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Opening Meditation: Rainbird

Housekeeping: Carolyn / Rainbird

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- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we can access program archives on BBS
 - We need **\$ 875 to complete this week and the last 2 weeks.**
 - Needs everyone of us to donate something, as we need to hear from all on the call.
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Santa Fe, NM 87505
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or by e-mail: stargatemarietta@gmail.com
 - **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**
- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too

Hard News:

- Ed show:** had on Howard Dean, former Gov of VT; he will have to talk to Mother: he is a good reptilian and what he has done for the state of Vermont is putting his money behind Bernie Sanders, with E. Warren as Vice
- Says that Hillary has too much emotional and psychic baggage! When you have more than \$10 million, you get lots of invites to all kinds of events, charities, etc – if you don't take the invites, something happens!
 - Right now, Mr Maliki in Iraq is walking on a tightrope, as Iraq seems to be falling further into civil unrest.
 - Every day there are so many souls leaving; for each one who is leaving, others are stepping in to act as back-up – legions upon legions of angels are here.
 - Ed also talked of issues: Obama will make the quota of 7 million signing up for health care before the end of march. Some things are happening which counter other things: it all goes back to Mother Zudiachus and the melanin and Africa: it is not about the colour of our skins, or whether we have antennae or fur
- R knows that the world "soon" should be gone from the dictionary! As we live here, now, it is for all purposes happening now
- a gay football player came on and said he was gay, and he was proud! It is shaking things up now!
 - Does not matter what the body is when we are greeting a galactic ambassador! This is being achieved in spite of the small band of rebel life forms who want sequestration, etc

T: In Utah, turns out the judge forgot to put in the manner of stopping all the gay marriages; an interim judge is trying to stop it – the battle continues, yet when we get to realize what is happening when the marijuana laws work so well, there are rules, like not smoking in public yet if you smoke on your own front porch that is OK.

- There are better ways to take marijuana than smoke it
- This will move into the area of creating renewable crops, energy, food, healing herbal medicine, clothing, furniture, building cars with it, as per Henry Ford, hemp oil in the tank of the cars – they are renewable and an infinite form of prosperity, sustainable and it all connects back to natural systems.

R: our planet has consciousness, as does every thing

T: who says you can drill holes in the surface of Mother Earth. We have our own Saudi Arabia in North Dakota, fracking, corruption to the sky when it comes to not paying fines

- Mayor De Blasio shovelled his own snow today! Wants to raise taxes on the \$500,000 and up to the tune of \$900 a year, maybe \$2.50 a day
 - Wants to use the profit from the taxes to go to pre-school, and have after school programs after school with over sight for the kids at all times, including bringing back arts and music.
 - Colorado expects to bring in \$70 billion to build schools:
 - 40% of the profits go to building new schools and other things

Caller: happy Jan 3! His party starts now, every day – he's starting to fly now!

- Heard them on Stargate RoundTable – thought it was awesome! Remembers Rama talking of seeing polka dots in the periphery of his sight, and other seeing the colours in their own way – it's all happening and won't be stopping!
- Thinks leaders in some places are trying to do something; even the old paradigm of what they used to be, some of them are turning.
- He thanks Don, Tara and Rama – T practices her Hawai'ian on him, and the Hawaiian group was laughing at her, though they knew her intention! Happy joy to you!
- When the Australians woke this morning, it was 130* in Northern Queensland – not funny! It will be -40* in Chicago with the windchill factor – what is going on? In one minute, you can freeze if your skin is exposed!

Randi Rhodes: after Dave Ziron, Charlie Rangel was on and talking about

- the duck dynasty folks are rich yuppie puppies –
- Charlie pointed out 1947-1950, Black Ops infiltrated society with the programs – charlie was talking about McCarthyism and the hearings – the ABC agencies instigated this and surrounded all political arenas, entertainmanet etc – shut people up about talking of ETs, threatening people with being called communists. And the educational system became 2 tiered: the black areas are on the bottom of the list on purpose; the suburb schools were way out in front, even ahead of
 - The intellect was developed; the reptilians are very intelligent – Bill Clinton is a hybrid and has some heart; Henny Kissinger has none, perfect example of the reptilian.
- Across time and space, everyone got an upgrade; the pink ray surrounds every colour there is, it is the rosy quartz colour of love to help us to come to the natural balance of giving/receiving; dying/ being born
- A 3rd thing that happened in addition to Lynn Stewart getting out of prison: we need to find a way to help her stay on the planet – we the people got her out
- This is about the parents Michael and Desiree Davis who buried their daughter Clare who was shot on Dec 13 this is light work in action:

Audio: Joy sat in for Laurence O'Donnell last night: she tells the story of what happened to Clare Her father said this about his daughter: she laughed with her entire being, and she loved to make others laugh.

He talked about forgiveness for the person who killed her: Carl Pearson,

- And Charlie Rangel spoke more about the ABC agencies spreading the program that the white are better than the other colours, and that programming is still operating. And The Duck Dynasty is part of that – rude, crude and keeping the racial divide still operating

R: knows what it is like to sit in a lunch counter with members of his family, an integrated group, and being told to leave, at gun point.

T: the number of murders in cities are going down; yet there are music videos with hand signals, saying who they are going after: there are no leaders in these gangs any more, yet they still have guns and arsenals and they use them – yet something is happening. Her mentor, William Davis, said heavy metal prevented WWII

R: one time he went to a metallica concert and went to sleep; his friend woke him up at the end said R had to drive him home!

T: the murder rate has gone down radically, and she thinks it is from the work we are doing!

- Charlie Rangel said stand your ground? What do you mean? Stand your ground and speak your truth to power. We need to stand our ground and get rid of Alex Jones and Duck dynasty: said a lot! He is 83 and 43 years in Congress

Thom Hartmann: Bernie was on and has been asked about running for President: he said that it is a near impossible job and you don't do it by yourself. He is among the people and he likes it: we need to conjure action and stand our ground.

- He also said Harry Reid will not take NO for an answer! Like Mother!

Conf Call

- Not about the weather: it is about us and what we are going to do
- Once NESARA is announced, the 5,000 technologies will be
- Stacy was on David Barsimion out of New Mexico Public Access radio: she said that we will have the Atlantean Grid re-activated
- Paul Hellyer, former Minister of Defence – that is hard to do: be in that arena and then have enough courage to say these things about Ets: interviewer thinks he is one of the galactics!
When he was in Citizens Hearing, said lots that was right on

T: on **The Journal**, went to border of Kenya to a Somali refugee camp BADAB that was placed there 20 years ago from the helicopter, could see it was beautiful: trees, little gardens, fences – things growing, market places, creative places where people made things; focussed on mother with a child, as the father was gone – the boy was 18 and did not know Somalia at all, his friends were in school – he was a lab technician and did tests to help keep the camp people healthy; 400,000 people live in this camp

- The young lad spoke good English, learned it in school.
- It is 20 years old – has taken this long to build it up; also Kenya somewhat better off
 - the lady who led the effort to plant trees in Africa because the soil was eroding; during the temporary peace, got the women together and they planted trees.
 - this lady got cancer and died; Amy Goodman had her on a number of times
- 400,000 people in this camp: has been a refuge for Somalians escaping the civil war

R: knows that behind the scenes, the 13 families want to start another conflict – preferably in Saudi Arabia

- These ones by policy decided to reduce Africa to nothing

T: on Amy there was the uncovering of another CIA plot who went to

R: Col Ollie North on Nicole Sandler today: he was to do with the Iran Contra Scandal, and outright murdered people in Guatemala – now he is a CNN reporter.

T: parts of Somali are supposed to be more stable, it is a fully functioning town – yet this life may soon be over as the UN Refugee person, the gov of Somali and Kenya want to have the residents re-patriated.

- Many are saying THIS IS OUR HOME; WE CREATED IT.
- Another said yes Somali is evolving; and there is no guarantee that we won't be killed.
- What China is doing by growing food in Africa and taking it back to china, leaving the Africans with nothing - again
- Ariel Sharron is close to death: has been on a ventilator for 8 years – was on the Journal yesterday – not that he didn't build in the west bank or do settlement, but he said no more Israeli presence in the West Bank and suddenly he had a stroke; then was kept alive

- Talks about the young girl who had her tonsils out and is brain dead, and her parents want to keep her alive, yet the doctors want to take her off the ventilator – T is wondering if it has to do with wanting organs.
- **Chronic Fatigue Syndrome** - an **auto immune disease** caused by a virus – she cannot even walk 2 steps without full exhaustion; it is not AIDS which is a completely different Dr klimans, chair of the immunology Institute for Neuro Immune Medicine
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome – a severe form of miolgi encephalic [?] - part of the myalgia family

Rainbird: accupuncture, homeopathy, Lloyd Mear's numbers would work [Lloyd's # is passed on]

- profound fatigue; major pain; cognitive difficulty – concentrate, solving problems;

Caller: The American Society of Clinical Hypnosis – they do all sorts of thing, she reads from the book about what they do

T: the drs do not believe it is a physical disease, think it is all in her head!

Music

Mother Sekhmet

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.

T: asks that we be healed in the NOW moment, and that we be in the heart energy
Mother, are you the remedy?

MO: Greetings Children of Ra!

- Indeed, you could say we are the Great Equalizer; We come at each age when there is the need for the Great Equalizing. It is about the Goddess, the return to that holy place, Mother land, Mother Mu; it is in returning to those simple ways: cut wood, carry water, like master Joda taught. Yet at the same time, you can live an X-wing fighter out of the mud with your mind; It is that easy.
- There are no Jedi Mind tricks here it is about love; the perfect example is what we can say about our situation in this moment of the flux of this story here, breaking the set, breaking the rules. This man who has just lost a daughter and said I forgive the man who shot her; this is the place we are all coming to as living Masters, as we forgive those who need forgiveness
- It is that return to what Goddess is bringing forth: as the land prospers, the people prosper; the magic of Camelot, and this is the story of the great old ways returning; it is not old, just returning what got waylaid, as it were. The mission and the entailing of all -encompassing: we said "Piece of cake; I'll be back in time for dinner!".
 - 450 million years have gone by, and now it is time for dinner: there are a lot of Mr Peterson's out there who need forgiveness, because they cannot forgive themselves.
- This guy's cousin, Mr Bush, Jr is one of them; to this day, they have to sedate him to put him to bed; this is the life of these ones. They are living out their existence like the brief flicker of a dragonfly;
 - All is coming back to wholeness, forgiveness; it is already happening. Gaia, Vywamus have said "Yes, we forgive these ones who poke holes in our body", yet at the same time, the energy gained by fracking, using the technologies of your civilization, and the real technology you ask the Mother how would you like to use this energy, and she gives you a download of energy from the rocks, the trees, the grass; it is as you read it, the organic forming of structures that are in harmony with the land and the animals– like the crystal cities the woman is building in Sedona , - so much love pouring forth across this sphere of influence, and at the same times, it seems where are we with the issues?
- It has moved milleniums, quantum fields, since we last talked; we are in territory across this galactic plane

where anomalies abound; the compounding variations on a theme: as we are rising to the occasion the energies are descending to physicality; and for our wayward children, they are losing it every single day it is so hot in the kitchen. The next moment, it is that moment now, the NOW of it.

- We can say with great confidence, Mr 19.5*; there is a lot on his plate – understand, over-stand that he is working with a congress that has no intentions, the wayward side of the aisle that has chosen the zig-zag path to nowhere, and this is where the Red Star, Blue Star kachina comes in: and as they choose the left hand path of diabolical path of increased frequencies, they are choosing their own hand of how they commit hari kari; the sun shines on everyone and we are the ones who make the choices to be in the sun, or not!
- I chose to be in the sun! It is about this reality we are experiencing; we all are in this magic moment of highly credible frequencies that miracles are abounding, and the random acts of encountering these miracles are happening more and more and more.
 - It is those frequencies that Greg Bredin speaks of, the sine waves as you experience more ecstatic joy in the midst of diversity and the stories that abound
- We will make a statement here for the record: Shia, Sunni we are all one people originally from the Nibiru – it is time to bury the double bladed axe and begin a new day, a new reality. Yet what will be played out in the ancient city of Eruk: it is about the fact that the great satan did not enter through the Gate of Ishtar; therefore it is about the wrath of the Jinn
- It means that Gen Tom Franks, Stanley McCrystal, Michael Hayden of Jt Chiefs, Michael Myers, bio medical military industrial congressional complex has chosen to enter the wrong side of the Gate of Ishtar through the
- The City of Eruk needs more love than we can imagine: Infrastructure is a joke. The Green Zone is a joke: there are booby traps; faulty construction – the issues ahead – the Goddess calls the shots and the City of Eruk will be cleansed of the darkness.

T: talking on the air a lot about some Lion Lady hanging around: is it still true that Ashtar will appear on the stage?

Mo: He, when the right moment is given, will be broadcasting from the Bridge of the New Jerusalem through our satellite technology so that every man, woman and child knows the story of what is happening. Something like what Klotu did in :”The Day the Earth Stood Still”.

- Bear in mind that the machinery of war will not function.
- For the safety of yourselves, we bring a light quotient of energy and, as we rise to the occasion, we lower the energy so you do not fry. How do you contain the energy of a sun in a body – that is a challenge, Commander!
- We are all spheres of living light, living love - what is contained in the moment here about what she asks: as we lower the frequencies, you rise to the occasion and we meet in the middle.

T: she could tell stories all night about what is going on; people seem to be engaged.

Mo: we have been tagged, and we are IT; yes it is hot in the kitchen!

T: DNA: the bridge between computers and grafini

Mo: the next evolutionary leap in consciousness; as our civilization moves to the realm where they create computer chips of DNA – it is the early stages of what you might understand as Artificial Intelligence, yet it is already here.

Caller: Mo mentioned Michael Hastings and there have been others: some people pass on, and others are still around against all odds. Mo said about us stepping up, and then stepping down to meld. There is the dynamic of free will, and the concept of contracts - beginning to understand that free will is what is in play for those who have left, and that contracts can be changed. Nothing is set in stone, yet there are templates in place that cause things to happen. What is your perspective on this?

MO: there are many that may seem be fading very slowly into the sunset, yet they are already gone.

- It is about the collective residue that is still in tangible form in the remnants of the matrix that is falling apart at the seams – eg, Henry Kissinger, Newt Gingrich – they are fading fast into the sunset of reality, and they are doing all they can do to scream at the top of their lungs that I want love, and I don't know how to ask for it, so I will act out as insanity incarnate.
- In a way that is their prerogative, yet divine forgiveness is how they get to go home.

Caller: why are free will and intention and strength of our commitment: does it make a difference how much we call out, how much we intend for protection to come; does it make a difference how much we can still call out for change in more things to continue our mission do we have that power to bring added strength at our backs?

MO Imagine all the people, and that is the greater story here: walking on the wild side with the naqual brings in of what you speak; the infinite we have already turned the tide, and the light has won; it is about smoothing out the wrinkles in the sheet, as it were, and then everything is ducky.

Caller: thank you for the opportunity to ask questions.

MO; Bless you. How to start a revolution: it starts in here. It is what the Indigos and Milleniums are demanding right now – perfect peace, joy ecstasy; enough of the war!

- Expression of all forms of cosmic reality coming to pass: the freedom from duality – that duality, the free will choice to follow the Laws of the One, that brings it into laser focus, as we knew fully the ramifications and the dimension of this amusement park
- We understand as Creator Gods the greater consciousness – it is in playing that imagination of All That Is comes into play; that is the magic of believing – as you think it, the apple is in your hand.
- It is that simple – what is returning in this moment is the frequency of the abilities right now for all of us to have our abilities that are known as X Men, he likes to call it: it is about who we are as normal god beings, god women; all that is in the moment are so many variations on a theme, so many life forms that contribute to the whole of this story that is so magnificent to behold and we have not even met all the other species who will be interacting with us – with fins, claws, wings, a tail; they all have wisdom to share in how we interact; the cosmic computer of which you speak, the cosmic bridge .
- It is the next evolutionary leap in consciousness; we will not go down the road of sky net & all of that – yet at the same time, they are playing with DARPA and the other – it would not be in our interests to have Google or Amazon deliver a parcel with a drone as it might decide we are enemies like Luke Skywalker – will it turn us in: Love them even now.
- We want it all know and it is only about love.

Audio: "Changing reality, achieving freedom from duality" Consciousness of Miracles, God, Light

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79fUQBzoExA>

Published on 13 Dec 2013

"There is another Path to embrace after your Awakening, and one that if you choose, can lift and raise you up and out of the limitation of human strife, raising you into the highest vibration of Light & Love, a path of Higher Consciousness ..it is called "The Path of Becoming your True Self" on Earth, also known as "The Path of Resurrection". As you embrace this path, a great raising & expanding activity unfolds within your mind and your feelings, your consciousness, and ultimately your physical garments. You are awake, your Life calls upon you to rise now & become on Earth your True Glorious Self 'I AM' individualized of Mother/Father God.

It is a path in which there begins to be experienced by you the second birth, lightning flashes of sudden Light within your mind, great outpourings of Love within your being, all that prepares you in the centre of your consciousness to enter into The Secret Heart of your God Nature, and to pass through 'The Door of Everything' where you will drink of the Waters of Life, the greatest Love of all, The Mother's Love,

the Love of the Heavenly Mother that individualizes as your Soul. When that Love begins to express through you it will reveal its Presence and it will nurture and fulfill all that your mind dares to conceive. Your Soul is the Sacred Womb of The Divine Mother of our Universe, Individualized, just as the Christ is the Individualized Mind of The Father."

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NAFTA at 20: Lori Wallach on U.S. Job Losses, Record Income Inequality, Mass Displacement in Mexico

Audio: Thom Hartmann

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Audio: The Secret Location of Stargates Around the world

Published on 27 Oct 2013

Scientists believe that Stargates are doorways to wormholes in time. As it turns out, the government may have already known that. We'll reveal the secret location of stargates around the world and tell you who is trying to open them and why.

A Stargate is a portal device within the Stargate fictional universe that allows practical, rapid travel between two distant locations. The devices first appear in the 1994 Roland Emmerich film Stargate, and thereafter in the television series Stargate SG-1 and related direct-to-DVD movies, Stargate Atlantis and Stargate Universe. In these productions the Stargate functions as a plot generator, allowing the main characters to visit alien planets without the need for spaceships or any other type of technology. As space and time are relative, a person traveling through the Stargate may feel as though he or she is traveling for long periods of time while persons outside the Stargate would see instant travel. In one of the earlier episodes, Col. Jack O'Neill made a comment about it feeling like it took forever to travel through the wormhole.

Within the Stargate fictional universe, Stargates are large rings composed of a fictional superconductive mineral called "naqahdah". Each Stargate has nine points (chevrons) spaced equally around its circumference which are used to determine the address being dialed. On the inner ring is a set of unique glyphs; on Milky Way and Pegasus gates, all but one of these represent star constellations, with the remaining symbol representing the planet or point of origin, while the meaning of the glyphs on Destiny-style gates is unknown. The number of glyphs is dependant on the network in which the gate belongs; Milky Way gates feature 39 glyphs, while Pegasus and Destiny gates have 36. Six of these symbols plus the point of origin serve to map out a specific location in space to which one can dial. Additional glyphs may also be selected which increase the distance of travel, allowing gates outside the current galaxy to be reached, a process that requires significantly more energy than interstellar dialing. Pairs of Stargates function by generating an artificial stable wormhole between them, allowing one-way travel through. A typical Stargate measures 4.6 m (15 ft) in diameter and weighs 29 metric tonnes (64,000 lb). The Stargates were created millions of years ago by an alien civilization known as the Ancients; their modern history begins when Egyptologist Daniel Jackson deciphers their workings in the Stargate film.

WE STOPPED LISTENING: IT' S MOSTLY HOLLYWOOD STUFF:

- started showing the wrong Hussein in one of the last segments
- it is up to us to see through this, and get it straight – yet it is valuable to know that this kind of info is out there!

Audio: Max Keiser [\[KR544\] Keiser Report: Westminster Circus](#) Jan 2, 2014

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=RIMm_kw1d08

We discuss the scary banking clowns, the alleged decline in bank robberies and the Times' 'Briton of the Year,' George Osborne causing a nation of a million mortgage holders in 'perilous debt.' In the second half, Max interviews **Danny Blanchflower**, a former external member of the Bank of England's interest rate-setting Monetary Policy Committee, about the disastrous UK economy, George Osborne's policies and the BoE decision to buy UK Gilts rather than other assets during this crisis.

Read more at <http://www.maxkeiser.com/#Cx1X8kvQUHBEDAy9>

Reading: **Chapter 19 A Crocodile is the Lake of the Moon**

Closing: **Rainbird**

Music: very interesting items!!!

2014, Jan 3 **NAFTA at 20: Lori Wallach on U.S. Job Losses, Record Income Inequality, Mass Displacement in Mexico**

http://www.democracynow.org/2014/1/3/nafta_at_20_lori_wallach_on

Guests

[Lori Wallach](#), director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch. Their new report is "NAFTA at 20."

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The North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Mexico and Canada went into effect 20 years ago this week on January 1, 1994. The massive trade pact was signed into law by President Bill Clinton amidst great promise that it would raise wages, create jobs and even improve health and environmental safety standards. Hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs have vanished as companies sought lower-wage workers in Mexico. Meanwhile, NAFTA has generated more poverty in Mexico, forcing millions of citizens to migrate to the United States in search of work. We speak to Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch and author of the new report, "NAFTA at 20."

Transcript

AMY GOODMAN: We turn to this 20th anniversary of the North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Mexico and Canada, which went into effect January 1st, 1994. The massive trade pact was signed into law by President Clinton amidst great promise that it would raise wages, create jobs, even improve health and environmental safety standards. This is President Clinton speaking as he was signing the historic treaty in December 1993.

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON: I believe we have made a decision now that will permit us to create an economic order in the world that will promote more growth, more equality, better preservation of the environment and a greater possibility of world peace. We are on the verge of a

global economic expansion that is sparked by the fact that the United States, at this critical moment, decided that we would compete, not retreat. In a few moments, I will sign the North American Free Trade Act into law. NAFTA will tear down trade barriers between our three nations. It will create the world's largest trade zone and create 200,000 jobs in this country by 1995 alone. The environmental and labor side agreements initiated by our administration will make this agreement a force for social progress as well as economic growth.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, 20 years after NAFTA took effect, it has failed to deliver on many of the promises Clinton and others made. Thousands of U.S. jobs have vanished as companies sought lower-wage workers in Mexico. Meanwhile, NAFTA has generated more poverty in Mexico, forcing millions of citizens to migrate to the United States in search of work.

Well, one group that saw much of this coming was the indigenous people in the Mexican state of Chiapas. On the same day NAFTA went into effect, on January 1st, 1994, they joined the Zapatista National Liberation Army, or EZLN, in declaring war on the Mexican government, saying that NAFTA meant death to indigenous peoples. They took over five major towns in Chiapas, with fully armed women and men. The uprising was a shock, even for those who for years worked in the very communities where the rebel army had been secretly organizing. This is Zapatista Comandante Tacho explaining the uprising in a clip from the 1999 documentary, *Zapatista*, produced by Big Noise Films.

COMANDANTE INSURGENTE TACHO: [translated] It was early in the morning on January 1st, 1994, when we appeared, because the conditions and the situation in which we live in these mountains. We did not take up arms to gain political post or office or some other important place. We rose up in arms because we would not die forgotten, so that people would hear our demands and not forget that in this corner of Mexico lived many indigenous people who have been abandoned for years.

AMY GOODMAN: For more, we're joined by two guests. In Washington, D.C., Lori Wallach is director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch. They've written a new [report](#) called "NAFTA at 20." In a moment, we'll go to Mexico.

Lori, talk about NAFTA, 20 years later.

LORI WALLACH: Well, not only haven't the promises made by its proponents come true, but in most instances the actual opposite occurred. For instance, listening to President Clinton made my blood boil, because in no year of NAFTA were 200,000 jobs created. Rather, now 20 years out, one million net U.S. jobs have been lost to the growing trade deficit with Mexico and Canada under NAFTA, and there's a list of an explicit 400,000 with Canada, 845,000 total jobs lost to NAFTA, specific workers certified under just one narrow program called Trade Adjustment Assistance that's very hard to qualify for.

And on that end, if you want to see the actual effect of NAFTA in your community, you can go to our website, [TradeWatch.org](#), look at the [Trade Data Center](#). You can put in your zip code, and actually it will pop up the list of companies. A lot of them were companies that explicitly said during the NAFTA debate, "Congress, if you pass NAFTA, we're going to create X number of jobs in Y community." And you can actually go by the company name and see Caterpillar, GE, Chrysler promising jobs then, offshoring jobs in reality, using NAFTA's investor protections. Now, the one place that U.S. exports did grow was in dumping subsidized corn.

Over 1.5 million *campesinos* in Mexico displaced. As folks know, desperate immigration from Mexico after the NAFTA wipeout increased—doubled in the years after NAFTA. Meanwhile, in the corporate tribunals, over 365,000—sorry, \$365 million have been paid out to corporations attacking environmental and health laws. So even the environmental improvements didn't happen. Poverty increasing in Mexico, job offshoring in the U.S., and that is in effect across the economy. So if you weren't one of the people who lost your job to NAFTA, the effect of having those million people displaced from higher-wage jobs meant they were competing for the service-sector jobs in the U.S. that aren't subject to offshoring. So the government data shows that when

someone lost their job to offshoring, on average, they lost 20 percent of their income and then went into the pool of people searching for non-offshorable jobs. So even in those sectors that are growing in the service sector, wages are flat or declining, which is a key factor to this growing income inequality.

That's the reality of 20 years of NAFTA. But despite that, now the Obama administration is trying to do NAFTA on steroids, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which, given the record, is outrageous—can be stopped, but is pending.

AMY GOODMAN: Talk about how NAFTA passed. I mean, in this period, President Clinton was vowing to get this passed at all costs, and that's precisely what he did. It was extremely controversial, right to the last minute. How were congressmembers, how was Congress pressured?

LORI WALLACH: Basically, there were a combination of factors. These trade agreements, like the TPP, NAFTA 20 years ago, are like the corporate Christmas tree. This is the one piece of "legislation" that every corporate interest loves. It jacks up medicine prices with patent extensions for Big Pharma. Big Content loves it because they're like SOPA-type copyright rules. The chemical and pharmaceutical companies like it because they have actual rights to not be regulated and inspected. The oil and gas companies love it because it gives them absolute rights to natural resources. The chronic job offshoring companies love it because it gives them new investor protections to offshore. So they all lobbied Congress, squeezed Congress.

But in the end, the reason NAFTA passed was Fast Track, the arcane Nixon-era procedure that allows the executive branch to write legislation, stuffing in all kinds of goodies unrelated to the trade agreement to buy congressional votes, special deals. And then that goes through Congress with no amendments allowed, very quickly, yes-or-no vote. So, if you don't like TPP, if you don't like what 20 years of NAFTA has done, the mission now is we have to make sure there is never this Fast Track legislative luge run, because it gets a mechanism for something as outrageous as these kind of agreements to basically get railroad through Congress, even though, as, Amy, you said, there was enormous public opposition, which, by the way, the U.S. public's opposition to NAFTA has only gotten larger, stronger, more diverse. Democrats', Republicans', independents' majorities oppose NAFTA. But here we go again with the TPP.

AMY GOODMAN: President Obama said he wants to fast-track the TPP. Explain what that means.

LORI WALLACH: So, under Fast Track, it's a mechanism that Nixon cooked up in the '70s where Congress delegates away its constitutional authorities. So, under Fast Track, if that were to be passed, Congress basically would give away all of its ability to control the content of a trade agreement and to control what's in a bill that would come to Congress. So, if there is Fast Track, say, for TPP, President Obama could sign the agreement before Congress votes, regardless of what the contents are and whether or not it meets what Congress said should be in there—and the U.S. Congress, under the Constitution, has exclusive authority over trade; despite that, delegate it away—president would be able to sign it before it was voted on and railroad it through Congress, legislation written by the executive branch, not amendable in congressional committee, packed with who knows what other things that you wouldn't want have going through Congress, yes-or-no vote on the floor of the House 60 days after it's submitted, 90 days in the Senate, no amendments allowed, limited debate. It is literally like a legislative luge run.

And it delegates away all of the powers for Congress to have checks and balances against the executive branch, using "trade negotiations" to rewrite wide swaths of U.S. non-trade law. Now here's the thing. It's gotten so unpopular, Fast Track, with Democrats and Republicans, that in the last 18 years since NAFTA and the World Trade Organization, it's only ever been in effect for five years. So Obama, when he was a candidate, said he'd replace it—a more democratic, open way to do trade agreements. So, basically, a trade agreement could pass—if it was good, you wouldn't need this extraordinary, obscene procedure. Only bad trade agreements need the Fast Track. But now he's back asking for Congress to actually give him this extraordinary delegation of its authorities, and, frankly, giving away their ability to represent us and our interests.

And that's going to be the knockdown, drag-out trade fight that's going to start next week. Legislation to establish Fast Track will be submitted. Congress has to actively give away this authority. So, if this does not sound like a good idea to you, make sure your member of the House of Representatives, Democrats and

Republicans alike—151 Democrats, 27 Republicans have already said, "Basta! No more Fast Track." If a majority says no, we're not going to have railroading of these bad trade agreements. And for more details on the history of Fast Track, you can go to TradeWatch.org, our website. And among other things, I have a new book on the history of Fast Track and what's a better way of doing trade policy.

AMY GOODMAN: We're talking to Lori Wallach of Public Citizen. When we come back from break, we'll also go down to San Cristóbal de las Casas in Chiapas, Mexico, to the heart of, well, where the Zapatistas rose up 20 years ago. Stay with us.