
- Wayne La Pierre – Little Peter – they are domestic terrorists
- The ones in the Congress are not worthy of the name of “Representative”
- the holodeck is collapsing – and this is why no one will tell him when – the shoe is falling

R: As Ed Schultz says: they are re-arranging the chairs on the Titanic

R: The only one who can pay it out is St Germain – but we have to get the lesson: tag! We're it.

- As we call these ones on their shit, we move things forward

- Palestine: it is a one state solution and will always be such; Why is it that Israel is “hands off” - their textile factories are weapons factory and cannot be inspected?! Send Netanyahu more love!

T: also have lots of positive things going on too

- The gnarly things in DC are going to get a lot worse and this is because that, to order to understand it, we have to see it played out!
- As per the articles yesterday, the BIS elites don't keep records – yet you don't hear Joe Wilson say they will be held accountable without knowing **this is a galactic operation.**

Audio: Alex Witt

Senator Barbara Boxer: any deal which comes forward comes from the Senate leadership

- Just had a vote for a clean Debt Ceiling – even though there was a majority to go ahead, the Repubs voted NO for a clean extension of the debt ceiling and move forward.
 - The house had an opportunity to vote to open up the gov't and did not take it.
 - She does have great hopes, and commends Susan Collins – all the talking is good!
 - yet we are in the 12th day of a shutdown – all he has to do is open the gov't
 - She describes things happening in her district!
- The President spoke to the Dems, all of them; the Repubs only brought 20 people in for the meeting.
 - The Repubs got the conversations they wanted, but it does not mean holding people hostage!!!
- the Chair of the Budget Committee has asked for meetings re the budget – 20 times! Cruz keeps saying NO

Al Sharpton: some of the Republicans are beginning to respond to the low poll ratings, just not the Tea Party

- Alex talks about his book: from the time he was 3-4, he called himself “Reverend”
- Talks about the community that raised him: his church, his mother; his school
- The Rejected Stone is the name of his book.

Richard Lui: spoke with President Carter who was working on a housing project

- If there were a default, it would be a tragedy!
- He and wife have been married 67 years & are still working together.

M H-P: the Republicans are denying there is such a thing as a default on the debt

[SEE BELOW]

Jared Bernstein: explains why what they say is false – disinformation

- There are no grown-ups to keep the fact-free environment in balance!

Jarred B: bond holders can smell blood! Has to do with willingness to pay AND also ability to pay
We are talking about paying for things that congress has already purchased – THIS IS A BIG DEAL!

Meaing of FULL FAITH AND CREDIT:



[What 'full faith and credit' means](#)

[Melissa Harris-Perry](#)

JB: full Faith and Credit: the trust that the government will do what it says it will do

- The dollar is the reserve currency of the world
- If we breach the debt ceiling, we are sacrificing what has been created in hundreds of years.

Guest: about the deniers – this goes back to 2011

MHP the idea that you can undo in days what has taken years to build: what the US has done in terms of self-government is huge!

Guest: we have to keep our word

- S&P downrated the credit rating because of the chaos in the government, not because the govt was broke

M H-P: Letter to Bobby Jindal, Governor of her state.

Audio: Thom Hartmann has guest Dr Joe Romm – he has a blog at www.thinkprogress.org



[Climate](#)

[Carbon Capture And Storage: One Step Forward, One Step Back](#)

By [Joe Romm](#) on October 10, 2013

A new survey finds a sharp drop in large-scale carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects. This is more evidence that it is premature to conclude we could rely on large-scale deployment of CCS in the 2030s or CCS being even 10% of the answer to the carbon problem by 2050.

Audio: [Valerie Plame being interviewed](#) [from a program called “Consider This” on Al Jazeera]

- about Prime Minister Rouhani of Iran
- about her book called [Blow Back](#); Vanessa Pearson is the main character.

Audio: guest of Bioneers; grew up in Bloomington, Indiana

- His journey began in the Tibetan Plateau near the Mother River, now Yellow River
- Talks of the soil which is organic, rich in that area.
- Birth place of the Han Chinese race, the most populous race on the planet. Great evidence that the Chinese race emerged from a mixed forest, farming area – they have been around for over 1 million years.
- By 10,000 years ago, the Loess Plateau was no more; they had killed it ecologically

- when he did the documentary, he found a fully destroyed eco system – no vegetation; found enormous gullies which prove there is huge rainfall each year. How does this happen?
 - Cut the trees; farmed on hillsides; raised goats and sheep that ate things down to the roots
 - About 1,000 years ago, a place of extreme poverty – passed from one generation to another
- This place is analagous to every other civilization on earth in terms of environmental impact of humans
- This is a sad story for humans: also causes huge impacts on the hydrological system – lo
 - The Loess Plateau is roughly the size of France: the sedimentation goes into the river
 - 1500 times in recorded history, the Yellow River has flooded
 - Shows pictures of the results of the sediment layers

[T: they learned how to terrace and transformed it in 15 years!]

He wonders why – Carl was saying that **China has a system of state capitalism, not communism at all!**

The economic implications are beyond any discussed before

John Liu is the speaker; NESARA law is based on exactly this

Audio: another Bioneer - presentation from California - RainForestAction

- The US has **reduced green house gas emissions to 1992 levels!**
- **Fracking:** have witnessed and been part of a grass roots org that has convinced Gov Cuomo not to do Fracking
- The **XL Pipeline:** there is a **movement of people fighting** against this, it is not just an environmental group – people are seeing the better way – a better way being embraced by neighbours, churches, communities
 - Some of the best referrals have been Tea Party people in Texas!
- 9 states across the country get their **power from wind farms**

Caller: the synchronicity: he was not listening to the call but when he got on, he heard the story from his own back yard, as it were!

- Listened to hard news call last night: is in awe of their role, and they are in for the long haul. Rama just kept going in spite of what was happening.
- Remembers when they gave a lecture to Beth and that she was not the only one: we are working together.
- There is a weariness in their voices, but we are still here! We all deserve a pat on the back! We wanted things to be more all-encompassing and we had to do more and more: it is even more magnificent – this has never happened before.
- The front group said it was not enough to bail out just the front group
- This has never happened before and we are morphing it as we speak: the majesty of it all, the magic, the seeming unendingness of it all – we are trying to grow deeper! Everyone in their own way, all the lightworkers, the ground crews, have to go deeper.
- People are tired; they are this or they are that – yet we have never done this before. When we are on the river, it is actually easier
- Rama calls him Commander: caller brings out the difference between demander, commander
 - Caller was a space cadet when he was younger, like Rama – he has a cushion of experience and can handle what is happening.

R: he too came from growing up in the ghetto, in LA with the Crips and the Bloods:

Caller: grew up in Honolulu; grew up street wise, and a justice system which gave someone a suspended sentence rather than a harsher one

- got to see how things work in a pragmatic fashion
- saw how the world works
- Napolitano is now in CA, across from his favourite watering hole! First day she became Pres of UC – Berkley - the lights went out!
- comments on how strong Malala has become
- it's up to us: we have the tools and can integrate what they have given us. It's the Lisee Renee thing about the polarity integrator
- what is our intention? Just to get our goodies? Maybe it's going to get a little more magnificent – we are going

to a higher, deeper, more inclusive level. On the other side of the veil, he'll take all the love he can get!

T: what it is time for now is to deeply contemplate the next road:

Caller: if you have the investment in your heart, you trust what is showing up

T: it's totally perfect [him having as much time as he does on the call]

Caller: question the 520 missing years – when was it?

T: cut out of the timeline: in the high middle period of the last yuga when Mother was here – she was on the ground then. It was talking of the events when she was here during the time of Aknautun

- The Nile and the Mississpi were one 10,000 years ago; the Mississpi and India were attached to Africa - the whole tail was
- What we do need to know is that 40,000 50,000 years ago, there were 4-5 ' tall black people who built mounds
- the 18th dymasty was the period cut out [1,500 BC] because it was the teachings of Mother Sekhmet

Caller: what about Cobra? **T:** nope – he is completely compromised and will be arrested. **Caller** brings up many people involved, etc; **R:** it is very convoluted to sort out; **T** it is very important to know what the timeline was as you cannot understand what has been done, especially if you don't even know it has been manipulated

Caller: what has been the truth will always be the truth. Even though this paradigm is shifting -does it really matter who was behind the black pope etc etc?

T: the reason we are experiencing this in such a powerful way is because this time was designated before time began for past, present and future to be brought together; also for us to realize our multi dimensionality.

- Energy is available here too - nothing changes unless we change it, and we are both the changers and the changed

Caller: brings up a channeling of Lee Carroll /Kryon: that things were not absolutely certain; we as people had to do things to turn the potentials into manifestation – nothing was ever set in stone. He asked Mother several years ago if things were morphing as we speak, in moment to moment. What will happen tomorrow: can anyone tell me?

T: the perception: there is a very small group that can do things – the Ascended Masters and there are a lot of us on the planet at the moment.

Caller: asking about things being set in stone

T: Mother Earth is a sentient, ascended being, her consciousness has moved into the age of the 6th sun, 6th dimensional consciousness herself. There are people who are soulless; ohters with 1 strand, 2 strands; the reptilians voided themselves of the 12th strand deliberately because they did not want to deal with emotion – so they turned themselves from gods into reptiles again. Even though they have abilities, they have a missing link to reaching higher consciousness.

- The energies pouring into the planet – by Oct 28, 2010, we reached 2012. We are now in 2015 as of --- those of us pursuing the higher knowledge and are living it have made it
- Mother's "ring pass not" has been stretched by Mother, giving more and more people the opportunity to move forward too

T: right today, RT TV headline says that Monsanto has created a world-wide resistance to it!

Caller: every form of electronic instrumentation, in the ants, the trees, the bugs – pretty awesome! So grateful to be here and be a part of this

T: you chose to show up and be part of it; don't forget that

Caller: a dream is to sit at the Roundtable in a physical way with T &R and everyone.

T: Get Monsanto Out! [what protestors have done with the initials GMO!]

Caller: PBS – a program about hunger in the land of plenty; brought tears; this is the thrust that keeps us going

to see these people work so hard

- he has not always been on the calls; speaks of them as being so stalwart – how can she just keep this going – there is a big picture here and we are all part of it.
 - Loves T & R, MR and others who keep things going! We are the way showers and we have the machetes!

T: and it takes all of us. Let us continue the Circle of Support for Kids with Cancer and others who have been shut down- simple things can show up!

T: not a small thing that Barack Obama cut off so much money to Egypt: Morsi was a murderer; he was not democratically elected – BO has busted their bubble: put on hold their harpoon missiles, tanks , etc

- Then Malala says “It's time for schools” - in Pakistan, Syria
- The efforts that people have been making in their own communities are having an impact on the planet. The local groups can work together and then there is synchronicity; the two Bioneer presentations today were about just that
- The idea that this small group of characters are determining our fate has been busted! The words now being used in media group discussions are beginning to bleed through. Bill Maher really busts the hard liners!
- A Canadian lady, Alice Munro, won the Nobel Peace prize for short stories;
- Another lady Lamon Piesf “Little Sparrow” born in 1915, abandone by parents at 34-, 10-11 lived homeless and sang on the streets; at 17, had a baby girl who died 2 years later of spinal meningitis; in 1937 – 8 to 1941, she began doing big tours and some theatre with John Cocteau; her greatest love was the boxer with whom she had a great affair; he died in plane crash in 1949 “I regret nothing” - Edith Piaf!

From Wikipedia

Édith Piaf (**US** /pi:'ɑ:f/ or **UK** /'pi:æf/; French: **[edit pjaf]**; 19 December 1915 – 11 October 1963; real name **Édith Lamboukas**, previously **Pills**, née **Gassion**), was a French singer who became widely regarded as France's national diva, as well as being one of France's greatest international stars. **[1]** Her singing reflected her life, with her specialty being of **Chanson** and **ballads**, particularly of love, loss and sorrow. Among her songs are "**La Vie en rose**" (1946), "**Non, je ne regrette rien**" (1960), "**Hymne à l'amour**" (1949), "**Milord**" (1959), "**La Foule**" (1957), "l'Accordéoniste" (1955), and "Padam ... Padam ..." (1951).

- **Piaf** said there are some who cry, she recovers with singing; died of liver cancer at the age of 1946 on Oct 10, 1963

Caller: about the Akashic Records – no it's about music records!

Music:

Audio: Breaking the Set **2013, Oct 5 41 Years in Solitary Confinement, Trigger Happy Corporate Media, Ireland's Direct Democracy**

<http://rt.com/files/episode/20/a7/d0/00/bts.mp4?event=download>

On this episode of Breaking the Set, Abby Martin talks about the death of 71 year old Herman Wallace, a former inmate at the Louisiana state penitentiary in Angola, who was recently released from prison after spending 41 years in solitary confinement. Abby then calls out the corporate media for the blatant sensationalizing of the recent Capitol Hill police shooting, citing the lack of coverage on the dozens of other shootings and homicides that occur in Washington DC year round. Abby then talks to Ben Gilroy, leader of the Direct Democracy Party in Ireland, about the goals of his political movement and the reasons he is being persecuted by the Irish media and political establishment. **BTS wraps up the show with an interview and musical performance by Occupy Toronto activist and hip hop artist, Cale Sampson, who performs the songs 'Reach Up' and 'The Truth Is'.**

Astrology: Richard

- tonight's chart: looks a bit like last week's
- Venus solidly in Sag
- Mars is getting close to edge of Leo
- Moon this weekend is in Aquarius
- Had a busy day yesterday with Moon conjunct Pluto,
- Sun was squared Jupiter this morning: this puts stress in things!
- The cardinal Cross still exists if you use Liltith opposite Pluto, and the Sun opposite Uranus

Sun: moon in Aquarius;

Mon: moon will be opposite Mars then conjunct Neptune at 10 pm
Moon goes into Pisces at 5 pm

Tues: moon in pisces; Mars goes into Virgo

Wed: could be a tricky day: moon is void of course in Pisces until the eveing when it goes into Aires

Venus will trine uranus later -

- we head into full moon, lunar eclipse on the 17th – this coming fullmoon could be quite an interesting manifester – we are moving from deep spiritual emotional material with moon in Mercury, and will then flip into the cosmic source, Aries.

Thurs: moon is square Pluto, then conjunct Uranus, and trine Venus later

Fri: moon square Jupiter in the morning

T: could we interpret this as that no matter what happens, the moon trine Venus is the energy to apply to it?

R: Sag energy is definitely about movement forwards, exploration in spiritual and metaphysical matters

7:40 EDT – moon will rise full and it will also be an eclipse – interesting

Sat: moon goes into Taurus: get some relief then!

- This will be a high energy week! An Aquarius moon

2013, Oct 9 [Pele Report, Astrology Forecast](#)

[Kaypacha](#)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJFMTzIKokU&feature=player_embedded

[click here for the First Quarter Square Moon astrology chart](#)

*I have opened the portal to my highest Self,
Regaining access to my greatest wealth,
I have cut old cords and connected with new,
Friends who are ready for the work we must do.*

[click here for the English transcription of the Pele Report](#)

The changes just keep on coming. Now that Venus has emerged out of the underworld of Scorpio we can put some to the pieces together to understand the bigger picture. The New Moon last week opened up further awareness so now is the time to see what needs to be done, start rolling up our sleeves, and GET TO IT!

The resistance we may encounter, both within ourselves and coming from “out there” COULD make some lose hope, but don't! The potter takes that lump of clay and starts to spin the wheel, digs the fingers in and creates useful and beautiful artwork! We are potters of a New Paradigm so let's get spinning. Namaste', Aloha, & So Much Love

Reading: Let's Take Advantage of This Very Powerful Time *Patricia Cota-Robles* **[SEE BELOW]**

Conference Call:

Caller1: got an e-mail that talks about Gov't Shutdown and the 13th will be called the Dark Day
Do you know what that's about?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjAv2y5PWg0>

T&R look up the YouTube – it is completely based in fear.

T: We do know they planned the shut down years ago -

R: They want to take it over the edge and create an opportunity for martial law

Caller: Lincoln set up war powers – did it continue?

T: during time of FDR, declared bankruptcy of we the people, and invoked the war powers act which has been invoked by each president since then: people are guilty until they can prove themselves innocent.

R: these people hate Obama and no matter what he does, they want to get rid of him

T: a lot of this stuff is connected with Hollow Earth, and that is not good!

Need to keep out of the fear factor!

Reading: we need to move forward and not let this happen again! That is why she is reading it.

2013, Oct 9 **Death of Impoverished Pennsylvania Professor Illustrates Plight of Adjuncts** [SEE BELOW]

Reading: 2013, Oct 8 **Racism and Cruelty Drive GOP Health Care Agenda**

[SEE BELOW]

Reading: 1 student + 1 petition = staggering (a success story)

[SEE BELOW]

Caller: has been using Avaaz as a way to get her messages out

- Transformationalfestivals.com – a way youth are organizing to get things done!
- nofest.com – a website to check out! They use art and other means to get things done
- Restorative Justice
- Go to peace alliance.org + restorativejustice and see what the sister of Angela Davis is doing in CA
- The green corps – edible landscaping

Music:

Audio: **Dr Stephen Greer** – on the Art Bell show, now on Sirius XM Satellite Radio – Rama gives background:

Dr Greer went to an island earlier this summer where he met with leaders of 120 nations and they are very much interested in seeing peace, love and gratitude as a way of life. **T** is asking if this is just lip service. **R:** one of them is the CIA Director – there are folks in our gov't that only know about this on need to know basis: folks that you think would be knowing about this like the Joint Chiefs who are either lying or they really don't know. Dr Greer talks that they are very much aware that the folks who are coming to visit us are concerned about our destiny; they know the mess they made; on a deeper level, they know Mother is here and this

- 2013, Sept 17 – Program is called Dark Matter; go to www.artbell.com and see the two suns dancing

Audio: **Max Keiser**[KR509] Keiser Report: Dirty Rotten Profits!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=pfPA9IDwYMQ

We discuss David Cameron's claim that profit is not a dirty word; and, yet, profits are whatever an accounting trick (or fraud) says it is, especially when an executive's bonus is tied to this fabricated number. They look at profits as percentage of GDP being at an all time high, while investment is at an all time low; for, instead of investing, businesses are handing cash back to shareholders – a tactic once reserved for executives who had run out of ideas. In the second half, Max interviews **Francine McKenna of RTheAuditors.com** about the Big Four accounting firms morphing into the Big Four consulting firms and the conflicts of interest that have arisen as a result.

Reading: D'yanni Yahwoo

Closing: Rainbird

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2013, OCT 11

The Syllabus: What you need to know for the October 12 'MHP'

[Rachel Zuckerman](http://tv.msnbc.com/2013/10/11/the-syllabus-what-you-need-to-know-for-the-october-12-mhp/) <http://tv.msnbc.com/2013/10/11/the-syllabus-what-you-need-to-know-for-the-october-12-mhp/>



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, Oct. 11, 2013. (Photo by Evan Vucci/AP)

The scariest thing about [zombies](#) isn't the fact that they are the walking dead. Nope, it's that there is no clear way to destroy them.

No matter how much you fight, they keep coming back! Anyone who has seen a zombie movie or [AMC's *The Walking Dead*](#) knows that even when you kill a zombie, there are just more zombies to come. Much like—you guessed it—the fight over the debt ceiling. As the government heads into the 12th day of the shutdown, the debt ceiling has become Congress's new focus. If you're thinking, "haven't we already done this?"—you'd be correct. Between 1917 (the year the debt ceiling was created) and now, the debt ceiling has been raised [103 times](#), the most recent of which occurred in [2011](#). On Saturday's *Melissa Harris-Perry*, our host and panel will discuss the "Dawn of the Debt," how we got here and how we are going to escape the looming zombie apocalypse.

As the government shutdown nears the two week mark, those who depend on federal support are feeling the pinch. In the case of House Speaker John Boehner, he need not look farther than his own state of [Ohio](#) to see the effects. More than 2.3 million people on the Ohio Association of Food Banks which is funded in part with federal money. [The Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) is also [taking a hit](#) just as an anti-biotic resistant strain of [Salmonella](#) is infecting chicken sold across the country. Host Melissa Harris-Perry gets into the real world impact the shutdown is having on the American people.

The government might be shut down, but the Supreme Court is open for business! – for now at least. On the docket this term are cases about [campaign finance reform](#), [affirmative action](#), and freedom speech in connection with [reproductive rights](#). In November, the court will hear a case regarding the separation of [church and state](#). Join us Saturday as Melissa brings together an amazing table of constitutional law scholars to explain what is in store.

Nerdland will also be joined by Academy Award winning [Roger Ross Williams](#), the director and producer of the documentary [God Loves Uganda](#). Williams will be on set to discuss his work that exposes the homophobic rhetoric being taught and spread in Uganda by American Evangelical missionaries.

Be sure to read what we've linked above, and watch *Melissa Harris-Perry* Saturday at 10 a.m. EST on MSNBC! Also, don't forget to join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) with the hashtag [#nerdland](#).

Loess Plateau

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The Loess Plateau is shaded.

The **Loess Plateau** ([simplified Chinese](#): 黄土高原; [traditional Chinese](#): 黃土高原; [pinyin](#): *Huángtǔ Gāoyuán*), also known as the **Huangtu Plateau**, is a [plateau](#) that covers an area of some [640,000 km²](#) in the upper and middle reaches of [China's Yellow River](#). [Loess](#) is the name for the [silty sediment](#) that has been deposited by wind storms on the plateau over the ages. Loess is a highly [erosion-prone](#) soil that is susceptible to the forces of wind and water; in fact, the soil of this region has been called the "most highly erodible soil on earth".^[1] The Loess Plateau and its dusty soil cover almost all of [Shanxi](#) and [Shaanxi](#) provinces, as well as parts of [Gansu](#) province, the [Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region](#), and the [Inner Mongolia](#) Autonomous Region.

History



The Loess Plateau near [Hunyuan](#) in [Shanxi Province](#).



Erosion gradually deprives a corn farmer of his land. ([Linxia City](#), Gansu)

In ancient times, some of the earliest recorded mention of this area is from travel along the [Northern Silk Road](#).^[2] In the last part of the first millennium [BC](#), after the explorer [Zhang Qian](#)'s return to China, the [Han Dynasty](#) pushed the [Xiongnu](#) back and trade and cultural exchange flourished along the

[Northern Silk Road](#) through the southern Loess Plateau. Goods moving by caravan to the west included gold, [rubies](#), [jade](#), textiles, coral, ivory and art works. In the opposite direction moved bronze weapons, furs, [ceramics](#) and cinnamon bark.[3]

Historically the Loess Plateau has provided simple yet insulated shelter from the cold winter and hot summer in the region, as homes called [yaodong](#) (窑洞) were often carved into the loess soil; in medieval times of China people stayed here to grow rice; some families still live in this kind of shelter in modern times. During the [Shaanxi Earthquake](#), nearly a million people were killed as a result of collapsing loess caves. The [yaodongs](#) that are best known to the world are perhaps those in [Yan'an](#) where the [Communist Party](#) led by [Mao Zedong](#) headquartered in 1930s. When [Edgar Snow](#), the author of [Red Star Over China](#), visited Mao and his party, he lived in a [yaodong](#).

Climate

The plateau generally has a [semi-arid climate](#) ([Köppen](#)), with extensive monsoonal influence. Winters are cold and dry, while summers are very warm and in many places hot. Rainfall tends to be heavily concentrated in summer, and the area receives extensive amounts of sunshine.

Agriculture and environment



Canyons like this one (formed by a creek flowing into the lower [Daxia River](#)) cut the loess plateau in [Linxia County, Gansu](#)

The Loess Plateau was highly fertile and easy to farm in ancient times, which contributed to the development of early Chinese civilization around the Loess Plateau.

Centuries of [deforestation](#) and over-grazing, exacerbated by China's population increase, have resulted in degenerated [ecosystems](#), [desertification](#), and poor local economies.

In 1994 an effort known as the *Loess Plateau Watershed Rehabilitation Project* was launched to mitigate desertification; limited success has resulted for a portion of the Loess Plateau, where now trees and grass have turned green. A major focus of the Project was to try to guide the people living in the Plateau to use more [sustainable](#) ways of living such as keeping goats in pens not being allowed to roam free and erode the soft silty soil found in the plateau. Many trees were planted and nature is now reclaiming a portion of the Loess Plateau. Results have reduced the massive silt loads to the Yellow River by about one percent.[4]

The Loess Plateau was formed over long [geologic times](#), and scientists have derived valuable information about global [climate change](#) from samples taken from the deep layer of its silty soil.

See also



[Sichuan pepper](#) shrubs planted on terraced gulch slope, to slow down erosion and utilize the land. ([Linxia City](#), Gansu)

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2013, Sep 30

Let's Take Advantage of This Very Powerful Time

by Patricia Cota-Robles

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As we move through this first year of the New Earth at warp speed, we are being presented with amazing opportunities to add to the Light of the world. The Earth is deeply affected by the movements and alignments of all of the Celestial Bodies surrounding this planet. During the Shift of the Ages that was God Victoriously accomplished on December 21-22, 2012, the Earth reclaimed her rightful place in our Solar System and Ascended out of our long exile in separation and duality. Now the influx of Light that bathes the Earth through various Celestial events is being amplified beyond anything we have ever experienced.

At the present time, all Life on this planet is still being influenced by the powerful Full Moon we experienced on September 19th. This was the fourth Full Moon of the season which is very rare and empowers to a greater degree all of the Full Moons that occurred during that season. In addition to that tremendous influx of Light, we are also being held in the embrace of the first Autumn or Spring Equinox of the New Earth, depending on which hemisphere you live in. This event occurred on September 22nd, and opened a portal of unprecedented Healing and Divine Love that is now flowing in, through, and around every particle and wave of Life on Earth.

Both of these events will be exponentially expanded on September 29th, the day celebrated in the outer-world as Archangel Michael's Feast Day. On this powerful day Archangel Michael and his Legions of Power and Protection will assist the I AM Presence of every person on Earth to envelope each one in an invincible forcefield of protection that will prevent the upcoming influxes of Light from creating excess stress on our physical, etheric, mental, and emotional bodies. This forcefield of protection will also be expanded for Mother Earth and the Elemental Kingdom.

The Company of Heaven is now asking Lightworkers around the world to be the Open Door for the influx of Light that will activate the patterns of perfection for the New Earth, and open to full breadth the portal through which our newly birthed Renaissance of Divine Love will flow into the mental and emotional strata of Earth. The success of this vitally important facet of the unfolding Divine Plan will make the Renaissance of Divine Love a tangible reality far more quickly than outer appearances seem to indicate.

Please take the following information into the deepest recesses of your heart and respond to this opportunity to add to the Light of the world according to your Heart's Call. The timing for this event has been unfolding for centuries, but it was only possible with the success of the Shift of the Ages.

The activation for the patterns of perfection for the New Earth and the opening of the portal for our newly birthed Renaissance of Divine Love will be accomplished through the unified efforts of the entire Company of Heaven and Lightworkers around the world who respond to their Heart's Call. The portal that will be opened to full breadth is located in the same area through which the initial impulse and the tangible manifestation of the first Renaissance occurred over 500 years ago. This portal pulsates above Italy and envelopes the entire country.

The Divine Plan

This is truly a Global event and your Light is needed NOW. You can add your magnificent Light to this critical facet of the Divine Plan from wherever you are on the planet. There are approximately 100 Lightworkers from around the world who have volunteered to travel to Italy for a Sacred Pilgrimage that will take place **October 5th - 17th, 2013**. This Pilgrimage will begin in Rome and conclude in Venice, Italy. During this activity of Light, the Lightworkers physically present on the Pilgrimage in Italy will unify their Heart Flames and form a mighty transformer through which the Light of God from the Company of Heaven and the Light from the Lightworkers around the world who are joining in consciousness, will flow to accomplish this facet of the Divine Plan.

It is vital that this phase of the Divine Plan be victoriously accomplished prior to the unprecedented influx of Light that will bathe our planet and ALL Life evolving upon her during the upcoming Eclipses. **The Full Moon Lunar Eclipse will take place on October 18, 2013, and the New Moon Solar Eclipse will take place on November 3, 2013.** This time frame will align with the 10th anniversary of Harmonic Concordance which took

place during the powerful Lunar and Solar Eclipses in November 2003.

Harmonic Concordance was a Cosmic Moment during which Humanity reached a critical mass of Divine Love, thus creating an unstoppable shift of energy, vibration, and consciousness. This shift into 5th-Dimensional frequencies of Divine Love allowed the Feminine Polarity of our Mother God, the Holy Spirit, to return to Earth and to secure her luminous Presence within every person's Heart Flame. This was something the masses of Humanity had not experienced on a collective level since our fall from Grace aeons ago. The rare Celestial alignments that occurred during Harmonic Concordance in November 2003, catapulted Humanity forward in the Light. This event which involved both the Company of Heaven and Lightworkers around the world, was instrumental in Earth's God Victorious Ascent up the Spiral of Evolution during the Shift of the Age.

Now we are being presented with an even greater opportunity to move this sweet Earth and all her Life forward in the Light. **ONCE THE PORTAL OVER ITALY IS OPENED TO FULL BREADTH, WHICH WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED OCTOBER 5-17, 2013, THE PATTERNS FOR OUR NEWLY BIRTHED RENAISSANCE OF DIVINE LOVE WILL FLOW INTO EVERY ATOMIC AND SUBATOMIC PARTICLE AND WAVE OF LIFE ON EARTH. THIS UNPRECEDENTED INFLUX OF DIVINE LOVE WILL CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE MONUMENTAL 5TH-DIMENSIONAL CRYSTALLINE SOLAR FREQUENCIES OF LIGHT THAT WILL POUR INTO THE EARTH DURING THE UPCOMING ECLIPSES.**

What will this influx of Light mean for Humanity and the Earth? The Beings of Light in the Realms of Illumined Truth have revealed that during the two weeks that the Earth will be held in the embrace of the upcoming Eclipses, Humanity's I AM Presence will be able to release the residue of the obsolete concepts of separation and duality which are still blocking us from experiencing the patterns of Divine Love, Oneness, and Reverence for ALL Life that are associated with the New Earth and our Renaissance of Divine Love. This release will create the sacred space for Humanity to move forward a quantum leap in tangibly manifesting our Planetary CAUSE of Divine Love and our Renaissance of Divine Love.

In order for us to comprehend just what opening the Renaissance of Divine Love portal in Italy will mean for all of us, the Company of Heaven asked us to review the quantum shift of consciousness that took place during the first Renaissance.

The first Renaissance originated a little over 500 years ago in Florence, Italy. It was part of a master plan to accelerate the return of the Love Nature of our Mother God, the Divine Feminine, which we have always known as the Holy Spirit. The Divine Intent of the first Renaissance was to awaken Humanity's creative right-brain hemispheres which had been almost dormant since our fall from Grace aeons ago.

In the middle of the 14th century we were living in the Dark Ages and our affinity for culture and the arts was practically nonexistent. In order to stimulate our creative right brains, the Company of Heaven projected the wisdom of the arts into the mental and emotional stratum of Earth. As this sacred knowledge filtered into Humanity's hearts and conscious minds, art, music, dance, literature, and every other creative facet of the Renaissance elevated people into a level of culture and civility that we had not experienced since our fall from Grace.

The movement in Italy spread throughout Europe, signaling the end of the Dark Ages and the beginning of modern history. The Renaissance inspired civil liberty and a new internal order of culture and political development. It was the beginning of Humanity's awakening and a crucial stage in the process of liberating the human mind from our fear-based, fragmented human ego's paralyzing grip of fear and misinformation. In the midst of unrivaled, barbaric darkness, the Renaissance birthed a civilization of a Higher Order.

As our right-brain hemispheres were stimulated with new levels of creativity, more of the Love of our Mother God was able to flow into our lives. The first Renaissance became a time of enlightenment and played a critical part in liberating the human mind. Individualism and self-empowerment rose up in the hearts of Humanity, and people pulled away from the oppressive control of the Church. The Renaissance person did not abandon his or her beliefs, but rather adopted new attitudes. Rigidly dogmatic concepts were challenged and cast aside. This marked a momentous turning point in history. There was a resurgence of the Human Spirit that made possible all of the great achievements of modern Humanity. It initiated an atmosphere that was favorable to new ideas, innovative accomplishments, and creative enterprises in every human endeavor. The most amazing part of all of that is the fact that this transformation was accomplished in the middle of the Dark Ages during a time when our human egos were totally manipulating our hearts and minds, a time when Humanity was truly asleep.

Now everything has changed. Even though there are still people on this planet acting as though they live in the Dark Ages, the vast majority of Humanity does not. During the past 27 years, miraculous Activities of Light have been successfully accomplished by Lightworkers around the world and unprecedented Divine Intervention has taken place. As a result, Humanity is in the midst of the greatest shift of consciousness that has ever occurred in any system of worlds.

Every man, woman, and child and every particle of Life on Earth have victoriously Ascended up the 5th-Dimensional Spiral of Evolution, thus birthing the New Earth. Now millions of people on this planet are fully Awake. These precious souls are deliberately participating in the process of cocreating the patterns of perfection for the New Earth, our Planetary CAUSE of Divine Love, and a Renaissance of Divine Love that will transform this planet into Heaven on Earth, which is her Divine Destiny.

Imagine what miracles we will cocreate in the Awakened state of consciousness Humanity is now experiencing, when the portal for newly birthed Renaissance of Divine Love is opened to full breadth and those patterns of Divine Love begin to tangibly manifest on Earth. The Beings of Light said it is impossible for Humanity to fathom what we will experience when our New Renaissance of Divine Love is physically manifest on this planet, but they said it will be GLORIOUS beyond our wildest imagination.

If this Divine Plan resonates in your Heart Flame and you would like to be the Open Door for this influx of Light, all you have to do is join with us in consciousness, focus on the portal in Italy, and ask your I AM Presence to guide you through the sacred days of October 5-17, 2013. You will know exactly how you can best serve as the Instrument of God you are capable of being.

If you would like to follow our sacred Pilgrimage as we sojourn through Italy day-by-day, our itinerary is available on the brochure posted on our website. The link to the brochure is:

<http://www.eraofpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Italy2013TourBrochure.pdf>

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For several years Lightworkers around the world have been working with the Company of Heaven to download the patterns for the New Renaissance of Divine Love. These downloads were encoded into the mental and emotional stratum of Earth awaiting this Cosmic Moment. Now all is in readiness, and these patterns can be drawn through the Portal in Italy when it is opened to full breadth.

If you and I and the rest of the Lightworkers on Earth will focus on these patterns associated with the Renaissance of Divine Love, we will exponentially accelerate the process of bringing the Renaissance of Divine Love into the physical plane of Earth. The invocation below contains the patterns of Divine Love for the New Renaissance that Lightworkers have been downloading for quite some time. Now is the time to bring them through the portal into the world of form.

Patterns of Perfection for the New Renaissance of Divine Love

by Patricia Diane Cota-Robles

I AM my I AM Presence and I AM One with the I AM Presence of ALL Humanity.

As One Heartbeat, One Breath, One Voice, and One Energy, Vibration, and Consciousness of Pure Divine Love we Invoke our omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent Father-Mother God, the Cosmic I AM, All That Is, and the entire Company of Heaven.

Powers of Light, join with me and every man, woman, and child on Earth as we draw the patterns of perfection for our New Renaissance of Divine Love through the portal in Italy, and cocreate them in the world of form through our thoughts, feelings, words, actions, beliefs, and memories.

And we begin...

I AM magnetizing the Infinite Flow of God's Abundance, Opulence, Financial Freedom, and the God-Supply of ALL good things into my life and the lives of ALL Humanity.

I AM magnetizing Eternal Youth, Vibrant Health, Radiant Beauty, and Flawless Form into my life and the lives of ALL Humanity.

I AM magnetizing perfect Health Habits, perfect Eating and Drinking Habits, perfect Exercise, Work, Relaxation, and Recreation Habits, and perfect Spiritual Devotion, Meditation, and Contemplation Habits into my life and the lives of ALL Humanity.

I AM magnetizing Divine Family Life, Loving Relationships, Adoration, Divine Love, Divine Sexuality, True Understanding, Clear and Effective Communication, Open Heart Sharing, Oneness, and the Unification of the Family of Humanity into my life and the lives of ALL Humanity.

I AM magnetizing Eternal Peace, Divine Government, Cooperation, Fairness, Balance, Harmony, and Reverence for ALL Life into my life and the lives of ALL Humanity.

I AM magnetizing Self-Empowerment, Success, Fulfillment, Divine Purpose, A Rewarding Career, Self Esteem, Spiritual Development, Enlightenment, Divine Consciousness, and Clear and Truthful Perception into my life and the lives of ALL Humanity.

I AM magnetizing Open Heart and Mind Telepathic Communication with the Company of Heaven and the Angelic and Elemental Kingdoms into my life and the lives of ALL Humanity.

I AM magnetizing Creativity through Music, Singing, Sound, Toning, Dance, Movement, Art, and Education into my life and the lives of ALL Humanity.

I AM magnetizing Laughter, Joy, Playfulness, Fun, Self-expression, Elation, Enthusiasm, Bliss, Ecstasy, Wonder, and Awe into my life and the lives of ALL Humanity.

I AM magnetizing Heaven on Earth, our Planetary CAUSE of Divine Love, and our Renaissance of Divine Love into my life and the lives of ALL Humanity.

I AM my I AM Presence and I ACCEPT and KNOW that these patterns of perfection for our New Renaissance of Divine Love are manifesting in my life and the lives of ALL Humanity daily and hourly with every breath I take.

I also ACCEPT and KNOW that my Father-Mother God's 5th-Dimensional Crystalline Solar Violet Flame is instantly transmuting any thought, feeling, word, action, belief, or memory I may express that might block or prevent these patterns of Divine Love from manifesting in my life or the lives of ALL Humanity.

In deep Humility, Divine Love, and Gratitude I Decree,

It is done. And so it is.

Beloved I AM, Beloved I AM, Beloved I AM.

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2013, Oct 9 **Death of Impoverished Pennsylvania Professor Illustrates Plight of Adjuncts**
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By *Jonathan Maxwell*

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Most readers aren't familiar with the name of Margaret Mary Vojtko, but they should be. After all, Vojtko (even in death) symbolizes the newfound plight of adjuncts (part-time American college instructors). She also represents the newest contingent of the American underclass: the well-educated.

As the September 18, 2013 edition of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* notes, Vojtko was a part-time French professor who had taught at Catholic-affiliated Duquesne University for 25 years.



Duquesne Panorama by Wikipedia

Despite her many years of faithful service (and despite glowing evaluations from appreciative students), administration officials offered her neither a full-time position with the institution, nor any benefits. Despite such setbacks, she labored on bravely, apparently convinced that, through her dedication and impeccable educational credentials, these officials would finally provide her with a livable wage. (After all, that is the American Way, isn't it? Hard work and high educational achievement are supposed to be rewarded in the United States).

By the time that she realized that the university had no intention in doing this, it was too late to try to seek gainful employment elsewhere. By then, she was elderly, and was considered virtually worthless on the job market. Then, the officials began slowly to relieve her of her responsibilities. Thus, towards the end of her career, she was making less than \$10,000.00 per year. When they discovered that she had been recently diagnosed with cancer, they abruptly fired her, with no severance pay. On Sept. 1, she died at age 83. She lived in squalor.

The article also notes that Duquesne's president makes over \$700,000.00 annually, with full benefits. By comparison, President Barack Obama makes only \$400,000.00 annually as leader of the free world.

Vojtko's grim story is not unique in American higher education. The increasing reliance on adjunct instruction now constitutes its dark underbelly. According to the Sept. 22, 2013 edition of *GPB News*, part-time workers provide a distressing 75% of college instruction. They receive no benefits and no security. The pay is dismal. At one state college in Alabama, instructors are paid less than \$1,800.00 for teaching a course. To make ends meet, some instructors must work two or three jobs, leaving them exhausted and demoralized. The quality of instruction inevitably suffers because of such dire conditions. *GPB News* also writes that a few such part-time professionals are now peddling their plasma just to put food on the table.

Their numbers are only growing. Traditionally, adjunct teaching served as a temporary trial period for beginning, inexperienced teachers. If they proved themselves as adjuncts, they were rewarded by being given more responsibilities. Thus, after two or three years, they became full-time teaching professionals, with good salaries and benefits. Those days are coming to an end. Now, higher education is becoming corporatized. To administration officials, adjunct instructors became a seemingly irresistible source of cheap labor. Thus, many such workers toil faithfully for decades, and never achieve full-time status.

Tea Party supporters have rushed to the defenses of Duquesne's well-heeled administration officials. None of their arguments hold water under scrutiny. They ask why Vojtko did not ask for more public assistance, implying that employers should not be held responsible with paying their workers livable wages. Such a stance is deeply hypocritical. Employees--especially accomplished, well-educated ones--deserve decent pay for their labors. Besides, aren't Tea Party supporters quietly engaged in a covert war to eviscerate public assistance programs like Medicare and Medicaid?

Tea Party supporters also maintain that the pitifully low salaries meted out to adjuncts are simply market forces at work. There's a glut of academic professionals out on the American job market, they claim. Because of this glut, they can expect to receive low salaries. The statistics, however, don't support this contention. According to the U.S. Census Bureau , only about 8% of Americans in 2012 held a Master's degree, and a puny 3% of Americans held a doctorate-level degree (most instructors must have at least a Master's degree to teach). Advanced degrees are still a rare, much needed commodity in the U.S.

Finally, they contend that American universities cannot afford to pay their part-time faculty members more money. How could that be the case? College enrollment is booming, and college costs are soaring. The yearly costs for each student at Duquesne University add up to \$41,232. Where is the money going? High school teachers receive decent salaries, and these decent salaries aren't breaking the bank.

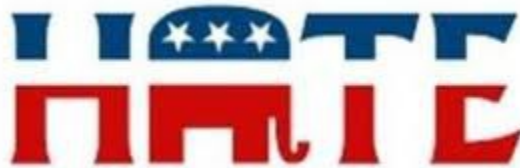
Don't buy these dishonest arguments from Tea Party supporters. There are market forces at work here, but they are artificial ones being imposed by vulture capitalists who want to transform proud professionals into wage slaves, all in the name of easy profits. We are talking about teachers. They are vital to American society, and they deserve better treatment from the people who employ them.

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2013, Oct 8 Racism and Cruelty Drive GOP Health Care Agenda

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Before he was disgraced into resigning his presidency over the Watergate burglary scandal, Richard Nixon had successfully engineered an even more odious plot known as his Southern Strategy. The trick was devilishly simple: Appeal to the persistent racist inclination of Southern whites by abandoning the Republican Party's historic association with civil rights and demonizing the black victims of the South's history of segregation

That same divisive strategy is at work in the Republican rejection of the Affordable Care Act. GOP governors are largely in control of the 26 states, including all but Arkansas in the South, that have refused to implement the act's provision for an expansion of Medicaid to cover the millions of American working poor who earn too much to qualify for the program now. A New York Times analysis of census data concludes that as a result of the Republican governors' resistance, "A sweeping national effort to extend health coverage to millions of Americans will leave out two-thirds of the poor blacks and single mothers and more than half of the low-wage workers who do not have insurance, the very kinds of people that the program was intended to help. ..."

Why anyone who claims to be pro-life would want to deny health care to single mothers is an enduring mystery in the morally mischievous ethos of the Republican Party. But the exclusion of a working poor population that skews disproportionately black in the South is simply a continuation of the divide-and-conquer politics that have informed Republican strategy since Nixon.

The game plan of gutting the Affordable Care Act despite its passage into law and before its positive outcomes are demonstrated can be traced to a "blueprint to defunding Obamacare" initialed by the GOP conservative leadership under the aegis of Heritage Action for America. Ironically that is the political front of the Heritage Foundation, the leading GOP think tank that is credited by some architects of Obamacare as the initial inspiration of their health care program. The difference is that whereas the Heritage Foundation was pushing a mild health care reform based on increased profit for private insurers, as in the plan Mitt Romney introduced in Massachusetts, the Republicans object to the provisions in this president's program that broaden access for the needy.

They were abetted in this decision by a Supreme Court ruling last year granting the states the option of not expanding Medicaid to cover the uninsured under the new act. As a consequence, 8 million of our fellow Americans with annual incomes of less than \$19,530 for a family of three have been prevented from obtaining the health care coverage that we as a nation decided to grant them.

It might seem odd for governors to reject a program to help those living in their state that is fully funded by the federal government for the first few years and then 90 percent covered by the feds

thereafter. But turning down a federal program to aid your own state's population makes perfect sense when connected with the racist appeal initiated by Nixon that has turned the once Democratic South into a rock solid Republican bastion. There are certainly many whites among the 435,000 cashiers, 341,000 cooks and 253,000 nurses aides who the Times estimated will be denied needed health care in the states controlled by Republican governors who have decided to veto the most important provision of the Affordable Care Act.

In the end, this is a replay of the civil rights drama that gripped the nation more than half a century ago, but back then the Republican Party, following the enlightened leadership of Dwight Eisenhower, was on the humanitarian side of the equation. Now the elected leaders of a party that has been on the side of emancipation since the presidency of Abraham Lincoln acts to deny the basic human right to life-sustaining health care to the Southern progeny of slaves. As the Times study noted: "In all, 6 out of 10 blacks live in the states not expanding Medicaid. In Mississippi, 56 percent of all poor and uninsured adults are black, though they account for just 38 percent of the population."

But that also means that almost 44 percent of the poor and uninsured in Mississippi are white, and the gutting of this program that hurts them is evidence of the false consciousness that informs racist appeals. As the Times points out, someone, black or white, making \$11,000 a year frying chicken in a convenience store falls into the gap of making too much to qualify for the state's existing Medicaid program but not enough to be subsidized under the new health care plan as the state defines it.

For those who lose out, there's what the Republican die-hards call tough love. That's not love. It's hate.

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2013, Oct 11

1 student + 1 petition = staggering

Dear amazing Avaazers,

It's staggering what one person can accomplish these days with the help of the internet. Take Christine, a UK student at Leeds University. **She was shocked when she heard that Syrian students at her school might be expelled and even deported back to the nightmare in Syria** because they couldn't pay their school fees, some because their families had been killed or impoverished. Christine stepped in and actually saved hundreds of students at dozens of universities from this fate!

She did it by **getting together with some friends and starting a petition on the Avaaz community petitions website**. The petition was good, sensible, and emotionally compelling. She only sent it to a few friends, but they sent it to more, and it soon blew up on twitter, with over 45,000 people signing! The Avaaz team helped Christine get the story on TV and in major newspapers, and government ministers pushed schools to waive fees and launched a plan to make sure no student ever faces expulsion because of war back home again.

This stuff is powerful, it's the next generation of Avaaz, where any one of us can start campaigns in our communities, nations and even globally. The potential of this to change the world is why **our community is now offering up to \$10,000 in support of the best petitions started by our members to make the biggest impact possible**. Imagine not only getting thousands of people behind a cause, but also having \$10,000 to fund the best way to win - anything from dozens of radio ads to funding a rally to building a giant billboard or float. The new simplified petition site means it takes just a minute to give it a shot, on literally anything you know needs to change:

http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/start_a_petition_d/?cl=3404394150&v=30112

The students' victory was a ray of hope for Syrians at a time when their fate is so uncertain -- caught between a brutal dictator and the whims of heads of state playing politics. It's also a powerful reminder that **when a small group of committed community campaigners are supported by the amazing Avaaz community there's no limit** to what we can achieve together.

Getting started is simple, and only takes a few minutes. Then once your petition is up and running, you can watch it spread from friends and family, and into the hands of passionate supporters around the world. The Avaaz community will vote to choose the ten best petition ideas with the potential to dramatically change our communities, cities or countries, and the campaigns get up \$10,000 in financial support to supercharge their call.

Christine and her friends were amazed that simply sharing their story could lead to such success. So **if**



It's amazing what one person can achieve using the internet. Christine started a petition on the Avaaz site to save her Syrian schoolmates from expulsion when war cut off tuition money from home, and won, changing hundreds of lives! **Click here to start your own petition on an issue you care about and you could get up to \$10,000** to help supercharge your campaign:

[START A PETITION ►](#)

you know someone who's passionately standing up for their beliefs forward this email to them now. Or if you've got an issue you're fired up about -- click below to get started:

http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/start_a_petition_d/?cl=3404394150&v=30112

Many of our recent victories came from campaigns started by Avaaz members, from giving Syrian students the right to continue their studies abroad, to helping stop a company from abusing migrant workers in Bahrain. All these just took a few minutes to get started -- together, the Avaaz community can multiply our impact a thousand times over.

With hope and excitement for all we can achieve together,

Pascal, Emily, Oli, David, Emma, Ricken and the whole Avaaz team

More Information

Here's the original Avaaz petition calling on UK universities to stop expelling Syrian students:
https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Stop_UK_universities_from_expelling_Syrian_students/

Minister tells universities to defer fees for Syrian students (The Guardian)
<http://www.theguardian.com/education/2013/mar/04/defer-fees-syrian-students-universities>

Syrian students face fees crisis (BBC)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-21129735>

Syrian students 'should study at UK universities for free' (Telegraph)
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/syria/9905799/Syrian-students-should-study-at-U...>

Syrian Students In UK Face 'Deportation, Torture, Death' As Cannot Pay Tuition Fees (Huffington Post)
<http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2013/01/14/syrian-students-face-deportation-death-torture-tuition-fe...>

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