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Hard News:

T: they have been told things are moving right along; thanks to all who are staying the course as people/we are moving through so many emotions at every level – there is more austerity from the Republicans; we are also feeling their angst as they try to stop the revelations about the first contact – there is a very small handful of these people:

- Bernie Sanders is the only one who is squeaky, squeaky clean! Everyone else has something
- Tells story of Dennis Kucinich and the bill he presented in Santa Fe; had the words “chemtrail” and some others in it – was told to take them out and he caved and did it.
- Praise, respect, thank and love the feelings which come up & send love to these ones; their hair is on fire!
- Has heard that Eva Morales was tweeted by Michael Moore – now that you have the peoples' attention, you should get into your plane and go get Edward Snowden; you talked of international rights and he has them too

R: didn't talk to anyone but

Randi Rhodes had on a private contractor who went through all sorts to tell his story which is related to Trayvon Martin story and 9/11

T: The Defence for George Zimmerman tried to get an acquittal; jury was out of the room; Judge denied the request!

- Defence did not want any more trial or jury – Ed Schultz had a special on it, at 2 pm MDT!
- Randi was talking to a gun expert, former NRA; worked for the KACI in 2004 & 5 when it was tied in with Haliburton – his job was to teach the prison guards to be sharp shooters / assassins
- He saw the torture going on and quit; he was told he could not quit by the FBI – he made a decision to sue KACI for not letting him out of the contract – it was a 10 year contract and he left at the end of 6 months – like Edward Snowden, he saw crimes being committed

R: he saw what they were doing in Abu Grab prison and the Iraqi people

T: If you do NOT become a whistle blower, you are an accomplice to the crime. He sued KACI and won \$2 billion he worked on his case from 2007 – June 29th

- Jesse Ventura was on Randi too – saying that George Zimmerman has taken the country to the edge of all out racial war! The prosecution was making the case against the acquittal – cannot go for acquittal when a crime has been committed: he pointed the gun directly at Trayvon's chest and it was touching his chest – it was intent to murder and prosecution called it “murder.”
- Prosecution went into the course which he studied with Prof. Carter who testified that he taught G Z about the Stand Your Ground law; he passed with an A which means he knew it all
- Then G Z went on Fox News with Shawn Hannity who asked him if he knew anything about the Stand your Ground law – and George said “no”, a point blank lie, with a straight face.
- This afternoon, prosecutor said that, in his homework, G Z had written that he was taking the class and wanted to be a US Marshall was because he wants “to hunt fugitives” – just a bit of a depraved mind – he did not write about protecting or helping people or things like that.
- The above is **background to Randi's program today:** it was Randi, Jesse, and a Mr Carsten
 - Mr C was working with the coroner in this case and looking at Trayvon's body;
 - He was sharing that he and the coroner who said that everything is consistent with close range shooting of Trayvon and
 - that the injuries sustained by Zimmerman are the result of the gun recoiling and the force of it caused him to be thrown back on to the pavement and fall on the back of his head – while he was murdering a young defenceless boy
 - So proud that things are going this way: will be obvious if they acquit him anyway: behind the

scenes, T & R have heard that they have a payout of the jurors worked out – ALEC is behind the Stand Your Ground law,

ALEC pre-meditatively make laws and pay off state legislators and congress men

Jesse: “This is called Stand Your Ground.law??? Why are all the Bushes, Kathleen Harris, Mayor Guiliani, Mayor Bloomberg, Larry Silverstein and others not in The Hague for doing 9/11?” – and Rick Scott who helped with 9/11? [He is also an archon]

Randi: this is a ton of stuff to deal with – and what DIDN'T happen because of 9/11? – and all this was tied together with racism. This has to go with slavery

T: refers to the conference call last week the article “Two Constitutions in the United States. 1st was suspended in favor of a Vatican Corporation in 1871” **[SEE BELOW]**

- economic slavery – Great Britain
- military slavery – US
- religious slavery – the Vatican
- And the US is still governed by England which is still governed by the Vatican

T: Pope John Paul 2nd and John Paul 23rd have been nominated to be canonized this afternoon/

- Paul 23rd was architect of the progressive movement in the church
- This sounds like a conciliatory message out of the Vatican
- The reporter was asked: what were the main points of the Encyclical?
- It was a blunt thing: we know that Francis signed it, but most likely a Pope Benedict document -
- Asked about the influence Francis is having – that the current pope shares the writing, that there is a Franciscan teaching behind this [a combination of St Germain and Kuthumi that were behind the ensoulment of St Francis of Assisi]
- Benedict was the cause of the death of John Paul 2nd – gave him a slow painful poisoning
 - This happened because he had the longest audience ever with KOS behind closed doors – 3 full days – he was told everything about what the Vatican and the cabal had done around the world,
 - As a result, Pope lent KOS some members of his P2 Lodge, some of the mafia guys [this happened in 1997]; then they and White Knights went to Argentina, and the underground hideouts
 - There was a battle with orcs which are genetically combined warriors: they are machine people with human, insect, animal, all kind of DNA – they were huge, and they had galactic technology –
 - the war was huge! The White Knights had to get to David Rockefeller Jr and he was dismantled – he was hooked up to some kind of board and could be in 40 places at once, and sign all kinds of things and influence all kinds of trouble & events around the planet – which he was doing.
- Benedict may be trying to save his neck but we are not going to the last hour!

T: talking in the news as if the XL Pipeline is going through: work has begun in Montana without permission

- Canada's economy is sliding, as is China's; Germany is going down too – the largest solar panel production in Germany has filed for bankruptcy – China is flooding the market with the cheap ones and the German companies are going broke
- US has the same experience with stuff via Wal-Mart

T: Sea algae in Yellow China Sea – the sea is being choked by largest ever growth of algae

- scientists worry for the marine life that lies below the surface
- the sea is turning green and covers more than 2x size of last years – workers are clearing it
- blocks the sun from getting through and chokes out the oxygen – is dumping sewage the cause?

YES

Conference Call

Caller1: today she is finding so much love and increase in positive feelings!

T&R: It manifested for them a good hit of rain after 3.5 months! Feels like everything will be all right!

Caller1: can feel the shift, it is so powerful!

T: the way is being made clear now:

- she was awed to see all the South American countries get together and bring back the dignity of Eva Morales.
- There was also Michael Moore's tweet to Eva Morales
- Egypt – 12 more people are dead – has heard about 34; 100s more injured; the central section of Cairo where the Muslim brother hood live; starting fires, attacking people who were happy that Morsi was divested of his role.
 - The Islamic Brother hood keep saying he was democratically elected – it was rigged!
 - He pre-empted by making a dictatorial constitution by giving rights only the Muslim brotherhood – nothing for Jews, Christians; he filled his gov't with Muslim brotherhood people – completely one sided
 - There were 36 million who wanted Morsi out for the way he handled things; only 10,000 Islamic brotherhood making noise – out numbered. A bit of sadness there – the people are standing their ground in a good way.
- Egypt shut down border with Israel – talk of a civil war etc
 - It was the Islamic brother hood who attacked the airport
- Another loving Rotweiler called Max was shot dead by the LAPD – they said they had a right to do this because they did not know about the dog – we still have to do our Buddhist practice and forgive them! What trauma do they go through?
- The US added 200,000 jobs last month
- a housing bubble in Canada is getting ready to burst – was on the Journal news today
 - thinks Mr Carney has his finger on the hedge fund button in England now he is there.
- Ed Schultz was in New Orleans – lots of people of colour who were saying we want resolution for Trayvon Martin and Troy Davis
 - R heard stories about John Lewis when he first standing up to racism.
- Over 100 cities in US including Hawaii and Alaska were on the streets on 4th of July to protest about the right to privacy and that Edward Snowden is a hero
 - They **heard about it on Journal News out of Berlin!** In order to get the news of the US, have to go outside of the country!

Callers from Virginia: so much rain, flooding, soggy

T: your neighbour North Carolina going crazy: anti-abortion laws; voter restriction laws

- Now have to get a transvaginal ultra sound for \$1200 before you can get birth control or an IUD
- This is about Trying to suck everything dry, get the last few dollars possible out of people
- the Bankers manifesto of 1891 said they would do these things

Caller: East North Carolina was one of the meanest places – describes billboards by the Klansmen–

- wants to see people of colour get registered before the next election

T: the Moral Monday events idea is growing like wildfire – getting very good at protesting

Caller: If he stuck his neck out in his county in Virginia, thinks he might get bludgeoned to death – they are fond of fascism and fundamentalist religion in that area of the country!

T: watching Larry King's RT tv show; one was Rudy Guiliani and the other was Joe Leiberan – what a pair!

Caller: Got a letter from the post office – describes his reaction to the request [angry!]

T: what KOS is saying now is that we don't want to do it that way – want to do amnesty for these ones, radical forgiveness – the people around you, if you don't do forgiveness, you are looking at a repeat

- in Egypt, a peaceful demonstration ended with 10 killings!

• It is the US [which is the true Egypt] which has to set the example – every single temple goes down the Rio Grande and the Grand Canyon is mathematically the same as in the Egypt in Africa

Caller 2: from Texas – looking for some confidence in Obama – they have said he is a double agent, now wondering if the reverse is true – has gone to the dark?

T: it is Hillary who represents the 13 families which is the Vatican which has always been in charge,

- See the pecking order laid out in the article – if you don't see and realize that the nature of the vibration of Hilary Clinton versus the vibration of Barack Obama is like Day and Night
- the people at Gitmo are going through what they do because the Republicans are obstructing him
- people like Abby Martin are showing hatred of Obama – they have been threatened by the 13 families, as have Sybel Edmonds. Rachel Maddow, Jeremy Scahill
- the National Defence Authorization Act – he wrote a constitutional 3 pager about all the parts of the law that were unconstitutional; he said he would never sign it into law.
 - it is there because Hillary and the 13 families are following the orders of the Vatican.

Caller: asks about it coming down?

T: King James I is famous for translating the bible; also for signing the 1606 the First Charter of Virginia – **which also granted British forefathers** the right to claim all of America as a colony and they could come and settle and then own the land / people

Caller: reply about Obama; you went directly to Hillary and the 13 families. What keeps Obama from transitioning to the light?

T: he has always been 100% light

Caller: Maybe should say it as “saying as it is”

T: He answers to KOS, who answers to St Germain and we have to take things to these 2 if we want to complain.

- Ashtar Command is involved – **this is a fully galactic operation** and always has been since the Roswell incident when the Ashtar Command became part of the ACIO, 38 levels above the President. [Alien Contact Intelligence Operation]

Music:

MOTHER SEKHMET

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant one! In the office of the Christ and only in the office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame

T: We ask for the Dalai Llama to imbibe in all of our hearts, and the promise made to Edward Snowden that he be helped – by being taken underground and being met by the Dalai Llama. Speaks of the grid that has the crystal skull in the middle and 12 around the outside: this energy could transport people instantly.

Greetings!

What we heard was the music of the spheres, the sound the Amazon River makes when the people are singing.

- It is time for this bake sale to be over! T: Bake sale? Mo: Bake sale, yes! Selling over pieces of real estate, called the planet, to the highest bidders in the galaxy! There are no higher bidders – it is about we are all One; the next moment it is about the cup of tea we promised you; it is being fulfilled as we speak. we are already here.
- How the elected individuals choose to discuss us, let it be in the space of “we are all One” since that is the order of the day; matters not if we have paws or tails or scales – in the moment, all that is being brought up to be brought to the centre of the Dark Rift is all that that is unneeded. The issues at hand of the old empire is what we speak of.
- It is in the moment that our wayward children have chosen: the zig zag path to nowhere except the centre of the Dark Rift, the Void, the sound of one hand clapping. It is not the end of anything, but ecstasy, joy, the Big Bang and where can we go with this?
- Where can we go with this other than to say that our children have chosen to follow the bread crumbs leading there; they have broken the set and as in the pottery barn, if you break it, you buy it!
- “Ahimstra” In the Sanskriti tradition, you harm not one hair on an ant's head – it is all that is unravelling with the particles saying “come dance with us, focus on your mission to bring freedom to this planet” - this is

being asked of us – all that is coming up does not look like freedom.

- She has heard that Jim Crow is back in town in DC to take back your vote; but he cannot take away your vote because there is a hero in town: Beloved Ascended Master St Germain who is about to come on stage: the seconds are being counted down in the most unlikely of places – where this whole story: we heard about it “The Lost Symbol”

T: people were saying on the conference line that it is so hard to see where this crooked path is leading and hard to discern that Obama is taking us there

Mo: it is a winding road as the Beatles said – it goes back to the Dogon people of the binary star system Sirius and those of Pleiades; and in the next moment how we sit and tell our stories and sing our songs and make music of the universe around the virtual campfire in the spiral arm of the MWG

- It is not exactly another day in our Universe as something has occurred that has shaken this universe: we have awakened to our destiny! We are already in how many timelines and dimensions at once and nowhere at all
 - and it is our point of view as Obi Wan has always said -
- The centre point is in the heart where it begins – there is no ending, no beginning: simply, we volunteered when this story began to do this in divine grace; now is the time for fulfillment and that is why the stories of legends, of magic which is about quantum physics, hyper dimensional physics, laws which are applied with the laws of infinity – it is easy; all we have to do is BE LOVE, NOW!
 - That is the choice; the moment is at hand – enjoy the moment.
 - Our children – let us just say, the second hand is ticking.

T: Help me with this scene we are in: all of the people are completely looking at the situation –

- watching a bit about Portugal which does not want to leave the EU, yet 60% under 30 are out of a job; and 27% of adults are too

Mo: it looks like we are in the darkest of moments where it looks like there is no solution to that you bring up – yet the naqual, serendipity steps in – the jaguar woman sings and shakes her flute and things change – the sound resonance of the flute transforms molecules and deepens cells and it changes you and you might see things – and things are not what they were 10 minutes ago and you are in a new dimension

T: People are moving to Mozambique, a former colony of Portugal, because it has a flourishing economy

Mo: as you wish to manifest a change, it is made manifest by your thoughts.

- this is why she says, in this time Keep the thoughts pure, the tongue pure & you are instantly immortal.
- as you can make the move, move to the energies of eating lighter things and it changes how you be in the universe. As you eat nothing with a face, those with face will come to you.

T: reading a book **How to Get Well** – discusses eating things with a face:

- we release ammonia in the intestine when we eat meat protein; also ammonia is being put in chicken.

Flesh foods being digested create ammonia and it is released into the small intestine –

- it is imperative to stop eating flesh food as a preventative measure: the highest state of the body is herbivore!
- When T was so pure in her diet and went to live in LA [late 70s], she got sick as a dog – kids not allowed to play in play grounds because of the air pollution. She managed by getting some toxins in her yet her vibration got pulled down – found out that her colon was doing odd things, the result of a car accident – found someone who could move organs within the body from the outside of the body.
- People with cancer can take **nothing but vegetable juices** – plus mag0 7 and organic sulphur – the first seat of dysfunction is the colon; just think of ammonia in the colon every time you eat something with a face! Can turn around any kind of cancer in 3 weeks by doing this.
- Without a juicer, blend the veggies + a bit of water, then strain it all and drink it. No excuses. And for 3 straight weeks.
- Also need high doses of Vitamin A & Vitamin C for this situation;
 - we are at a maximum pollution scene going on.
 - AZ and Nevada are heavily polluted with smoke and radiation in the atmosphere

- Fukushima is completely flooding the water ways up and down the coast line and now moving into internal waterways.
- Hanford Plant in Oregon is leaking into Columbia River, a systemic river which flows through the entire North West, which means it is affecting the salmon
- It is becoming harder and harder and harder for people to see Obama not involved in these things.

Mo: B.O always said it would get more and more complex to get back to Sirius A and Sirius B and the path would be convoluted because of the matrix which teaches us to be aware of what is not real - it is a challenge to watch the matrix unravel as it is unravelling now!

T: B O knows what to do and when

Mo: yes, this is not going past him by any means; **the issues are the war criminals in the moment** and that is not him – it is the fact that it has not been dealt with by the past administration -

- How we do this with divine compassion, neutrality, overstanding, understanding
- let he/she who is without sin, cast the first stone! But, honey, they are all sinners on this bus!

Mo: noteworthy are the comments that the US was seeking the goal of complete disarmament of nukes – & his vow that America would never start a war; this is about Zero Nukes [with reference to the speech that will be played]

T: it is about peace – JACK WILL BE BACK!!!!

Audio: a speech by JFK Sr at the U of Michigan – June 10, 1963; peace and no nuclear arms

Audio: Democracy Now – Rep. John Lewis, Civil Rights Icon, on the Struggle to Win, and Now Protect, Voting Rights in U.S. [TRANSCRIPT BELOW]

Including reference to the new book John Lewis has just written.

Audio: Democracy Now: Howard Zinn – America: & Social Justice - exceptionalism and how it functions Howard Zinn Speaks – a new book of collections of his speeches.

T: the theme of introspection, who we are as a nation; principles we live by is woven through what we have heard

Audio: Max Keiser [\[KR466\] Keiser Report: Crony Capitalism & Collusion with Govt](#)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyZNJgvtt74&feature=player_embedded

We discuss Tiny Dick Fuld, the former CEO of Lehman Brothers, who is now working for ‘pennies’ while the world tries to recover from the global financial disaster that he partly created by acting like a penny stock company. Max and Stacy also discuss interests rates on savings accounts being slashed across the United Kingdom as banks no longer need to attract deposits in this post Tiny Dick Fuld world in which the government and the central bank provide unlimited ‘free’ cash against which they can lend and in which hunky Mark Carney has been brought in to oversee the new property market ‘boom’ times. In the second half, Max talks to [Paul Sommerville of Sommerville Advisory Markets \(sam.ie\)](#) about the story of Anglo Irish bank, the toxic hedge fund masquerading as a bank which was run by charlatans lending to just twenty or thirty toxic individuals. The Anglo Irish story is one of crony capitalism and collusion with government and regulators, one where the Chairman’s loans were bed and breakfasted and over which the burnt speculators are outing each other’s role in the crimes.

Reading: Voices of our Ancestors End of Chapter 3; begins Chapter 4

Closing: Rainbird

Music

MATERIAL RELATED TO THE NOTES

2013, July 5 Rep. John Lewis, Civil Rights Icon, on the Struggle to Win, and Now Protect, Voting Rights in U.S.

Guests

Rep. John Lewis, 13-term Democratic congressman from Georgia. He was a leader of the civil rights movement, served as chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, helped organize the Freedom Rides, and spoke at the 1963 March on Washington. He is author of the new book, *Across That Bridge: Life Lessons and a Vision for Change*.

Today we spend the hour with 13-term Congressman Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, one of the last surviving speakers from the historic 1963 March on Washington, D.C. — which took place 50 years ago this year. During the 1960s, Lewis was arrested more than 40 times and beaten nearly to death as he served as chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, marched side by side with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., helped organize the Freedom Rides, and campaigned for Robert Kennedy's presidential bid.

We look at the bloody struggle to obtain — and protect — voting rights in the United States with Lewis. He reflects on the ongoing struggle for voting rights today, when 16 states have passed restrictive voting laws that critics say target people of color. "It is so important for people to understand, to know that people suffered, struggled," Lewis says. "Some people bled, and some died, for the right to participate. The vote is the most powerful nonviolent tool that we have in a democratic society. It's precious. It's almost sacred. We have to use it. If not, we will lose it."

Transcript

AMY GOODMAN: We spend today's hour looking at the bloody struggle to obtain—and protect—voting rights in this country, in the wake of last month's Supreme Court decision to strike down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act. In a five-to-four decision, justices ruled Congress has used obsolete information in continuing to require nine states with a history of racial discrimination to obtain federal approval for changes to voting rules. The Voting Rights Act was challenged by Shelby County, Alabama, which argued the preclearance requirement has outlived its usefulness. Just two hours after the ruling, Texas said it would enact a voter ID law that was blocked last year for discriminating against African-American and Latino residents. Alabama followed suit.

This is Congressman John Lewis of Georgia speaking on MSNBC last week just after the Supreme Court ruling.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I was disappointed, because I think what the court did today is stab the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in its very heart. It is a major setback. We may not have people being beaten today. Maybe they're not being denied the right to participate or to register to vote. They're not being chased by police dogs or trampled by horses. But in the 11 states of the Old Confederacy, and even in some of the states outside of the South, there's been a systematic, deliberate attempt to take us back to another period. And these men that voted to strip the Voting Rights Act of its power, they never stood in unmovable lines. They never had to pass a so-called literacy test. It took us almost a hundred years to get where we are today. So will it take another hundred years to fix it, to change it?

AMY GOODMAN: Congressman John Lewis reacting to the Supreme Court ruling striking down the Voting Rights Act last week.

Well, today we bring you an extended interview with the Georgia congressman, John Lewis, a civil rights leader who risked his life numerous times marching for the right of all Americans to vote. He marched side by side with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He served as chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, helped organize the Freedom Rides and spoke at the 1963 March on Washington, which took place 50 years ago next month. He has been arrested more than 40 times and has just written a new book called *Across That Bridge: Life Lessons and a Vision for Change*.

Congressmember Lewis visited us in our studio last year, and I began by asking him about the voter purge in Florida ahead of the 2012 election, where the Justice Department had sued to block Republican Governor Rick Scott's controversial effort to remove thousands of registered voters from the rolls, using an outdated drivers' license database to ostensibly identify non-citizens registered to vote.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: It is unreal, it is unbelievable, that at this time in our history, 47 years after the Voting Rights Act was passed and signed into law, that we're trying to go backward. I think there is a systematic, deliberate attempt on the part of so many of these states—not just Florida, but it's all across the country, it's not just Southern states—to keep people from participating. I think there is an attempt to steal this election before it even takes place, to make it hard, to make it difficult for our seniors, for our students, for minorities, for the disabled to participate in the democratic process. It's not right, it's not fair, and it's not just.

AMY GOODMAN: Why do these voter purges actually target the groups you've just talked about? How do they target them? Maybe you can explain what you were so pivotal in having passed, the Voting Rights Act of 1965?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: Well, I think there's this make-believe that if we do not purge, if we do not weed out some of these people, they're going to come out and vote, and they're going to vote not the way that some people would like for them to vote. They're primarily Democratic voters. It makes me want to just cry, after people gave a little blood, after some people were beaten, shot and murdered trying to help people become registered voters. I can never forget the three civil rights workers that were murdered in the state of Mississippi on the night of June 21st, 1964; other people shot down in cold blood; the march from Selma to Montgomery, where 17 of us were seriously injured. And we passed the Voting Rights Act. We renewed the act. We extended the act. And then the state of Florida, the state of Georgia, Alabama and other states throughout the nation come along with tactics to make it hard, to make it difficult for people to participate. We should be making it easy and simple and open up the political process and let all of the people come in.

AMY GOODMAN: Explain what the Voting Rights Act said.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: The Voting Rights Act of 1965 said, in effect, that you cannot use the literacy tests, you cannot have a poll tax, you cannot use certain devices, you cannot harass, you cannot intimidate. And before you make any changes in election laws dealing with registration, changing a precinct, local lines for any political position, you have to get pre-clearance from the Department of Justice or the federal district court in Washington, D.C. So, the state of Florida, for an example, never sought to get clearance to purge. And they're hiding behind there may be fraud. That's their own.

AMY GOODMAN: You were on that Selma to Montgomery march. You had your head bashed in for this. Can you explain what happened, as we go back, what, almost half a century now?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: On March 7, 1965, a group of us attempted to march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, to dramatize to the nation that people wanted to register to vote. One young African-American man had been shot and killed a few days earlier, in an adjoining county called Perry County—this is in the Black Belt of Alabama—the home county of Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr., the home county of Mrs. Ralph Abernathy, the home county of Mrs. Andrew Young. And because of what happened to him, we made a decision to march.

In Selma, Alabama, in 1965, only 2.1 percent of blacks of voting age were registered to vote. The only place you could attempt to register was to go down to the courthouse. You had to pass a so-called literacy test. And they would tell people over and over again that they didn't or couldn't pass the literacy test. On one occasion, a man was asked to count the number of bubbles on a bar of soap. On another occasion, a man was asked to count the number of jellybeans in a jar. There were African-American lawyers, doctors, teachers, housewives, college professors flunking this so-called

literacy test. And we had to change that, so we sought to march.

And we got to the top of the bridge. We saw a sea of blue—Alabama state troopers—and we continued to walk. We came within hearing distance of the state troopers. And a man identified himself and said, "I'm Major John Cloud of the Alabama state troopers. This is an unlawful march. It will not be allowed to continue. I give you three minutes to disperse and return to your church." And one of the young people walking with me, leading the march, a man by the name of Hosea Williams, who was on the staff of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said, "Major, give us a moment to kneel and pray." And the major said, "Troopers, advance!" And you saw these guys putting on their gas masks. They came toward us, beating us with nightsticks and bullwhips, trampling us with horses.

I was hit in the head by a state trooper with a nightstick. I had a concussion at the bridge. My legs went out from under me. I felt like I was going to die. I thought I saw Death. All these many years later, I don't recall how I made it back across that bridge to the church. But after I got back to the church, the church was full to capacity, more than 2,000 people on the outside trying to get in to protest what had happened on the bridge. And someone asked me to say something to the audience. And I stood up and said something like: "I don't understand it, how President Johnson can send troops to Vietnam but cannot send troops to Selma, Alabama, to protect people whose only desire is to register to vote." The next thing I knew, I had been admitted to the local hospital in Selma.

AMY GOODMAN: Explain that moment where you decided to move forward, because I don't think the history we learn records those small acts that are actually gargantuan acts of bravery. Talk about—I mean, you saw the weapons the police arrayed against you. What propelled you forward, Congressman Lewis?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: Well, my mother, my father, my grandparents, my uncles and aunts, and people all around me had never registered to vote. I had been working all across the South. The state of Mississippi had a black voting age population of more than 450,000, and only about 16,000 were registered to vote. On that day, we didn't have a choice. I think we had been tracked down by what I call the spirit of history, and we couldn't—we couldn't turn back. We had to go forward. We became like trees planted by the rivers of water. We were anchored. And I thought we would die. I first thought we would be arrested and go to jail, but I thought it was a real possibility that some of us would die on that bridge that day, after the confrontation occurred. I thought it was the last protest for me. But somehow and somehow, you have to keep going. You go to a hospital, you go to a doctor's office, you get mended, and you get up and try it again.

AMY GOODMAN: So what was the next act you engaged in?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: Well, we continued to organize, continued to try to get people registered. We went to federal court, testified, to get an injunction against Governor George Wallace and the Alabama state troopers. And the federal court said that we had a right to march from Selma to Montgomery. President Johnson spoke to the nation and condemned the violence in Selma, introduced the Voting Rights Act. And that night, he made one of the most meaningful speeches that any American president had made in modern times on the whole question of civil rights and voting rights. He condemned the violence over and over again, and near the end of the speech he said, "And we shall overcome. We shall overcome." We call it the "We Shall Overcome" speech.

I was sitting next to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as we listened to President Johnson. I looked at Dr. King. Tears came down his face. He started crying. And we all cried a little when we heard the president saying, "We shall overcome." And Dr. King said, "We will make it from Selma to Montgomery, and the Voting Rights Act will be passed." Two weeks later, more than 10,000 of us, people from all over America, started walking from Selma to Montgomery. And by the time we made it to Montgomery five days later, there were almost 30,000 black and white citizens—Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, men, women, young people. It was like a holy march. And the Congress debated

the act, passed it, and on August 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed it into law.

AMY GOODMAN: Congressman John Lewis. We continue our conversation after break.

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AMY GOODMAN: The Morehouse College Glee Club performing "We Shall Overcome." Morehouse College was the alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman, as I continue with my interview with Democratic Congressman John Lewis of Georgia, leader of the civil rights movement, risked his life numerous times marching for the right of all Americans to vote. During the civil rights movement, he marched side by side with Dr. King. He served as chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, helped organize the Freedom Rides, spoke at the 1963 March on Washington. Congressman Lewis was also a leader of the now-famous voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

On July 6, 1964, he led 50 African Americans to the courthouse in Selma, Alabama, on voter registration day, but Sheriff Jim Clark arrested them rather than allow them to apply to vote. I played for Congressman Lewis a clip of his close friend and ally, Martin Luther King Jr., speaking in 1965 about Jim Clark.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.: I am here to tell you tonight that the businessmen, the mayor of this city, the police commissioner of this city, and everybody in the white power structure of this city must take a responsibility for everything that Jim Clark does in this community. It's time for us to say to these men, that if you don't do something about it, we will have no alternative but to engage in broader and more drastic forms of civil disobedience in order to bring the attention of the nation to this whole issue in Selma, Alabama.

AMY GOODMAN: Dr. Martin Luther King. You were in the church, John Lewis.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: It was an unbelievable speech. Dr. King spoke out of his gut. Sheriff Clark was a very mean man. He was vicious. I think maybe he was a little sick. He wore a gun on one side, a nightstick on the other side. He carried an electric cow prodder in his hand—and he didn't use it on cows. When young—

AMY GOODMAN: An electric cow prodder.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: That you use to move cattle along. And I remember on one occasion he was wearing a button on his left lapel that said "Never." He thought he was a general in a military. He would wear a helmet like Patton. He forced a group of young children on a false march, which was so cruel, so vicious and so evil. He took them down a highway and said, "If you want to march..." And he had people just chase these little children on horseback. I saw him one day when a group of black women were trying to march, primarily black schoolteachers, that he literally put his foot on the neck of a black woman. We were peaceful. We were orderly. We believed in the philosophy, in the discipline of nonviolence. We were trying to appeal to the conscience of everybody.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, you somehow reached the conscience of the KKK man who beat you. I wanted to get your response. Almost a half a century has passed since the now ex-Klansman Elwin Wilson hit you at a lunch counter in a South Carolina bus station. After years of regret, Elwin finally apologized to you in 2009. He has spoken out against bigotry and intolerance. I want to go to a clip of him speaking on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* about what happened the day he attacked you.

OPRAH WINFREY: Were you a member of the Ku Klux Klan?

ELWIN WILSON: Oh, yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY: You were.

ELWIN WILSON: Mm-hmm.

OPRAH WINFREY: Was he the only person you beat up that day?

ELWIN WILSON: No.

OPRAH WINFREY: No.

ELWIN WILSON: After he was beat and bloody and all, he—policeman came up and asked him, said, "Do you all want to take out a warrant?"

OPRAH WINFREY: Press charges.

ELWIN WILSON: Right.

OPRAH WINFREY: Yeah.

ELWIN WILSON: Make charge. He said, "No." Said, "We're not here to cause trouble."

AMY GOODMAN: That was Elwin apologizing to you, the ex-Klansman. Describe what he did to you during the Freedom Rides, and tell us what they were.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: On May 9th, 1961, my seat mate, a young white gentleman, we arrived at the Greyhound bus station in Rock Hill, South Carolina. We got off the bus.

AMY GOODMAN: What were you doing there?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: We were testing the facilities—the lunch counters, the waiting room, the restroom facility. During those days, the stations were marked "white waiting," "colored waiting," "white men," "colored men," "white women," "colored women." And we were following a decision of the United States Supreme Court banning discrimination—or segregation in intrastate travel. And when we started to enter the so-called white waiting room, we were attacked by a group of young white men, beaten and left in a pool of blood. The local police officials came up and wanted to know whether we wanted to press charges. We said, "No, we believe in peace. We believe in love and nonviolence."

Years later—to be exact, 48 years later—Mr. Wilson and his son came to my office in Washington and said, "Mr. Lewis, I'm one of the people that beat you. Will you forgive me? I apologize." His son had been encouraging his father to do this. His son started crying. Mr. Wilson started crying. He hugged me. His son hugged me. I hugged them both back. Then all three of us stood there crying. That's what the movement was about, to be reconciled.

AMY GOODMAN: When we hear about voting rights today, we don't hear about these struggles that you and so many others that you led went through 50 years ago.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: That's why it is so important for people to understand, to know that people suffered, struggled. Some people bled, and some died, for the right to participate. You know, the vote is the most powerful nonviolent tool that we have in a democratic society. It's precious. It's almost sacred. We have to use it. If not, we will lose it.

AMY GOODMAN: A few years after that, two years after you had your head slammed in and so many others were beaten in Montgomery, was the 1963 March on Washington. Dr. King spoke, and you also spoke. I want to go to a clip of that moment, August 28th, 1963.

JOHN LEWIS: To those who have said, "Be patient and wait," we must say that we cannot be patient. We do not want our freedom gradually, but we want to be free now. We are tired. We are tired of being beat by policemen. We are tired of seeing our people locked up in jail over and over again, and then you holler, "Be patient." How long can we be patient? We want our freedom, and we want it now.

We do not want to go to jail, but we will go to jail if this is the price we must pay for love, brotherhood and true peace. I appeal to all of you to get in this great revolution that is sweeping this nation. Get in and stay in the streets of every city, every village and hamlet of this nation, until true freedom comes, until the revolution of 1776 is complete. We must get in this revolution and complete the revolution, for in the Delta of Mississippi, in Southwest Georgia, in the Black Belt of Alabama, in Harlem, in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and all over this nation, the black masses are on the march for jobs and freedom.

They're talking about slow down and stop. We will not stop. All of the forces of Eastland, Barnett, Wallace, and Thurmond will not stop this revolution. If we do not get meaningful legislation out of this Congress, the time will come when we will not confine our march into Washington. We will march through the South, through the streets of Jackson, through the streets of Danville, through the streets of Cambridge, through the streets of Birmingham. But we will march with the spirit of love and with the spirit of dignity that we have shown here today.

By the forces of our demands, our determination and our numbers, we shall splinter the segregated South into a thousand pieces, put them together in the image of God and democracy. We must say, "Wake up, America! Wake up!" for we cannot stop, and we will not and cannot be patient.

AMY GOODMAN: That remarkable speech that you gave on August 28th, 1963. You were the youngest speaker at the March on Washington. You spoke before Dr. King.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I spoke number six. Dr. King was the last speaker. He spoke number 10. That day, when A. Philip Randolph introduced me, and he said, "And I present to you, young John Lewis, national chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee," I looked to my right, I saw many other young people sort of cheering me on; looked to my left, and I saw young people up in the trees trying to get a better view of the crowd; then I looked straight ahead, and I said to myself, "This is it. I must do my best." And that's what I tried to do.

When I was working on the speech, I was reading a copy of the *New York Times*, and I saw a group of black women in southern Africa carrying signs saying, "One Man, One Vote." So in my March on Washington speech, I said, "'One man, one vote' is the African cry; it is ours, too. It must be ours." And that became the rallying cry for many other young people in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

AMY GOODMAN: And yet, you had to change that speech that you gave on that day.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I was asked to change the speech. Some people thought the speech was too radical, too militant. I thought it was a speech for the occasion. It represented the people that we were working with. Some people didn't like the use of the word "revolution" or the use of the phrase "black masses." A. Philip Randolph came to my rescue and said, "There's not anything wrong with the use of 'revolution.' I use it myself sometimes. There's not anything with 'black masses.'" So we kept that part in the speech. But near the end of the speech, I said something like, "If we do not see meaningful progress here today, the day may come when we will be forced to march through the South the way Sherman did—nonviolently." And people thought we couldn't make a reference to Sherman, and so we deleted that.

AMY GOODMAN: The text that I have exactly: "The next time we march, we won't march on Washington, but will march through the South, through the Heart of Dixie, the way Sherman did. We shall pursue our own 'scorched earth' policy and burn Jim Crow to the ground—nonviolently." Why did you give in?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: One of the reasons, A. Philip Randolph, this wonderful man, this prince of a man, had always dreamed of a march on Washington. You couldn't say no to A. Philip Randolph. And then you had Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. saying to me, "John, this doesn't sound like you." I love those two men. Dr. King was my hero, my inspiration. And for the sake of unity, I made a decision to change the speech, to delete some of those words.

AMY GOODMAN: You also asked, "I want to know: which side is the federal government on?"

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I did ask the question. I did raise the question, "I want to know: which side is the federal government on?" because it appeared, in certain parts of the South, the federal government was not on the right side of history. It appeared that the federal government was not a sympathetic referee in the struggle for civil rights. We felt that the federal government could do more, the Department of Justice could do more, the FBI could do more, than just stand back and take pictures. We thought they could prevent some of the violence and protect people that were being arrested, being beaten and being killed.

AMY GOODMAN: I'd like to play Danny Glover reading the excerpts of the speech that you didn't give.

DANNY GLOVER: "To those who have said, 'Be patient and wait,' we must say that 'patience' is a dirty and nasty word. We cannot be patient. We do not want to be free gradually. We want our freedom, and we want it now. We cannot depend on any political party, for both the Democrats and the Republicans have betrayed the basic principles of the Declaration of Independence. ...

"We won't stop now. All of the forces of Eastland, Barnett, Wallace and Thurmond won't stop the revolution. The time will come when we will not confine our marching to Washington. We will march through the South, through the Heart of Dixie, the way Sherman did. We shall pursue our own 'scorched earth' policy and burn Jim Crow to the ground!"

AMY GOODMAN: John Lewis, you also said a part that didn't get included was: "In good conscience, we cannot support the administration's civil rights bill, for it's too little, too late. There's not one thing in the bill that will protect our people from police brutality."

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I thought, and I believe, that the proposed civil rights bill was not enough. President Kennedy took the position that if a person had a sixth grade education, that person should be considered literate and should be able to register to vote. Those of us in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee took the position that the only qualification for being able to register to vote in America should be that of age and residency, nothing more or anything less. We wanted a much stronger bill.

But the whole idea of the march was not to support a particular piece of legislation. It was a march for jobs and freedom. It was a coalition of conscience to say to the Congress and say to the president of the United States, "You must act." We didn't think that the proposed bill was commensurate to all of the suffering, to the beatings, to the jailing, to the killing that had occurred in the South.

AMY GOODMAN: Congressman John Lewis. He's just written a new book called *Across That Bridge: Life*

Lessons and a Vision for Change. I'll continue the interview with him in a moment.

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AMY GOODMAN: "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round," the SNCC Freedom Singers, a group that traveled the country singing and fundraising for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Congressman John Lewis was one of the chairs of SNCC. This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*, as we return to my interview with the now 13-term Democratic congressman, John Lewis of Georgia, arrested more than 40 times as he fought for voting rights and against segregation in America. Just before Malcolm X was assassinated, John Lewis met with him in Africa. They spent several days together. I asked John Lewis where they met, what they talked about.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: We met Malcolm in Nairobi, Kenya, at the New Stanley Hotel. He happened to be staying there—we didn't know he was staying there—and we were also staying there. We were on our way to Zambia for their independence celebration. And we had an opportunity to talk and chat with him about what was going on in America. And I think at that time Malcolm was seeking to find a way to identify with the Southern civil rights movement. He wanted to be helpful, wanted to be supportive. And as a matter of fact, he came to Selma. He came to Selma, February the 14th, 1965. And we were in jail, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the local authority refused to let him come and meet with us. He spoke at the Brown Chapel AME Church with Mrs. King to a group of high school students. And seven days later, he was assassinated.

AMY GOODMAN: On February 21st, 1965, he was gunned down.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I will never forget it, because February 21st is my birthday. And I was in a car on my way from southwest Georgia.

AMY GOODMAN: You were 25 years old.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: Twenty-five. And I was going from southwest Georgia through Atlanta back to Selma, when we heard that he had been shot. I came to New York, attended the service for him.

AMY GOODMAN: What is your assessment of the significance of Malcolm X?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I think Malcolm played a major role in helping to educate, inform and dramatize the need for mass movement. People read about him. Many of the young people, black and white, read his story. Many did not agree necessarily with his techniques or his tactic. But if Malcolm had lived, I am convinced that he would have been part of the Southern nonviolent wing of the civil rights movement.

AMY GOODMAN: And his relationship with Dr. King? What did Dr. King think?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I remember Malcolm being in the hotel, before we even saw him in Kenya, the night of the March on Washington—the evening before the March on Washington. He was at the Hilton Hotel in Washington. Now, he didn't like the way the march turned out, because he said it was like a picnic and that it was not strong enough.

AMY GOODMAN: And he wasn't invited to speak.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: He was not invited to speak. We—I didn't have anything to do with that decision.

AMY GOODMAN: After the Civil Rights and the Voting Rights Act were signed, Dr. King increasingly started speaking out against the Vietnam War—his inner circle saying, "Don't give that speech at Riverside Church," April 4th, 1967, a year to the day before he was assassinated in

Memphis, the "Why I Oppose the War in Vietnam" speech. "You've got the president of the United States behind you. You got him to sign the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Act," they said to Dr. King. "Don't take him on in a war that is not ours." Yet he defied them and said it is. Were you a part of that circle? What position did you take, John Lewis?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I supported the position of Martin Luther King Jr. As chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, during that time, we had already taken a position against the war in Vietnam. So many of the young people in SNCC, so many of the young people that we were working with all across the South were being drafted and going off to Vietnam, so we came out against the war in January 1966. But I was there at Riverside Church on the night of April 4th, 1967, when he spoke. And I think that speech is one of the greatest speeches. A lot of people speak about the March on Washington. It was a wonderful speech. But the speech against the war in Vietnam, Dr. King—he said, "I'm not going to segregate my conscience. If I'm against violence at home, I'm against violence abroad." And he went on to say that America was the greatest purveyor of violence in the world. He was—he was a preacher. He was a prophet.

AMY GOODMAN: Do you agree with him?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I agree with him.

AMY GOODMAN: That the U.S. is the greatest purveyor of violence.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: We have more—we spend hundreds and thousand, millions and billions of dollars on weaponry. We're supplying the world. We sell arms to everybody. Dr. King was saying that we have to put an end to this madness. He was influenced by Gandhi, and Gandhi said it's nonviolence or nonexistence. Dr. King went on to say, "We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters, or we will perish as fools." He was saying, in effect, that we have enough bombs and missiles and guns to destroy the planet. He said it then, and it's still true today.

AMY GOODMAN: At the time, *Time* magazine called the speech "demagogic slander that sounded like a script for Radio Hanoi." That's the Dr. King 1967 speech against the war in Vietnam. The *Washington Post* declared King had, quote, "diminished his usefulness to his cause, his country, his people."

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I think it's so unfortunate that publications like *Time* magazine, *Washington Post* — if they had to rewrite those articles today, it would be a different story. Dr. King was right. He was right—and so many others, politicians, who came out against the war, whether it was Eugene McCarthy or others, later Bobby Kennedy. What that war helped to destroy: the hopes, the dreams and aspiration of so many people. War is bloody. It's messy.

AMY GOODMAN: And so, today, the war in Afghanistan, the drone war that President Obama is conducting in Pakistan, in Yemen, in other places, with the "kill list," that the *Times* called it, that he personally keeps and names the people he puts on the list—your thoughts?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: Well, I think it's time for us to end, end the efforts in Afghanistan. We cannot justify the killing of people that we don't see. We don't know anything about them, or very little. War is not the answer. War is obsolete. It cannot be used as a tool of our foreign policy. It's barbaric. Somewhere, somehow, people must come to that point and say, "I ain't gonna stay the war no more."

AMY GOODMAN: Have you talked to President Obama about this?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I have not had an opportunity. But I've spoken out on the floor of the House against the war in Afghanistan, as I did against the war in Iraq.

AMY GOODMAN: You voted in—three days after September 11, 2001, to give President Bush the authority to retaliate in a vote that was 420 to 1. You have described it was one of your toughest votes. Talk about how you decided to do that.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I was very disturbed about what happened on 9/11. And when I look back on it, if I had to do it all over again, I would have voted with Barbara Lee. It was raw courage on her part. So, because of that, I don't vote for funding for war. I vote against preparation for the military. I will never again go down that road.

AMY GOODMAN: And what do you say to those who say, "Then you're not supporting the military. You're not supporting the soldiers, the troops"?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I support the soldiers. When I see young men in uniform, I say, "Thank you for your service." And I tell them, "I want all of you to come home." I tell them to their faces. I see them in the airports. I see them in Washington. I say, "It's time for you to come home."

AMY GOODMAN: You have written several books. The latest is *Across That Bridge: Life Lessons and a Vision for Change*. Your book begins with a chapter on faith. Many of the great civil rights leaders, including yourself, were men and women of faith, but today religion is very politicized. Can you talk about that?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: Faith is this belief, this sense that somehow and someday we will overcome. It's belief that, in spite of all the odds, setbacks, delays, interruption, that we will make it, that we will arrive at a place where we recognize and respect the dignity and the worth of every human being. It's in keeping with the philosophy and the discipline of nonviolence to believe that we will and we shall overcome, that we will not get lost in a sea of despair, that we will not become bitter or hostile, but with our faith, we know that victory is there. It may take longer. It may be difficult. But you come to that point where there's no turning back. Without that sense of faith, we wouldn't be where we are today. People ask me all the time why you didn't give up, why you didn't turn back, why you didn't fight back. My faith kept me going, kept me grounded, kept me anchored.

AMY GOODMAN: President Obama will be giving his renomination address at the Democratic convention in the Bank of America Stadium. I saw you four years ago at the Mile High Stadium in Denver, where they were honoring you. It was actually August 28th, 2008. It was the anniversary of Dr. King's speech in Washington, as well as your own. But now President Obama will be speaking in Charlotte at the Bank of America Stadium, and the economy is a major issue, also deeply linked to the war. What are your thoughts today about where we have gone in this four years?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: Well, it is—it's my hope that President Obama and the Democratic Party will recapture the hopes, the dreams that people had four years ago, and have a platform, a program, where we must go now. How do we rescue and save people? How do we give people a feeling that they can survive, they can make it in America? People—many people lost their homes, their jobs. We must say, there is a way out, there is a better way. They cannot be shy because the convention is taking place in the Bank of America center. They've got to be strong. They've got to tell the truth.

AMY GOODMAN: Do you think people should be protesting as President Obama is speaking?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: Well, I don't know. If people feel that something is not right, is not fair, they have a right to protest.

AMY GOODMAN: Do you feel it's not right? Would you be protesting?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I don't know what I'm going to do. I don't know. I believe that the time is always right to do right, as Dr. King said, and people always have a right to protest for what is right.

AMY GOODMAN: How did you decide to go from activist, real street-fighting activist—you, yourself, weren't physically fighting, but you were being fought by the police every step of the way—to a congressman? Talk about the moment you made that decision and the year you did. How old were you?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I made the decision after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy. I was with Robert Kennedy in Indianapolis, Indiana, on the evening of April 4, 1968, when I heard that Dr. King had been shot. I didn't know his condition until Robert Kennedy spoke at a rally that I was having to organize and said that Dr. King had been assassinated.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to go to that clip.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY: I have some very sad news for all of you, and I think sad news for all of our fellow citizens and people who love peace all over the world. And that is that Martin Luther King was shot and was killed tonight in Memphis, Tennessee.

Martin Luther King dedicated his life to love and to justice between fellow human beings. He died in the cause of that effort. In this difficult day, in this difficult time for the United States, it's perhaps well to ask what kind of a nation we are and what direction we want to move in. For those of you who are black, considering the evidence evidently is that there were white people who were responsible, you can be filled with bitterness and with hatred and a desire for revenge. We can move in that direction as a country, in greater polarization—black people amongst blacks and white amongst whites, filled with hatred toward one another. Or we can make an effort, as Martin Luther King did, to understand and to comprehend and replace that violence, that stain of bloodshed that has spread across our land, with an effort to understand, compassion and love.

For those of you who are black and are tempted to fill with—be filled with hatred and mistrust of the injustice of such an act, against all white people, I would only say that I can also feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling. I had a member of my family killed, but he was killed by a white man. But we have to make an effort in the United States. We have to make an effort to understand, to get beyond or go beyond these rather difficult times.

My favorite poem, my—my favorite poet was Aeschylus. He once wrote:

*Even in our sleep, pain which cannot forget
falls drop by drop upon the heart,
until, in our own despair,
against our will,
comes wisdom
through the awful grace of God.*

What we need in the United States is not division. What we need in the United States is not hatred. What we need in the United States is not violence and lawlessness, but is love and wisdom and compassion toward one another, feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or whether they be black.

AMY GOODMAN: That was Robert Kennedy in Indianapolis, breaking the news to so many. John Lewis, you were there.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I cried, with so many other people. And I said to myself, "We still have Bobby."

I went back to Atlanta, attended the funeral with Robert Kennedy and hundreds and thousands of others. After the funeral was over, I got back in the Kennedy campaign, went to Oregon and later to California. I campaigned for Bobby Kennedy with César Chávez. It was a wonderful effort. We went all over Los Angeles, going into wealthy neighborhoods, knocking on doors, urging people to vote for Bobby.

And that evening the primary was over, Bobby Kennedy came up to me and said, "John, I'm going downstairs to make my victory statement. Why don't you remain?" I was in his suite with his sister, several other individuals, the brother of Medgar Evers. And we listened to Bobby, and he said, "On to Chicago." And moments, minutes later, it was announced that he had been shot.

Dropped to the floor and cried and cried. I just wanted to get out of L.A. I got on a flight the next morning, flew to Atlanta, and I think I cried all the way from L.A. to Atlanta. And I came back to New York for the funeral. And before the funeral, I stood the night before as an honor guard with Reverend Ralph Abernathy. Then I rode the funeral train. The family asked me to ride with them from New York to Washington. And someplace along the way, I felt that somehow, in some way, I had to try to pick up where Dr. King and Robert Kennedy left off. These were my friends. These were my heroes. These were two young men that had inspired me. And some of my friends started encouraging me to get involved in electoral politics, do more than just register people, that I should run for office. And I made a decision years later to do it.

AMY GOODMAN: You have also been deeply opposed to the death penalty. A fellow Georgian, Troy Anthony Davis, you spoke out on his behalf. He was executed September 21st, 2011, in Jackson, Georgia, the death row prison. Now the 17th state has announced its opposition to the death penalty, Connecticut. What about the death penalty?

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I think the death penalty is barbaric. It's something that no civilized people should ever use. We don't have a right to take another person's life. We didn't give it. It should be left to the Almighty, and not for a state, not for a government. On the federal level, we need to continue to speak up and speak out and put an end to the death penalty.

AMY GOODMAN: Finally, at the end of *Across That Bridge*, your new book, you write, "Just as Gandhi made it easier for King and King made it easier for Poland and Poland [made it easier] for Ireland [and] Ireland [made it easier] for Serbia [and] Serbia made it easier for the Arab Spring, [and] the Arab Spring made it easier for [the protests in] Wisconsin [and] Occupy..." Talk about these connections.

REP. JOHN LEWIS: I believe there is something in human history—I call it the spirit of history. It's like a spring, a stream, that continue to move. And individuals and forces come along that become symbols of what is good, what is right and what is fair. And that's why I wrote this little book, to say to people that you, too, can allow yourself to be used by the spirit of history. Just find a way to get in the way. When I was growing up, my mother and father, my grandparents and great-grandparents were always telling me, "Don't get in trouble. Don't get in the way." But I was inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks and others to get in the way, to get in trouble—good trouble, necessary trouble. And we all must find a way to have the courage to get in trouble, to do our part. Every generation must find a way to leave the planet, leave this little spaceship, earth, this little piece of real estate, a little better than we found it—a little cleaner, a little greener and a little more peaceful. I think that's our calling. We have a mission, a mandate and a moral obligation to do just that.

AMY GOODMAN: John Lewis, 13-term congressman, former chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, arrested more than 40 times, beaten repeatedly as he fought for voting rights and against a segregated America. He's just written a new book called *Across That Bridge: Life Lessons and a Vision for Change*.

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Two Constitutions in the United States. 1st was suspended in favor of a Vatican Corporation in 1871

Since 1871 the [United States president](#) and the United States Congress has been playing politics under a different set of rules and policies. The American people do not know that there are two Constitutions in the United States. The first penned by the leaders of the newly independent states of the United States in 1776. On July 4, 1776, the people claimed their *independence* from Britain and Democracy was born. And for 95 years the United States people were free and independent. That freedom ended in 1871 when the original "Constitution for the united states for America" was changed to the "THE [CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA](#)".



Pope meeting with the board of directors of The Vatican Bank

The Congress realized that the country was in dire financial straits, so they made a financial deal with the devil – international bankers — (in those days, the Rothschilds of London) thereby incurring a DEBT to said bankers. The conniving international bankers were not about to lend the floundering nation any money without some serious stipulations. So, they devised a way of taking back control of the United States and thus, the Act of 1871 was passed. With no constitutional authority to do so, Congress created a separate form of government for the [District of Columbia](#).

With the passage of "the Act of 1871" a city state (a state within a state) called the [District of Columbia](#) located on 10 sq miles of land in the heart of Washington was formed with its own flag and its own independent constitution – the United States' secret second constitution.



The flag of Washington's District of Columbia has 3 red stars, each symbolizing a city state within the three city empire. The three city empire consists of Washington D.C., London, and Vatican City. London is the corporate

center of the three city states and controls the world economically. Washington's District of Columbia city state is in charge of the military, and the Vatican controls it all under the guise of spiritual guidance. *Although geographically separate, the city states of London, the Vatican and the District of Columbia are one interlocking empire called "Empire of the City"*

The constitution for the District of Columbia operates under tyrannical Vatican law known as "Lex Fori" (local law). When congress passed the act of 1871 it created a separate corporation known as THE UNITED STATES and corporate government for the District of Columbia. This treasonous act has unlawfully allowed the District of Columbia to operate as a corporation outside the original [constitution of the United States](#) and in total disregard of the best interests of the American citizens.



(POTUS Obama at the Vatican Corporate

headquarters)

POTUS is the Chief Executive (president) of the Corporation of the United States operating as any other CEO of the corporation — governs w/a Board of Directors (cabinet officials) and managers (Senators/Congress) Obama as others before him is POTUS — operating as "vassal king" taking orders once again from "The City of London" through the RIIA (Royal Institute of Intl Affairs). The Illuminati (founded by the The Society of Jesus or Jesuits, the largest *Roman* Catholic Religious Military Order headed by the Black Pope) created the [Royal Institute of International Affairs](#) (RIIA) in 1919. The American equivalent to the RIIA is the [Council of Foreign Relations](#) (CFR). The RIIA and CFR set up Round Table Groups (based on the King Arthur myths).

What did the Act of 1871 achieve? The ACT of 1871 put the United States back under British rule (which is under Vatican rule). The United States people lost their independence in 1871.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE [UNITED STATES OF AMERICA](#) is the constitution of the incorporated [UNITED STATES OF AMERICA](#). It operates in an economic capacity and has been used to fool the People into thinking it governs the Republic. It does not! Capitalization is NOT insignificant when one is referring to a legal document. This seemingly "minor" alteration has had a major impact on every subsequent generation of Americans. What Congress did by passing the Act of 1871 was create an entirely new document, a constitution for the government of the District of Columbia, an INCORPORATED government.

Instead of having absolute and unalienable rights guaranteed under the organic Constitution, we the people now have "relative" rights or privileges. One example is the Sovereign's right to travel, which has now been transformed (under corporate government policy) into a "privilege" that requires citizens to be licensed – driver's licenses and Passports. By passing the Act of 1871, Congress committed TREASON against the People who were Sovereign under the grants and decrees of the [Declaration of Independence](#) and the organic Constitution. The Act of 1871 became the FOUNDATION of all the treason since committed by government officials.

As of 1871 the United States isn't a Country; It's a Corporation! In preparation for stealing America, the puppets of Britain's banking cabal had already created a second government, a Shadow Government designed to manage what "the people" believed was a democracy, but what really was an incorporated UNITED STATES. Together this chimera, this two-headed monster, disallowed "the people" all rights of sui juris. [you, in your sovereignty]

The U.S.A. is a Crown Colony. The U.S. has always been and remains a British Crown colony. King James I, is not just famous for translating the Bible into “The King James Version”, but for signing the “[First Charter of Virginia](#)” in 1606 — which granted America’s British forefathers license to settle and colonize America. The charter guaranteed future Kings/Queens of England would have sovereign authority over all citizens and colonized land in America.

After America declared independence from Great Britain, the *Treaty of Paris*, signed on September 3, 1783 was signed. That treaty identifies the King of England as prince of U.S. “*Prince George the Third, by the grace of God, king of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, duke of Brunswick and Lunenburg, arch-treasurer and prince elector of the Holy Roman Empire etc., and of the United States of America*”— completely contradicting premise that America won The War of Independence.

Article 5 of that treaty gave all British estates, rights and properties back to Britain.

It is agreed that Congress shall earnestly recommend it to the legislatures of the respective states to provide for the restitution of all estates, rights, and properties, which have been confiscated belonging to real British subjects; and also of the estates, rights, and properties of persons resident in districts in the possession on his Majesty’s arms and who have not borne arms against the said United States. And that persons of any other description shall have free liberty to go to any part or parts of any of the thirteen United States and therein to remain twelve months unmolested in their endeavors to obtain the restitution of such of their estates, rights, and properties as may have been confiscated; and that Congress shall also earnestly recommend to the several states a reconsideration and revision of all acts or laws regarding the premises, so as to render the said laws or acts perfectly consistent not only with justice and equity but with that spirit of conciliation which on the return of the blessings of peace should universally prevail. And that Congress shall also earnestly recommend to the several states that the estates, rights, and properties, of such last mentioned persons shall be restored to them, they refunding to any persons who may be now in possession the bona fide price (where any has been given) which such persons may have paid on purchasing any of the said lands, rights, or properties since the confiscation.

And it is agreed that all persons who have any interest in confiscated lands, either by debts, marriage settlements, or otherwise, shall meet with no lawful impediment in the prosecution of their just rights.

It is becoming increasingly apparent to American citizens that government is no longer being conducted in accordance with [the U.S. Constitution](#), or, within states, according to state constitutions. While people have recognized for more than 150 years that the rich and powerful often corrupt individual officials, or exert undue influence to get legislation passed that favors their interests, most Americans still cling to the naive belief that such corruption is exceptional, and that most of the institutions of society, the courts, the press, and [law enforcement agencies](#), still largely comply with the Constitution and the law in important matters. They expect that these corrupting forces are disunited and in competition with one another, so that they tend to balance one another.

Mounting evidence makes it clear that the situation is far worse than most people think, that during the last several decades [the U.S. Constitution](#) has been effectively overthrown, and that it is now observed only as a façade to deceive and placate the masses. What has replaced it is what many call the *Shadow Government* – created with the illegal passing of the Act of 1871. It still, for the most part, operates in secret, because its control is not secure. The exposure of this regime and its operations must now become a primary duty of citizens who still believe in the Rule of Law and in the freedoms which this country is supposed to represent.

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