

**INFORMATION REGARDING CALLS PRESENTED AND/OR SUPPORTED BY
2013 RAINBOW ROUND TABLE**

I TO ACCESS THE THREE WEEKLY CALLS via the Internet

A BBS RADIO Go To www.bbsradio.com; click on Talk Radio Station #2; click on "64K Listen"

Thursday: 9 pm – 12:00 pm EST **Stargate Round Table** **Host: Marietta Robert**

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

Saturday: 4:30 pm – 2 am EST **History of our Galactic World & NESARA** **Hosts: T & R**

Friday, Saturday: From **10 – 11 pm EST**, for one hour, the call moves to the Conference Call Line [PIN below] and then returns to BBS Radio.

- During the radio show, use the following phone numbers to ask questions or make comments
530 – 227-7602 [line 1]
530 – 413-4522 [line 2]
530 – 530-413-5011 [line 3 & 4]
- **BBS Toll Free # in Canada, US** 1 – 888-429-5471 This number picks up whichever line is available.

B Conference Call: 1-860-970-0300

Thursday PIN #	87 87 87#
Friday PIN #	23 23 23 #
Saturday PIN #	13 72 9#

C Skype: **BBSradio2**

D Archives for the 3 Programs listed above:

- To access the **FREE BBS archives** for any of these programs:
 - Go to [BBSRadio.com/ Station 2](http://BBSRadio.com/Station2); scroll down; click on **Live Talk Radio Shows**
 - Scroll down to **Hard News on Friday with Tara and Rama**, and click on **"Library Archives"**
 - When that screen comes up, click on ARCHIVES; when that screen comes up, check on the date you want. It opens in a new tab: you'll see the "free to listen box"; click the bars to play; use the tab to stop and start the tape.
 - Right hand click on "direct MP3 Link" and then you can download the program to your own computer, or click on "Listen" without downloading the archived program.
- The **2013 website also has an archive section:**

<http://2013rainbowroundtable.ning.com/> look under the "Archives" tab for written notes.

II TO ACCESS OTHER CALLS SUPPORTED BY 2013 Rainbow Roundtable

- A Sunday, Mondays: 9 – 10:30 EST** **Cheryl Croci's Activation Calls**
By telephone only: 1 – 605-475-5950; PIN 9467441#
- B Tuesdays, 2nd & 4th of each month:
9: 00 – 11:00 pm EST** **Ashtar on the Road**
Hosts: Fran; Susan Leland channels Ashtar, Mother Sekhmet
www.Ashtarontheroad.com
- Phone Number: 1 – 605-562-3140; PIN 980339 #
 - Call is free [except for long distance charges]
 - Can also listen to the call via Skype
- C Wednesdays: 7:00 – 9:00 EST** **The Friends of The Aboriginal Moabite Nation Call**
By telephone only: 1-712-432-0900 PIN 666238#
Replay # [good for 1 week] 1-712- 432-0990 PIN 666238#

Opening Meditation: Rainbird

Housekeeping: Rainbird Thank you!

- BBS:**
- A listener-supported radio program; we know the White Knights listen but they cannot contribute anything; part of our job is to pay for them too
 - **We need \$ 300 /week; this week we need \$300.** Thanks to all who pay it forward. Thanks to new donors, too – makes it easier for all.
 - What we hear and learn feeds our minds and our souls! And, as LM Nada said, it is also part of our contribution to the work being done by Tara & Rama and to the changes going on. **Every little bit helps!**
 - Go to BBS.com/Radio 2; find the listing for Friday Night Hard News; find the **Paypal** button
 - **NO COST TO ACCESS THE ARCHIVES** for either of the T & R PROGRAMS, or the one for Stargate Round Table on Thursday night, hosted by MariettaRobert
 - Re: archives of the other programs on BBS: the money we pay to listen to someone else's archives is put towards our BBS bill!
 - The mailing address for those who do not like paying electronically
**BBS Network, Inc. [Attention: Don]
5167 Toyon Lane
Paradise, CA 95969**
 - BBS appreciates getting checks through the mail – no fees taken off by Paypal

AN OPTION ON HOME PAGE: A BUTTON TO SET UP A MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION

- T & R:**
- Can donate via the Paypal button on the website: 2013RainbowRoundTable.ning.com
 - **need \$** for food; gas – pretty broke at the moment!
 - **RENT DUE NEXT FRIDAY, March 31st**

FROM ASHTAR ON THE ROAD: donate to the Santa Fe Coop so T&R can access organic, fresh food

- Your donation here sets up an account for Tara & Rama with Beneficial Farms Community Supported Agriculture in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This will make available a weekly supply of fresh produce raised with organic and sustainable methods.
- These funds will be exclusively used to maintain this weekly account for a steady supply of produce to Tara and Rama. They and we are very grateful for your assistance.
- It's in the A-O-T-R store & is designated for the food. People can do multiples if they want: <http://www.ashtarontheroad.com/catalog/item/2497194/10263880.htm>
- Fran will put the link on their page as well. http://www.ashtarontheroad.com/tara_rama_A_A_news_reports.html
- **Please notify them if you're sending something:** koran999@comcast.net
- Rama's mailing address for cheques, Money orders: Ram D Berkowitz
1704-B Llano St, # 249
Santa Fe, NM 87505
- **Phone contact** is via MariettaRobert: 317-773-0061
or by e-mail: stargatemarietta@gmail.com
- **Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show too.

Introductory Notes:

- Gofundme for Rama's operation/follow up continues: <https://www.gofundme.com/RamaSurgery>
- **please keep the donations coming & send them to his paypal a/c with a memo**
- **\$13, 306** is the amount donated to date
<https://bbsradio.com/podcast/hard-news-friday-march-31-2017>

HARD NEWS

R: was part of a council meeting with Sam Seder, Mike Papantonio, Katrina vanden Heuvel, Tom the Cat, Larry, Curly & Mo, Juan Gonzales of Democracy Now- the 1st time in a long time: he know who Rama is, and about NESARA

- they all shared: we are on a razor's edge of what's rapidly turning into a major constitutional crisis that leads to the Wise Council of Elders of how we put this republic back together again - yet fireworks has to happen first!
- the mad doctor in the WH who is blindfolded with finger hovering over the red button!
- They are playing with scary stuff, including the fake alien invasion
 - Dr Greer's trailer for his latest video about black budgets, etc this goes into the realm of the gazillions of dollars put into Secret Ops
 - St Germain knows what to do with the 40 zeros amount of money he has! It's about restoring the Earth as the 33rd member of the Federation of worlds
- they described: Donald Trump is just as rude in private as in public
 - they are telling R: we are at the juncture

T: How does Melania take all this? He has only gotten hints and whispers -

- Melania is like Black Moon Lilith: she's out to take Trump to the cleaners -
T: she doesn't have a good re'ship with him in the first place - he's rude; doesn't treat Ivanka like that, tho' he has had an inappropriate relationship with Ivanka in the past, and does not treat her like he treats Melania

- Everyone told R: there will be no nuclear war, but they play with scary stuff in order to gain the upper hand - they are desperate for a nuclear war!
- the # is 888-429-5471; call this number if there are problems with hearing, sound, asking a question

R: Stephanie Miller: every day she says **don't normalize, don't legitimize** - he's a predator, and a pedophile of the highest order, and he's not human - he's an archon

- the "not human bit" is being talked of a bit more every day
- Guest: Jody Hamilton - daughter of Carol Burnett who had a comedy show;
 - Jody is a regular on Stephanie's show, as are Frances and Angela [Frangela]
 - They talked about all the fakes stories:
 - **nesara blogs and forums:** saying that Obama was arrested [NO], and that the British PM Theresa May was arrested today
 - Faction 3 **White Knights and the Galactics are with Obama family constantly**

Audio: the **trailer for *Unacknowledged by Dr Greer***

- yes it will cover the whole story of the black budget
- the lady at the end worked with Werner von Brown, now works with Queen Noor - she got to see the inside story of the Nazi organization

R: so many pieces to this story- much larger than the fake glamour story going on at the White House

- exposes those in the Congress involved with the black budget - John McCain, Lindsay Graham & so many others
 - when this is done, there will be 64 good members of Congress left

Rita Coolidge - singer from the 60s - had an affair with Eric Clapton; kind got a bit wonky!

- Had to do with people not respecting the kundalini
- Rita talked about doing drugs with all the big players of the various bands

- Rita's book talks of working with Chief Archibald of Standing Rock
- leads into the story about the ascended masters including St Germain who are here
 - all the ones R talked to today know who St G is and where his DC office is- he's available
- The gist of the council meeting Rama had with those listed above:
 - all the things we know are connected with this time of the promise – it's a fantastic time to be alive

Audio: 2017-03-30 **U.S. Boycotts U.N. Talks on Nuclear Ban While Spending Trillions to Modernize Nuclear Arsenal** from Democracy Now **[SEE BELOW]**

CONFERENCE CALL

Gerry: yes – to T's comment about reversing the aging process!

- Reminds us that Steven Greer will be in LA to premiere his latest doc
- Glad for the boost: see things as being in a lull at the moment!
- Tells the story of his friend who lost his cat 2.5 years ago; introduced the friend to his paschat friends who had a new cub – turns out the cub was his cat of 2.5 years ago!!!
 - Yes, the cat Sam realized he was back with his old friend! And the friend's other cat was happy with the return of "Sam"

Jefferson: R was talking about the lady who sang with Fleetwood Mac was Stevie ??
Dixie Laurence was the lady who did Mama's

R: Carol Burnett is Jody Hamilton's mother;
all the LGBT ones are working with Stephanie Miller; are challenging the Racist in Chief

T: about North Carolina and the law about bathrooms

T: Rama does not sit on the phone with those 8 and talk about what is not happening!!!
Larry, Curly and Mo are not from here!

R: we are a hair's breadth away and Alex Jones trying to sell us survival meals and such like – R won't go there: this is the progaganda being pushed –

- yes, April 1st would be a lovely day for them to play their games

T: Richard Wolff was on Wed with Thom Hartman – says there's a really big dilemma

- also on Boom Bust tonight: the prophet's generation don't have a pot to piss in, and our kids can't afford a home – it's a sellers market but who's buying? They went to college and have a debt and can't get a job, let alone buy a house.
- In Santa Fe, no houses to rent!

J: lives in South Carolina – north of Charleston: yes, he knows what Hillary did to kill those 9 people there!

T: John McCain and Hillary were in cahoots behind the scene with the story in Libya

- the money [the 800 tonnes of gold she tried to steal from Libya] came to we the people – via St Germain!!!
- Time for people to realize this is not the time to use guns to get revenge!

- The army is a killing machine in Mosul: the situation now is like day and night, now that Trump has taken over from Obama
 - the young woman whose husband was a Navy Seal could not hold herself together over the Yemen incident

- This is the time to bring in full disclosure: there will be a vibration going along with this that will be loving, joy – feelings people have not know for decades!
 - There are many countries that have stood up and said you'll be the outlaws – and galactic intervention is welcome.

Ross: Randy's twin flame brought forward a message to Randy: the energy of the people has really changed and people want peace for real, not just lip service. Plans have changed and things will change very fast on many levels; so many things must be prepared ahead of time – Paschats and other beings – and

- The more the star families are known in the general population, the more questions there will be – time to purge this energy out of our human field once and for all!

• Yes, it's a dictation - Randy got from his TF

T: one of the sisters who called them had a lucid dream: she saw Rama on TV with Ashtar, talking about NESARA AND THE CHANGES

- Natasha and RanaMu told Rama that more of this would be happening
- the gal who had the dream witnessed it with her mother who also had the same dream

G: another consideration: parallel universes and more is heard about this idea: people talking of dooppel gangers – more and more prominence to the idea of interference from parallel universes

R: question about // universes and what we know of them

- Does not know much about dooppel gangers – these beings are hanging out in the lower astral regions

RO: heard something happen to his friend: she was asked twice by her brother for a phone charger – timelines are merging and those who are sensitive can see things going on

T: in the clip of *Unacknowledged* played earlier: they had listed all the alphabet agencies who take part in these black budgets – this is why we are only getting part of the picture;

- on Laurence O'Donnell, March 28/17 - had Don McLaughlin on, former director of CIA – too much commingling between the CIA and the White House **[SEE BELOW]**
- Lots of people asking where is the democracy?

T: reads the notes from another clip of Laurence

G: offers what he has heard about Hillary

T: we've learned different about Putin: it's the mobsters Trump deals with that are doing the dirty stuff and Putin is the same kind of double agent as Obama is
Putin is 500 year old, and is aided by Andromedans

Caller: the reality is not to get caught up in the russian story: most of it's a smoke screen?

T: it's connected with the group – a cyber hacking centre – this was revealed on RT

Ro: wikileaks reveals a Marble – that is a CIA

- RT.com is source of the article
- Randy sent R a piece about a highway caught on fire!!! An impossible fire that collapsed a highway

R: they vapourized the highway! And the overpass fell to the ground: not sure where it happened

T: so many distractions going on

C: general understanding is that there are turf wars between all sorts various gov'ts/ dep'ts

T: another track also going on – has to do with Trump making deals with the Russian oligarchs and mobsters – as KOS has said, and the others: Donald cannot get loans from the western world any more – gets them from the Pacific Rim – Russia, China for sure. Has also gone to other places too – he owes so many countries so much money and he is so broke!

R: the fire was in Atlanta where IS 85 crosses over ? - in the heart of the business district - 3 people are in custody

- sounds like stuff not done by domestic terrorists – need money and brains to play with technology that vapourizes an overpass and parts of the highway!
- Not domestic terrorism – a black op!
- Discussion about the reasons for this – what strategy?
 - Might be tried to create a false flag that would lead to larger things, and only the bridge went down

Ca: people are comparing it to 9/11 – people saying this melted steel like the buildings in 9/11

RO: brings up the word “thermite” - burns very hot -

T: they always do this with controlled demolitions – yet what is in GA is not necessarily a demolition

- No, the initial reports do not include anything about bombs

RO: could be an energy weapon

R: a militarized nuclear fuel rod

T: they are desperate – **RO:** that their toys still work **T:** it’s exasperating! **RO:** when you look at it with your 3rd eye, you see the energy field is all wrong

R: a psych war – one faction of the 13 families trying to take out another part; we are the monkeys in the middle

T: and the establishment part of the DNC - Goldman Sachs has transferred their support to Trump
This is not a normal time

G: like the phoenix, the new will arise

RO: it’s a roller coaster

P: asks Tara to define “normal” !!!

T: reads what she transcribed from Bill Nye, the science guy on Laurence O’Donnell – on coal – an ancient swamp that is dried out and compressed – 100s of billions of years – now putting the CO2 back into the atmosphere 100 times faster than before: Clean Coal??? The CO 2 stays in the atmosphere and does not go anywhere!

R: Superman collapsed a lump of coal and made a diamond which he gave to Lois Lane

B B S RADIO

Mother Sekmet / Alcyone [M/A]

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

T: we ask for love, justice, freedom, accountability, divine mercy

Greetings, Children of Ra:

- Indeed, these moments are about Divine Mercy. As this cosmic story is at a major crossroads, the conversion of many timelines into one timeline, it’s about peace and love. All the samsara is how we have gotten to where we are;
 - as we all knew in the very beginning when we began this story, we knew the ramifications of how deep this would go! Some of us would lose our memories, all our memories; for some, even to this day, there are some who still have amnesia, and they are choosing their self-induced annesia until we [the galactics] land!
- To clear up a few issues, we’ve [they’ve] already come; they come in peace, yet the governments of this planet have other methods, ulterior motives, that are not of the highest intentions. Understatements abound!!!

- They come with the 13 grandmothers – Grandmother Moon - these stories are so ancient.
 - They were here when all of us were particles in the pond of hydrogen, helium, argon, krypton, xenon – the gases, amino acids, that make up life. There’s this cosmic goo or glue that makes up life.
- It is time, as the saying goes, for their children, as it were, the ones that have played so well, they have played themselves out of existence. When you are in the framework and consciousness of an immortal, it’s like – give or take 5,000 or 10,000 years - who gives a flying *** you know what – if they exterminate a race, no one may notice. Sorry – we all notice!
 - This is the time and this is the place where we go from the end of this 26,826 years – we’re here: end of Kali Yuga – now Sat yuga. Yet there are pieces, extenuating circumstances, that overlap of yugas: and we are in that – to make a funny joke worse!
 - That sort of limbo as the dimensions shift and merge, and 5th dimension – we’re already grounding into physical reality, as well as the Force in the 3rd and everything right here - so when folks talk about lower astral kingdom: it’s already here: all the ooglies, along with the most sublime of energies: what do you choose: fear or love? It’s that simple. We choose love –
 - It’s this cosmic story that entwines all of us by the cosmic threads of the heart: love overcomes hate, overcomes war, all the issues event throughout the galaxies, the different universes - love overcomes all the issues.
- As we take a quantum leap and get to know our neighbours and love them even more for their uniqueness, diversity, amongst the myriads of the magic of all of our cultures – it is the great story that has come into their moment here, as this man came to the forefront for 8 years to say “Here is what my Father taught me about love” - Malcom X and his son - here is the story – it’s about the black goddess, the melanin, the powers in the blood
 - And what has not been shared in the world is about how these 13 tribes of Ariadne come in this moment here, that interplay with the 12 and, as we have heard in the news, building the settlements in Palestine - not – is gonna be heaven to pay for Netanyahu – it’s the reality, the story about the stargates and how they have been here from the beginning.
 - These descendents of her children – the ones with 6, 12, 11 strands of DNA – maybe only 11, yet there are some that are waking up and taking the Gauntlet of Power for themselves, forgiving self, saying they want to join the Light in spite of the ramifications.
- What we have going on across the screens, both large and small - it is about this ancient, ancient story of a clash of cultures, clash – we might say - yet the clash is in the mind of the beholder. They [Mother & the other galactics] have no double-bladed axe to grind with anyone here; only issue at hand is about how her children came here, told us some stories about how they were creator gods, and put on masks and did very heinous crimes about inter-breeding with different culture species.
 - This brings in cosmic laws. At this time, everything comes full circle! The naked children – yes, they are reptiles, bird people, lion people, so many other folks that fit into the story whether they have fur or fins, feathers, horns, scales, or they swim, breathe different kinds of gases in order to co-exist. Some life forms live on fungus, their fungus; within the consciousness of the fungus, we have the cosmic records from the very beginning
- As we have learned from Terence McKenna, Ram Dass, a few others who have taken journeys with the jaquar medicine woman and the others on this great path leading to Nirvana – and Nirvana is in the heart.
 - When we think with the heart, merge with the consciousness of the fantastic organ we have called “brain” – when we use 100% of our brain, we are immortals. This is what

happened so many eons ago: a short circuiting of the circuits of Adom Kadmon happened, the electronic presence of Goddess – now it is all coming back.

- And her wayward children know it and they want us out of before we are fully activated – but it is too late: everyone already activated – quantum shift has begun.

- Not to change the subject but the blessing of all the cultures at this time, all the diversity amidst the realities of how many ways to Sunday do we learn to love each other unconditionally, with that divine compassion?

- A little item in the news today: Dr Who is getting a new companion. BBC1 tv in Great Britain – a channel: BBC 1, Channel 3 – Dr Who gets a new companion to travel with him through the cosmos; the companion happens to be a man who is openly gay – brings in the diversity of cultures to bring in how we are all part of each other, and it does not matter what happens behind the bedroom door.

T: important for people to get an education understand about males in a female body or vice versa – this is not a doing that was created by them; ultimately there has been a lot of experimentation

M: and there are soul agreements about how to heal this schism

T: not about them being outcasts and not having

M: these life forms who have issues about bathrooms better get with the program or they will get to be eunuchs and that's the end of the story

T: also has to be good education about Sex which is a normal part of evolution and a healthy spiritual life, and it is not the be all and the end all

M: in nature there are gay ducks

T: and dolphins do it several time a day **M:** at the drop of a hat, they go for it!

M: it is about the diversity that is coming about as we get over our issues and we can meet each other on the rainbow bridge with peace and love and wisdom of how we get this done in this moment

T: it is unnatural in the way we have been framed, and framed in every way you can think of

M: it has been a framework job of galactic proportions and the ones who did the framing are deathly afraid of us as we are waking up to our abilities, and love is at this moment when everyone is already in a moment of pondering for a few nano seconds what to do next.

- She can say Choose love; not fear. They are pumping the fear in overtime and that is the worst place to go, especially with the planets going retrograde in the first week in April - already 4 planets going retrograde: talk about spinning your head! and the way they are spinning the news: watch out for crazy stuff as they really twisig our minds from our hearts – stay in our centre, do our sadna so we don't get off kilter when we hear twisted, weird, fucked up news!

- as they continue to freak out at the highest levels about exposure, they are desperate to do something like a Reichstag fire; they don't get to, yet in the meantime, they are destroying themselves right before our very eyes, and the whole world is seeing it

- have to be a 3rd grader on angel dust not to get this one!

T: anything for profit, Mother – remember the Ferengi person wanted to make a deal for him that he go ahead killing 17 Billion people – and he said wait a minute, let me think about this!

M: when you think in the realms of immortals that give or take 5 – 10,000 years in a crack and not worry about the bodies they are in; they think in yuga cycles – with all due respect, their time is up. They can't any further with the end cycles - Therefore – enshallah!

T: You mean, you're going to do your thing about being more merciful than just?

M: Sekmet comes dripping with the blood because it is . . .

T: It's a defilement of the creation story and the purpose for which we volunteered to engage.

M: Yes

T: there are so many technologies and to use them like death star technology is no

M: watched *the Force Awakens* again today; looking at the communication between the beings – they were using the Force to help heal this planet at this time: there are so many coming out of the woodwork to just say: stop the hate; stop the weird ideas about black people, gay people, alien people, ET people – we are all together in this cosmic barge across the sky, yet it is a fantastic mother ship called Gaia/Vywamus.

- This planet is a living ship; as we move across closer to the Galactc Center, there are so many wonders to behold about love, joy; it is happening – these moments; yet the tide has turned; they are here

T: something simple like jobs; and the Executive Order he has signed relieving the EPA of any pollutants and externalities, and you can have a free for all

- talks of Bill Nye, the science guy and Laurence O'Donnell – it's as plain as the noses on our faces that it's the first time in our existence that we have done what we have done –
- very few things worse than burning coal. Bill tells of his grandfather in WW1 going to war on horses! So no one conducting a war today rides a horse into war; there were stables, liveryes – a whole industry supporting horse back riding in all the major cities – they went on to do something else.

[SEE BELOW FOR THE TRANSCRIPT]

- In the same way if we are coal miners, we are what J D Vance called hillbillies, and we are proud – but we don't want to be in that business, as it will not be around much longer. Working in the mines – there is more automation. And people in the engineering business want people to get involved in renewable green energy. And this is on main stream TV.
- Nuclear energy is **not** clean – al the plants are leaking nuclear radiation poisoning
- so rolling back the traditional regulations, you are affecting the nuclear industry too!
- Laurence wants Bill Nye to grade Sean Spicer's answer of yes or no
- does the president still believe that climate change is a hoax? From the press corps
- Sean's answer is gobbledegook [aka BS – from Mother!]
- we could run 130 countries – **check out the solutionsproject.org** – civil, electric engineers who have studied this – burning coal is good for no one!!!
- Bill Nye's closing remark "May the Facts be with you!"

T: re-reads what Bill Nye said about burning coal **M:** nothing else to say!

T: Mother Earth will survive, but she doesn't need what we need – unless we get some xenon gas coming from the seed pods – and the xenon gas cleans everything, yes?

M: **miracles are afoot! it's all in this sacred moment** – as she who has been talked about comes back with her beloved.

T: it's as plain as the nose on everyone's face you would think

M: yes, the power's in the blood - the goddess returns

T: just knows that something has to happen so that everyone gets it

She reviews the names of the 8 people **who said that it will all happen at once** – just good that the chorus is behind us, letting us know – or they could conjure up another story about the snow flakes: there is a moment in time when it all goes ka-boom!

M: now is that moment – called "take that leap off the cliff!"

- Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant one. Kadoish, Kadoish . . . Adonai
- Remember we have the power!

R: has been Teocal, Guatemala – looking at the temples, but not sure why – gets the feeling that they may do something with the temples: activate the beams and let everyone know what is going on

T: the lime green beam going into space and powering the ships

R: brings up the article from CBC about the crystals - Sudbury – INSERT THE ARTICLE
Reminded R of what he saw in Guatemala

Audio: HBO Real Time Guests: Friday Mar. 31, 2017



The Interview:

Roger Stone is a veteran Republican strategist, former aide to Donald Trump, author of *The Making of the President 2016: How Trump Orchestrated a Revolution*, and host of "The Stone Cold Truth" radio show. **Twitter:** [@RogerJStoneJr](https://twitter.com/RogerJStoneJr)

The Panel:

Gen. Michael Hayden is the former director of the CIA and NSA. He is the author of *Playing to the Edge: American Intelligence in the Age of Terror*, now available in paperback. **Twitter:** [@GenMHayden](https://twitter.com/GenMHayden)

Fmr. Sen. Rick Santorum is the former Republican Senator from Pennsylvania and a 2016 Republican candidate for president. **Twitter:** [@RickSantorum](https://twitter.com/RickSantorum)

Neera Tanden is the President of the [Center for American Progress](http://www.centerforamericanprogress.org). She was an advisor to Hillary Clinton during her 2008 and 2016 campaigns for President and served as senior advisor to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services in the Obama Administration, helping to pass the Affordable Care Act. **Twitter:** [@neeratanden](https://twitter.com/neeratanden)

Mid-Show Interview:

Jose Antonio Vargas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and the founder of [Define American](http://www.defineamerican.org), a nonprofit organization seeking to elevate the conversation around citizenship and immigration in America. **Twitter:** [@joseiswriting](https://twitter.com/joseiswriting)

Audio: Max Keiser [\[KR1051\] Keiser Report: Lethal Economic Shocks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KR1051) 2017-03-31

<https://youtu.be/Ay-ar2SN4GY>

We discuss the economic shocks that are more lethal in America than anywhere else. In the second half, Max continues his conversation with [Professor John Mill Ackerman](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SAT3cEQcIQ) about the Mexico-USA relationship in the age of Trump.

Audio: Redacted Tonight [142] Next Financial Collapse On Horizon, Smart Bombs But Dumb Kids, Religious Left Wakes Up 2017-03 31

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SAT3cEQcIQ>

In this episode of Redacted Tonight, host Lee Camp explains that there is another financial crisis looming over us. Just like in 2008/2009 when everybody was defaulting on mortgages, the same thing may happen very soon with student loan debt. The numbers of total debt and the percentage of people in default are nearly identical to the housing crisis. It's a scary proposition, but certainly worth knowing about because these student loans are backed by the government, which really means us, the taxpayer. Next, Lee discusses the wake of Trump's abysmal 2018 budget proposal. White House Budget Director, Mick Mulvaney, hit the news talk show circuit to make a very poor case for why gutting government programs vital to educating Americans and cleaning our air are just trimming the fat. Lee eviscerates him in this scathing piece. In the second half of the show, correspondent Natalie McGill joins Lee at the desk to reveal the stunning display of irony of right-wing lawmakers now proposing laws that would punish college students who protest campus guest speakers, absurdly claiming it's in the name of preserving free speech. Finally, correspondent John F. O'Donnell files a report about the emergence of the religious left in response to Donald Trump. This and more on Redacted Tonight.

Audio: completion of the Zia Mian interview from Democracy Now

Audio: The Daily Show - Trevor Noah

<http://www.cc.com/video-clips/2qumn3/the-daily-show-with-trevor-noah-pulling-a-rachel-dolezal>

<http://www.cc.com/video-clips/uckkyj/the-daily-show-with-trevor-noah-chris-hayes---the-two-justice-systems-examined-in--a-colony-in-a-nation----extended-interview>

Reading: When God was a Woman T goes back a bit , reviews the way the religion of the goddess was squashed and what the levites thought about women's sexuality - women were thought of as property; if she was raped, it was considered a reflection on the man who owned her pp. 190-192

- Now we are going into a time of balanced equality – all things are to be considered now – all are to be lifted up. We'll be happy with the changes

Closing: Rainbird

Music: Rumi – Only Breath, a version Rama has not played before.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xknm3qKHKc>

Uploaded on 24 Feb 2012

Rumi, "Only Breath" narrated by Coleman Barks, and created by Kendrick.

PLEASE click the "Like" button, leave a comment, and pass it on to others.

Thank you !!!

Enya – adiemus (music used in Avatar)

Reading: a short story on unicorns

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE NOTES

2017-03-30 **U.S. Boycotts U.N. Talks on Nuclear Ban While Spending Trillions to Modernize Nuclear Arsenal**

https://www.democracynow.org/2017/3/30/us_boycotts_un_talks_on_nuclear

Topics [Nuclear Weapons](#)
[United Nations](#)

Guests [Zia Mian](#)

physicist, nuclear expert and disarmament activist. He is co-director of the Program on Science and Global Security at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University. Mian is co-author of *Unmaking the Bomb: A Fissile Material Approach to Nuclear Disarmament and Nonproliferation*.

Full interview with Princeton's Zia Mian about the proposed U.N. nuclear ban treaty, the U.S. boycott and the U.S. trillion-dollar plan to "modernize" its nuclear arsenal. Zia Mian is a physicist, nuclear expert and disarmament activist. He is co-director of the Program on Science and Global Security at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.

TRANSCRIPT

This is a rush transcript. Copy may not be in its final form.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: We turn now to a historic debate at the United Nations. Some 120 countries gather this week to draft a treaty to ban nuclear weapons. But the United States did not take part. In fact, the U.S. led a boycott of the talks. This is U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley.

NIKKI HALEY: You're going to see almost 40 countries that are not in the General Assembly today. And that's 40 countries that are saying, in this day and time, we would love to have a ban on nuclear—on nuclear weapons. But in this day and time, we can't honestly say that we can protect our people by allowing the bad actors to have them, and those of us that are good, trying to keep peace and safety, not to have them.

AMY GOODMAN: U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley was joined by envoys from Britain, France, South Korea and other nations in opposing the U.N. talks on a nuclear weapons ban treaty. Russia and China have also declined to participate in the conference.

We're joined now by Zia Mian, physicist, nuclear expert and disarmament activist, co-director of the Program on Science and Global Security at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He's co-author of *Unmaking the Bomb: A Fissile Material Approach to Nuclear Disarmament and Nonproliferation*.

What's happening here? Why is the U.S. leading this boycott?

ZIA MIAN: The news is not that the U.S. is leading a boycott. We knew the United States wasn't going to participate and that it's been trying to force its nuclear NATO allies also to not participate. The news here is that, after 70 years, the vast majority of countries in the world have decided they've had enough of waiting for the United States and the other countries with nuclear weapons to keep their promise that they would get rid of nuclear weapons, and said, "Enough is enough."

We are now going to create an international treaty that will ban nuclear weapons, and you are going to be nuclear outlaws. And you're going to have to deal with this new reality."

NERMEEN SHAIKH: So how did these nations come together now?

ZIA MIAN: It's taken years and years of effort by non-weapons states and peace movements around the world to build the kind of coalition that it's taken to bring a resolution to the United Nations last year, in which 123 countries, as you mentioned, voted in support of the beginning of talks. The United States tried actively to block that resolution being passed. It actually sent a classified memo to all of the NATO allies the U.S. protects with its nuclear weapons, saying, "Don't support this resolution at the United Nations. And if the resolution passes, don't go, or else." It was actively threatening its own allies to make sure they wouldn't participate, because they know that in many of the countries in Europe, in particular, and in countries like Japan, which are protected by U.S. nuclear weapons, public opinion and many parliaments are actually in favor of joining the process to ban nuclear weapons. And it's taken a lot of effort by the United States to keep these countries out of the process.

AMY GOODMAN: Trump said recently, "If countries are going to have nukes, we're going to be at the top of the pack." And, of course, you had Nikki Haley saying, "Sure, I'd like a nuclear ban, but what about North Korea?" Your response? What has to happen?

ZIA MIAN: Well, you can't wait for the worst actors in the world before you pass laws about what's right and wrong. If that was the way the world worked, we would never have banned slavery, if you had to wait for slave owners to agree in advance that slavery is a bad thing. What countries are doing is laying down a marker, just like we did with chemical weapons, biological weapons, land mines, cluster munitions and creating the laws of war, that simple humanitarian principles apply. There are limits on what states are allowed to do, no matter what. You don't commit genocide. You don't use chemical weapons, biological weapons, and you shouldn't use nuclear weapons. And we're going to pass a law that says having nuclear weapons and threatening to use nuclear weapons and using nuclear weapons is forbidden under international law. And if you're going to keep your weapons, then you are going to be on the outside of what the international community considers is acceptable.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: What about other nuclear weapon states—India, Pakistan and so on? Did they issue any statement about why they wouldn't participate?

ZIA MIAN: They haven't said why they wouldn't participate. But what happened when the U.N. was passing the resolution at the end of last year, which the U.S. tried to block, was that China and India and Pakistan abstained. They didn't vote no, unlike the United States and Russia and Britain and so on. And there was a possibility that at some stage in the future they might actually think about joining the negotiations, even if they're not ready right now to sign the treaty, because it's hard to imagine that countries like China, which have 250 nuclear weapons, are going to agree on a process to ban nuclear weapons, where the United States, which has 7,000 nuclear weapons, is going to sit outside this treaty.

AMY GOODMAN: President Trump has proposed slashing the budgets of the NIH, the National Institutes of Health, at the same time proposed boosting federal spending on the production of nuclear weapons by more than a billion dollars. Your final response?

ZIA MIAN: Well, the Trump administration's plan to increase spending on nuclear weapons is perfectly consistent with what President Obama's administration was also doing, which was increasing spending on nuclear weapons. There is a shared commitment by the U.S. policymaking process on spending a trillion dollars over the next 30 years to modernize the nuclear weapons, the submarines, the bombers and every part of the nuclear weapons production complex to get ready for a hundred more years of nuclear weapons. And this is part of what this U.N. process is trying to block, which is that we are not willing to live with nuclear weapons for another hundred years.

AMY GOODMAN: So, Zia Mian, as we talk about the nuclear nations, many of them saying no, are some saying yes, being a part of these talks?

ZIA MIAN: Not a single nuclear weapon state has actually agreed to be part of the negotiations. And so, first thing is, this is not a debate. This is the negotiation of a treaty, mandated by the General Assembly of the United Nations. This is the first time in the history of the nuclear age, since the first creation of nuclear weapons and the use of nuclear weapons by the United States in 1945, that there has ever been an international treaty negotiation to ban nuclear weapons. Until now, all negotiations have been limited to a handful of countries, mostly the United States and Russia, about how to reduce marginally the weapons that they hold. This is the first time there has ever been an effort for a treaty to actually ban all nuclear weapons for all countries. So it's no surprise the nuclear weapon states don't want to be part of this process.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Well, I'd like to go back to comments Donald Trump made last year on the risk of nuclear proliferation. During the Republican presidential town hall, Trump talked about the possibility of other countries acquiring nuclear weapons. He was questioned by moderator CNN's Anderson Cooper.

DONALD TRUMP: At some point, we have to say, "You know what? We're better off if Japan protects itself against this maniac in North Korea. We're better off, frankly, if South Korea is going to start to protect itself." We have to—

ANDERSON COOPER: Saudi Arabia, nuclear weapons?

DONALD TRUMP: Saudi Arabia, absolutely. They're making—

ANDERSON COOPER: You would be fine with them having nuclear weapons?

DONALD TRUMP: No, not nuclear weapons—

ANDERSON COOPER: OK.

DONALD TRUMP: —but they have to protect themselves, or they have to pay us. Here's the thing: With Japan, they have to pay us, or we have to let them protect themselves.

ANDERSON COOPER: So, but if you say to Japan, "Yes, it's fine you get nuclear weapons," South Korea, "You, as well," and Saudi Arabia says, "We want them, too"—

DONALD TRUMP: It's going to—can I be honest with you? It's going to happen anyway. It's going to happen anyway. It's only a question of time.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: That was Donald Trump speaking last year at the Republican presidential town hall in Milwaukee. So, Zia, your comments on what he had to say about Japan acquiring nuclear weapons, and also to go back to the point that you made earlier about whether the question should be reduction and not elimination, as both the U.K. ambassador and the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. have said, that that's more plausible than calling for elimination? But first Trump's comments?

ZIA MIAN: So, it's—Trump's comments reflect a deep and abiding perspective in the United States that nuclear weapons will spread remorselessly and relentlessly to the rest of the world, and that the only way to do this is to make sure we have more and bigger weapons and are more ready to use them than anybody else, and therefore we'll maintain a decisive advantage over any other state. This is what drove the arms race with the Soviet Union from the very beginning. You have to remember that when the United States made and used nuclear weapons at the end of World War II, for the first few years it was the only country in the world with nuclear weapons. And in 1946, the United Nations, newly formed, passed its very first resolution: Resolution 1. The first thing the United States ever—United Nations ever talked about and agreed on was the need for a plan to eliminate nuclear weapons. And the United States said no.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Is there any reason to believe that it'll be different this time?

ZIA MIAN: I think what's different this time is that after 70 years of seeing what nuclear weapons have done, the rest of the world, the 120 countries, which is the vast majority of countries in the world, have decided they do not want this as the future. After 70 years of nuclear weapons, there are still only nine countries with nuclear weapons. There are dozens and dozens of countries that tomorrow could begin to make nuclear weapons, if they wished. But these are countries that are sitting in the room in the United Nations, saying, "We want to make sure that this never happens for anyone," not that "Let's all go out and defend ourselves the way that the United States thinks that you should do, which is by the threat to commit genocide by using nuclear weapons."

AMY GOODMAN: In the period after Trump was elected and when he became president, he has had perhaps more communication—it's not clear, we'll find out if with other countries he had lots of secret communication—with Japan, certainly at the top, and spent a weekend with Shinzo Abe, the prime minister, not to mention had a press conference in Washington. Why this focus on Japan?

ZIA MIAN: The focus on Japan is—comes from three factors. The first of this is that, because of the situation in North Korea and the U.S. military commitments to Japan, Trump and others in the U.S. policymaking process feel that it's only by trying to raise the stakes in East Asia, by threatening to further arm and perhaps allow nuclear weapons to go to Japan and South Korea, that you can intimidate both North Korea and China. And this has been a constant refrain among some elements of the U.S. policymaking process, that you just have to raise the stakes and reduce the cost to the United States directly for its military guarantees to these countries. But the fact of the matter is that in Japan and in South Korea, there is no real domestic constituency for going nuclear. These are countries where, in Japan, its constitution forbids it to go to war. The idea

that Japan is suddenly going to go off and start making nuclear weapons is unthinkable, except for —

AMY GOODMAN: And the U.S. forced that Article 9—

ZIA MIAN: Yes.

AMY GOODMAN: —into their constitution, after—

ZIA MIAN: The U.S. wrote the Japanese constitution.

AMY GOODMAN: After World War II.

ZIA MIAN: After World War II, yes, exactly. And this tells you where things have come as to how far the Trump administration has gone beyond what's been considered acceptable for so long.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Well, let's go back to Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. She spoke to the media alongside other diplomats from nations boycotting the U.N. talks.

NIKKI HALEY: You know me as the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. But first and foremost, I'm a mom. I'm a wife. I'm a daughter. And so, I always think of my family first, as every one of the people behind me do, as well. Then we go, and we look at our positions. And what are we supposed to do in our jobs? Our jobs is to protect the people in our country, keep them safe, keep the peace, and do it in a way that brings no harm. Every one of the people behind me, that's our number one goal. That's the goal of our countries.

So now, suddenly the General Assembly wants to have a hearing to ban nuclear weapons. As a mom, as a daughter, there is nothing I want more for my family than a world with no nuclear weapons. But we have to be realistic. Is there anyone that believes that North Korea would agree to a ban on a nuclear weapons?

NERMEEN SHAIKH: So that's U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley, speaking on Monday. So, Zia, could you comment on what she said, and also tell us about the letter signed by 3,000 scientists endorsing the talks on the nuclear weapons ban treaty?

ZIA MIAN: So, two comments on Nikki Haley. First, the idea that the United States—right?—needs nuclear weapons to defend itself, and that this does no harm, because this is how you keep peace. All countries want to feel secure. All countries want to see peace in the world. So why shouldn't all countries go off and seek nuclear weapons, including North Korea, given that the United States has threatened them repeatedly, including with the use of nuclear weapons? And so, the fallacy of Nikki Haley's argument is exposed absolutely clearly, that the United States and its friends uniquely have the right to protect themselves using nuclear weapons, but God forbid that anybody else should want to do the same thing. This is just an unsustainable and fundamentally immoral perspective, that we want to be able to commit mass murder to defend us, and we call it keeping the peace, but anybody else wants to have the same right, only it's absolutely intolerable and illegal, and we have to mobilize the international community to defeat this effort.

The second is the idea that nuclear weapons do no harm as a way to keep the peace. The fact is, the United States, along with other nuclear weapon states, have the capacity to destroy civilization. And they've known this from the very beginning, from the first dropping of the atom bomb in Hiroshima, that one bomb destroys an entire city. And if this is your notion of what

keeping the peace is in the modern world, then you actually have no right to speak about peace and security as part of a civilized community. Mass murder is no way to keep the peace.

AMY GOODMAN: Do you think President Trump would consider dropping an atomic bomb?

ZIA MIAN: I think all American presidents would consider dropping the bomb. You have to remember, the United States is the only country that had the choice to not do it, but chose to do it. And every president has retained the option, no matter what they've said, to use nuclear weapons, including President Obama, despite his promises to work towards a world free of nuclear weapons. He was the one that when the chance came to say we would not use nuclear weapons first in a war, he didn't do it. And so, the option to go first and to start nuclear war is a right that American presidents have kept to themselves and seek to deny everybody else.

AMY GOODMAN: Do you think President Obama paved the way for this with the trillion-dollar modernization of nuclear weapons, that many peace activists oppose? And what does that mean? Does it make it easier to use nuclear weapons?

ZIA MIAN: What the million-dollar—trillion-dollar modernization means is that when it came down to making deals with Republicans in the Congress, the Obama administration was willing to do a deal on the future of humanity and said, "Look, if you—if we need you to pass legislation through the Senate, and you want more nuclear weapons and more spending on nuclear weapons, we'll give you that to get what we want." And the Obama administration made a tragic deal with the Republicans in the Senate. But the fact of the matter is, they could have refused to make that deal. But they decided that it was more important to pursue that legislative priority than to think about what the next 30, 40, 50, 60 years will look like. And that is something that we're now going to have to wrestle with year by year, because once this process has been put in play, you've created enormous vested interests in the nuclear weapons complex, within the military and among the political allies, to try and keep this gravy train for them moving forward for years and years and years. And so, yes, the Obama administration carries an enormous burden of responsibility for this problem.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: And, Zia, comment on the letter, the letter signed by 3,000 scientists. And also, you know, what is the status now of this treaty and whether it will have any significance if no nuclear weapon state is a signatory?

ZIA MIAN: So, the letter from scientists supports the ban treaty, and it's signed by scientists from all over the world, including many Nobel laureates and people with lifetimes of experience on working on nuclear weapons policy, from many, many countries, including from the United States. And it's a—

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Obama, as a peace laureate, I assume, was not one of the signatories.

ZIA MIAN: He's not a scientist. This is only scientists.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Ah, right.

ZIA MIAN: And this goes back to a long tradition of scientists speaking out about nuclear weapons. So, in 1946, Albert Einstein led a group of scientists and wrote a letter to scientists all over the world, asking for a million dollars to begin a campaign to educate the world about the dangers of nuclear weapons. And that tradition of scientists trying to reach out to the world, to

policymakers and to the public, as part of their commitment to the democratic process, to say, "Look, as people and as democracies and as believing that people have the right to decide what their governments do, scientists, who understand these things, have an obligation to tell everyone that this is what nuclear weapons mean, these are the dangers, and you—now that you know, you have to decide what you want from your government."

And so, this letter from scientists is part of a long-standing effort by scientists from all over the world to make democracy work when it comes to nuclear weapons. And this is what the ban treaty process is also all about, that in the international community, it should not be the most powerful military state in the world that decides what happens in the world, but it should be the majority of the world's community deciding what is acceptable and what is not acceptable. And so, as you mentioned about Noam Chomsky's new book, *Who Rules the World?*, the goal of the ban treaty process, of the very idea of the United Nations, is that the answer to the question "Who rules the world?" is not the people with the biggest and most guns, or in this case the largest number of nuclear weapons, but the majority of countries in the world should decide about how the world works.

AMY GOODMAN: Will many of the scientists who are participating in this letter be in Washington on April 22nd for the March for Science?

ZIA MIAN: Many of the American scientists who signed this letter will certainly be part of the march. But there are scientists all over the world who are committed to this project—scientists from Pakistan, scientists from Russia, scientists from China. There are scientists everywhere who understand the dangers of nuclear weapons and are trying to help their fellow citizens better understand that danger, and give them the tools with which to push back against their governments.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Will you be at the march?

ZIA MIAN: Yes.

AMY GOODMAN: And finally—oh, can you tell us about it, what the plans are for the march?

ZIA MIAN: The march is now expanded from a march for science to basically become a march for rationality and reason and fact as the basis for dealing with public policy and decision-making in this country, and to try and defend the very idea of the Enlightenment and the idea that reason and democracy need facts and ideas, not sound bites and propaganda, as the way to actually shape how we have a democratic conversation and make decisions in this country.

AMY GOODMAN: And finally, what will happen at the end of this week on the nuclear ban treaty talks?

ZIA MIAN: What happens at the end of this week is that—the countries have been discussing what should be in the treaty. Now they'll go away and draft their ideas as text for what could be in the treaty, and then they will come back in June and July and actually negotiate, sentence by sentence, what the draft treaty text is. And the chair of the United Nations negotiating process, who's an amazing woman ambassador from Costa Rica, is actually going to then present a draft text of a treaty for countries to take back to their capitals and consider. And the hope is that by

the end of this year, we may actually begin the process of having countries sign up to a treaty that will declare nuclear weapons to be illegal.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: And Costa Rica doesn't even have a military at all, right? Quite apart from—

ZIA MIAN: Costa Rica does not have a military.

AMY GOODMAN: So, we will leave it there. Thank you so much, Zia Mian, physicist, nuclear expert, disarmament activist, co-director of the Program on Science and Global Security at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. Dr. Mian is co-author of *Unmaking the Bomb: A Fissile Material Approach to Nuclear Disarmament and Nonproliferation*.

This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman, with Nermeen Shaikh. For [Part 1](#) of the conversation, go to democracynow.org.

2017-03-28 TRANSCRIPT FROM THE LAST WORD/LAURENCE O'DONNELL HOST

And there was a public announcement that the FBI now has Donald Trump`s inner circle under an active FBI counterintelligence and criminal investigation for coordinating with Russians during the campaign and beyond.

And that was an unmitigated disaster for the president and his allies on the Hill for everything else they`re trying to accomplish.

So, it would make sense that Devin Nunes would try to slam the brakes. It`s just he did it and swerved the entire oversight process out of its lane and really into a ditch.

O`DONNELL: Let`s listen to what Lindsey Graham and John McCain said about this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

GRAHAM: The problem that he`s created is he`s gone off on a lot by himself in sort of Inspector Gozo investigation here.

He`s not willing to tell the Democrats and the Republicans on the committee who he met with and what he was told and I think he`s lost his ability to lead.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Do you think it was appropriate that he went to go view these so-called intelligence reports on White House grounds?

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN (R), ARIZONA: Well, I think there needs to be a lot of explaining to do. I`ve been around for quite a while and I`ve never heard of any such thing.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

O`DONNELL: John McLaughlin, is that the consensus among people who have been around for a while like John McCain and in yourself that you`ve never heard of any such thing in terms of the particulars of the chairman`s behaviors.

That he gets some communication, but then brings him to the White House in order to examine it. Does that – is that something you`ve ever heard of before.

MCLAUGHLIN: No, that makes no sense, and as I think back over Chairman and I worked with both parties. I can`t imagine any one of them doing something like this.

And you know, let`s go to 30,000 feet here. I think – there`s more than just a game being played here. This is in a way a threat to our checks and balances system in our democracy.

I mean, there`s too much co-mingling here between the White House – between the White House and the oversight function of the Congress.

The Congress is there for a reason. It`s to oversee the work of the executive branch, hopefully in a constructive way, but not in a way that amounts or at least appears to be collusion to effect the outcome of that oversight.

And that, essentially, is going to the heart of our checks and balances system in our democracy and in turn, therefore, I think posing a threat to democratic practice in this country.

O` DONNELL: And Jeremy, when you see the included in Devin Nunes` schedule for that day that he worked out in the speaker`s office, presumably, was first of all talk to the press on Capitol Hill saying that you`re going down to the White House.

Then go down to the White House, present this to the president, then talk to the press again in the driveway, all of that taking place before there`s a word or a hint to the Ranking Democratic Member on the committee or to any other members of the committee or apparently even staff of the committee.

BASH: And that violates the protocols, the traditions, and the approach that the intelligence committee has taken since its history.

Sure, there have been times of partisan scrambling, but nothing where the chairman has purposefully thwarted the ability of other members of the committee including the ranking minority member of the Democrat from seeing the same information, understanding the basis for an accusation and engaging in effective and constructive oversight.

I think really what needs to be focused on, Lawrence, tonight, are the 17 days. The 17 days between the time that Sally Yates as the acting Attorney General went to Don McGhan, the White House cancel who then told the president that Mike Flynn was lying to the vice president, between that time January 26th and February 13th, the day that Mike Flynn was forced out and fired.

What happened during those 17 days? And the reason why I raised that window of time is because that`s what Sally Yates was to testify about today at the hearing that was supposed to happen today.

She was going to tell the story of exactly what she told the White House and by all accounts, what she was going to say about those 17 days did not at all comport with the White House`s official version.

And so we need to hear from Sally Yates, we need to have the gag order on Sally Yates lifted, so that she can tell the Congress, the overseers of the American public what happened.

O` DONNELL: John McLaughlin and Jeremy Bash, thank you for your invaluable experience and insight on this subject tonight, really appreciate it.

BASH: Thanks, Lawrence.

<http://www.msnbc.com/transcripts/the-last-word/2017-03-28>

2017-03-28 Coming up, Bill Nye, The Science Guy on Donald Trump`s executive order today on the environment.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

TRUMP: Basically, you know, what this is, you know what it says, right? You`re going back to work, that`s what it says. You`re going back to work.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

O` DONNELL: That was President Trump at the Environmental Protection Agency, today, where he signed an executive order that intends to make it easier to operate coal fired power plants. President Trump says this order will promote energy independence and create jobs.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

TRUMP: My administration is putting an end to the war on coal. We`re going to have clean coal, really clean coal. With today`s executive action, I am taking historic steps to lift the restrictions on American energy, to reverse government intrusion and to cancel job-killing regulations.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

O` DONNELL: One energy economist told the "New York Times" that because of automation in the mines, they`re not hiring people, so even if we saw an increase in coal production, we could see a decrease in coal jobs. Former Vice President Al Gore called the executive order misguided.

Massachusetts Democratic Senator Ed Markey said this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

SEN. ED MARKEY 9D), MASSACHUSETTS: This is not an executive order. This is a declaration of war. Against winds, against solar, against all renewables, against a clean energy technology revolution and it`s also a denial of the science of climate change.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

O` DONNELL: Up next Bill Nye the Science Guy will explain just how clean Donald Trump`s clean coal is.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

TRUMP: Together we are going to start a new energy revolution, one that celebrates American production on American soil.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

O` DONNELL: Joining us now, Bill Nye, the Science Guy, Bill, thank you very much for joining us tonight, could you start with what is coal, and what is clean coal?

BILL NYE, AMERICAN SCIENCE EDUCATOR: Coal is ancient swamp that`s been dried out and compressed. So when you burn it, you are burning ancient plant material and putting carbon dioxide that`s been sequestered under the earth`s crust, soil, for hundreds of millions of years. You are putting it back in the atmosphere about a million times faster than it was created.

Clean coal is – so we argue about this so it`s just a misnomer. You are making carbon dioxide, which is causing the world to warm faster than it ever has warmed in history. Is this will have tremendous consequences for everyone in the world. Clean coal is a myth. I know the previous president referred to it as well.

But he was doing his best. Right now, the unintended consequences, I think, will be remarkable. First of all, if they, through Russiagate or whatever they choose to shut down the government, this will empower states even more. And so the – the states with a little more sophisticated

energy policies like California will impose harder restrictions for example, on cars manufactured in Michigan.

And so this will influence the U.S. Economy in a way that was probably not intended by this executive order. Furthermore, it's another executive order. So they are going to – I imagine, there will be lawsuits to undo it because it's against the actual regulations and laws, which are already in place by the Environmental Protection Agency. The guys who are going to make out here, Mr. O'Donnell, Lawrence, are the coal magnates, those – the rich – those certain rich people stand to get richer.

O'DONNELL: You mean like Wilbur Ross, the secretary of commerce, who is himself a coal magnate?

NYE: Yes, and so everybody – just from a scientific standpoint there is nothing worse than burning coal. This is the worst thing – maybe the tar sands in Alberta. But there's very few things worse than coal and we need to stop right away. And I give this example all the time. My grandfather went into World War I on a horse. Nobody who conducts a war nowadays does that on a horse.

There were stables, there were mews, there was livery, there was whole business supporting horseback riding in the city of New York for example, Washington, D.C., Boston, Philadelphia. Those people aren't in that business anymore. They went to do something else. In the same way if you are a coal miner. You are in the heartland.

You are with J.D. Vance calls a Hill Billy and you are proud. You don't want to be in the coal business because it's not going to be around much longer. And if you work in the mines you know how it's getting automated. You're jobs not going to be preserved. We want you – we in the engineering community want you to get involved in new renewable energy. A striking thing, a remarkable thing, nuclear power is affected by this, because it gets some benefits, legally, by being clean.

So by rolling back these traditional regulations you are even affecting the nuclear industry, it's remarkable.

O'DONNELL: Sean Spicer was asked a simple yes or no question today. I would like you to grade his answer. It is a little tricky because he didn't say yes or no. The question was does the president still believe that climate change is a hoax? Let's watch this.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

REPORTER: Does the president still believe that climate change is a hoax?

SEAN SPICER, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY: I think you will hear more today about the climate and what he believes. I think he understands – he does not believe that as I mentioned at the outset that you – that is there is a binary choice between job creation, economic growth, and caring about the environment.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

O'DONNELL: Bill, you have got about 40 seconds to grade that answer.

NYE: Well, taken on its own, it would be great, yes, if we had solar wind, some geothermal, some tidal energy we can run the whole place, the entire United States, Canada, we could run 130 countries in the world right now if we just decided to do it. Check out the solutions project.org. These are civil engineers and electrical engineers who have done an analysis.

This could be done. Burning coal is bad for everybody. Everybody, we have to stop it as soon as we can. Let`s get to work. We can change the world.

O`DONNELL: Did you see any problem and like why Sean Spicer wasn`t able to say yes or no to does the president believe that climate change is a hoax? That would be a yes or no, wouldn`t it?

NYE: It would be, normally, but you know, Mr. Spicer is – I don`t – he`s constrained. He can`t – he can`t – he has to speak for somebody who is not all – engaged all the time. Thank you Lawrence for discussing this, may the facts be with you.

O`DONNELL: Bill thank you very much for joining us, really appreciate it. We`ll be right back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

STEPHEN COLBERT, HOST, CBS`S "THE LATE SHOW": The White House just announced that Trump`s son-in-law and leader of the preppy camp across the lake, Jared Kushner, will oversee a broad effort to overhaul the federal government and the government desperately needs overhaul. I mean somebody keeps putting totally unqualified people in charge of really important stuff.

Kushner will become the head of something called the Office of American Innovation. Vague but still better than the original title, the Bureau of Obvious Nepotism.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

O`DONNELL: The preppy camp across the lake. Stephen Colbert gets tonight`s LAST WORD. "THE 11TH HOUR" with Brian Williams starts now.

END

Copy: Content and programming copyright 2017 MSNBC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

Copyright 2017 CQ-Roll Call, Inc. All materials herein are protected by United States copyright law and may not be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, displayed, published or broadcast without the prior written permission of CQ-Roll Call. You may not alter or remove any trademark, copyright or other notice from copies of the content.

<http://www.msnbc.com/transcripts/the-last-word/2017-03-28>