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## FRIDAY HARD NEWS CALL

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**MR:** • Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show, too

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## HARD NEWS

**T, R:** In spite of the fact that the jet stream is so low, this January is the warmest January on record!

- Miami Beach was 34\*; other places in the world are warmer.
- Each time the jet stream drops, the heat it picks increases exponentially
- Boston has more snow: **FAKE SNOW:** these ones are manipulating the weather in addition to what is happening naturally
  - they created the drought in central California

**West Coast:** ships sitting in the bay, food is rotting

- The life style of US means that 50% of food is wasted

**NYC:** the restaurants that do not use the food on a daily basis are giving it to soup kitchens.

**Tom the Cat:** bizarre things happening on the planet

- has to do with the criminals who have not been brought to justice for 9/11
- Rudy Guiliani going off the wall

**Sam Seder's show:** had on Jane Mayer [Taxi to the Dark Side] & Sam Sachs of Redacted Tonight

- discussing what Guiliani brought up: trashing Obama
- Turns out Guiliani's family were hit men for the mob!
- Mr Obama is son of Malcolm X; Feb 21<sup>st</sup> is the anniversary of his assassination

**Tom the Cat:** the lady Heather of the One People's Trust has been indicted for fraud – A HUGE DEAL!

- O P T was a Black Op, and she was a lady of the night for all the politicians before that
- she's probably one of the lower ones on the totem pole!

**Caller:** AZ had the UFO convention; missed it. It was at one of the Indian casinos.

**R** heard that Bob Lazarre talked there; he's a scientist and a contactee – helped back engineer a Pleiadian craft; lucky to be alive and with all his organs intact

**Caller:** also heard that **Project Blue Book files have been released**

**T:** Germany demanding the original copy of the torture memo which is **7 million pages long!** They want the whole document and are after this in the higher courts. A young German man was extra ordinarily renditioned from Macedonia: the Germans want the whole thing; they also want to verify that US planes were carrying extra-originally renditioned people

- **Abby Martin today** brought up Judith Miller who outed a classified DIA covert agent [Sybel Edmonds] & asked what Judith Miller was doing outing a CIA agent!

**T:** Just notice that these ones are being encroached upon from every direction!!

**Audio: Thom Hartmann – Conversations with Great Minds Steven Fraser**

Thom's guest for tonight's Conversations with Great Minds is award-winning historian Steve Fraser. Currently an adjunct professor at Columbia University - Steve is one of America's leading labor historians and is the co-founder - along with Tom Engelhardt - of the American Empire Project books series. Steve is also the editor-at-large of the journal New Labor Forum and is the author of a number of critically acclaimed books - including his latest - The Age of Acquiescence: The Life and Death of American Resistance to Organized Wealth and Power - a fascinating look at America's new Gilded Age. From the Sons of Liberty to the Wobblies - America has always been a revolutionary country. So why with wealth inequality at record highs does it now seem like everyday Americans are terrified of taking on the powers that be? - See more at:

<http://www.thomhartmann.com/bigpicture/conversations-wgreat-minds-steve-fraser-second-gilded-age-part-1#sthash.Ohp9hkpV.dpuf>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=V5POTYyipUk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=V5POTYyipUk)

## CONFERENCE CALL

**Caller:** got a call yesterday en route home: caller was “galactics”: did anyone else experience this?

- much change going on
- there are things that can change the chemicals that get into the blood & eventually to the organs
- Yes, T knows about diatomaceous earth: some say it can cut your organs too – it deals with parasites and e-coli
- look up a wholistic menu to get help body get rid of the kinds of chemicals that are at airports

What is **diatomaceous earth**?

Diatomaceous earth is made from the fossilized remains of tiny, aquatic organisms called diatoms. Their skeletons are made of a natural substance called silica. Over a long period of time, diatoms accumulated in the sediment of rivers, streams, lakes, and oceans. Today, silica deposits are mined from these areas. <http://npic.orst.edu/factsheets/degen.html>

**Caller:** tried getting Oxygen pills

**T:** MagO 7 which is a 7 sided oxygen molecule + MSM

**Call Carol Gochenour 832-594-4732**

- We are going through a huge transformative time
- Our connection to the galactics is critical now

**Caller:** has lucid dreams; has had one that was very long – got up, went back to bed and it still went on.

**T:** looking at the way the media is changing

10 page article: The great SIM Card Heist: how spies stole the keys to the Encryption Castle

**Reading: A Whistleblower's Horror Story** by Matt Taibi

**[SEE BELOW]**

- SEC laundered the drug cartel money: and over 1 million people were killed over
  - the 43 missing students are involved with the police, the cartel and the Pres of Mexico!

**Caller:** what's the latest on the Vatican Bank?

- It is so corrupt, there is nothing that can be done with it; **KOS told Rama** it's essentially in default.

- Obama made a good speech on Feb 18 to close the conference on Violent Extremism

**[SEE BELOW]**

- Describes the event engineered by Hillary at Waco

- **Laurence O'Donnell** – exposed Jeb Bush and his shenanigans
- Transcribed segment notes from Rachel about Jeb's proposed foreign policy
  - Michael Hayden, John Hanner, Tom Ridge, Roger Neuriago, Meghan Sullivan, Michael Chertoff, George Schultz, Negroponti & Wolfowitz, James Baker, Dustin Hadley, Robert Zoellick and others
  - they have been with Reagan, Bush Sr and Bush Jr!!!

**Rachel:** “yes, I want to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Republican president in a row from my family – yet I'm my own man”

- Here's what went wrong: they gave out a list of 21 names – 13 of them worked on foreign policy issues for his brother; 3 for his dad; 4 of them worked for both father and brother. 1 is George Schultz who is now 94.
- *Washington Post* put all the info in a Venn diagram showing all this

**T:** Only for 2 months was Reagan president and Bush Sr had him killed and took over as interim president – and continued after

### **Jeb Bush campaign launch: mistakes are being made**

Rachel Maddow points out the blame-avoiding passive voice that seems to be a common trait among Bush politicians, including 2016 hopeful Jeb Bush, and emphasizes the importance of substantive political debates for the nation's health.

<http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/watch/bush-campaign-launch-mistakes-are-being-made-401716803551>

**Pussy Riot:** a new song called “I can't breathe” - in English and Russian – for Eric and those in Russia and around the globe who suffer due to state violence.

- They were in the Russian Gulag for a couple of years, and horsewhipped in the streets!

**Caller:** Asks about the energies which are affecting people: is it affecting our consciousness so our 3<sup>rd</sup> eye and chakras are opening up more?

- There are 5 heavenly bodies: centaurs: which are here until 2018 – Carl said about them it is giving us a run for our money: most lightworkers are inexperienced with the energies they represent – we are being pushed to the edge and this brings up stuff we may not like to see.
- Talks about the Aquarius New Moon – it's a super charged, super moon which is also pushing us to go deeper and make us face our nemesis
  - Morphogenesis means we are changing from the inside out - beyond what our small minds can figure out. Also the new moon combines Aquarian and Neptunian energies

**[SEE BELOW]**

**BBS:**

**Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant One, and 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.**

**Mo:** A lot is happening in the local sector of the Milky Way Galaxy – it is all good.

- She can say that with the pisces capricorn new moon, there are frequencies pouring in where our children that have chosen to follow the path of the Sith have sealed their fate.
- All the stories that have have to do with Giullian

**T:** The stories about Giullian – you mean Guiliani? YES!

**Mo:** There is so much joy pouring forth from all sectors across the galaxy, the universe - have raised the frequencies that are very very not in good shape.

- Let us just say: send them all the love they can hold, since they don't know how to generate it for themselves. It has created quite a schism in the field of influence. As our energies and Gia and Vywamus' fields of energy raise higher and higher, they are squirming more and more, and they wish to create this false flag story which is about Mr Putin who is planning to resurrect the ancient Russian empire.
- It is just rumours; she would just say Putin has all the evidence to lay before the people about 9 / 11

**T:** he is getting a lot of pre-seasoning to do it: lot of folks coming our: pretty amazing for Abby Martin to bring up how a CIS agent was outed.

**Mo:** this is why she is bringing all this up because Mr Putin is going to – and has already pushing against the west - to bring closure to the story;

- as this is rubbing up against the frequencies, these ones are drooling to do a false flag, somewhere, right now. Yet that has been cancelled because the frequencies are so high; it is inevitable that they will be found out.

**T:** AIPAC is showing up here on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and to culminate with Netanyahu speaking before Congress March 3<sup>rd</sup>; every day there is a different story as to whether it is on or off.

**Mo:** Mr Netenyahu is looking for a desperate way out of the predicament that Iran is not the enemy; **Israel is the enemy here**, along with Bandar Bush and the others out there

**T:** Greece got their extension – not clear if it is 4 or 6 months – still in the EU

**Mo:** Yes- this is the wild card that is up - as Mr Thom or Dr THom Hartmann . . .

**T:** He was really having a hard time today: he could not go there when 9 /11 came up: they threatened him again?

**Mo:** Yes – Thom is very scared. The pressure on the media is tremendous right now. No accident that Mr Snowden leaked the story about the SIM cards in the smart phones.

- All technologies becoming more aware, sentient – already on the path to being artificial intelligence – Artificial Intelligence is alive and well
- the silicon chips in everything, and in the mike and everything else are full of quartz crystals and they are the answer to the story.
- As you work with the frequencies of the quartz, the silicon, you are becoming siclicon energy;
- as you move higher and higher in the frequencies, these carbon-based temples are becoming silica and it is raising everything as we merge with the conciousness of the crystals, there is a unified field,
- they do not want us to be that: they want us to be dumb and dumber - our destiny is already happening: we are gods and goddesses of the most high in this time: it is already coming to pass.
- After the fact that they have lost the great war; try as they might, they are blind in their ambition to create whatever they can to create the energies to be as uncomfortable . . .

**T:** Brain damage half off! [sign on the TV]

**Mo:** yes: dumb and dumber! How bad does it nneed to get? We don't need a bunch of Rick Perrys running around with or without the glasses. It is so much an embarassment

**T:** they are not letting him off; he'll be in for a long sentence

- Rick Perry has murdered a whole bunch of people on death row: he knew better

**Mo:** it is the time we are in; as the frequencies of the super moon as we approach this equinox and the next eclipse, what is transpiring is the fact that these temples [our bodies], the particles are dancing with such joy and excitement – hard to contain that joy and ecstasy pouring forth as she sees it  
• yet as we are in Mordor so full of death and bodies, it is hard for us to see it.

**T:** the great america – feels like we've lost our faith: yet there is a power that comes with confronting the demonstrations

**Mo:** we challenge our own demons - they are in here, not out there

**T:** they are often reflected in what is happening out there, going along with that program out there

**Mo:** the real test about becoming a galactic society in this moment

- Rama was listening to **Native America Calling** today: had on a recording of Grandfather David and the story about him walking along with the planting stick and the kernels of corn;
- What is happening here as we have already moved into the 6<sup>th</sup> sun; the blue star kachina and the red star kachina are showing up and bringing up the story of the Nibiru which is in orbit, and the return of her children, the ancient, ancient ones: the Annunaki, nephilim - this goes into the story of the Great Tree and the 9 realms surround that Great Tree
- How at this time, the ancient ancient watchers are returning and confronting the issues at hand – where unto this day, many of our children have chosen the path of the Sith, yet many have remained intact – already contacted so many of us on the planet.
- Has to do with the transfiguration going on with these temples of the living god/goddesses and the resurrection technology that is within every cell, every particle flowing through this body, this temple
- the keys to the kingdom have already been given to us - Yet if we don't know how to function the frequencies are raising it higher and higher: as we look at a cell, it is a reflection of a galaxy and what is travelling alongside the planet: all of it is in unison with the frequencies which are coming about here.
- and at the same time, the chaos is ensuing because they wish to cloud the consciousness with all of the illusion, the maya, the clutter and the clatter of separating the mind from the heart –
- it is at the greatest extent right now as all the effluvia floating in the atmosphere where the evil fairy dust [Rama's term] that comes out of the back of the planes that causes the disruptions, the disconnect between the neurons that connect everything, everyone
- as we meditate every day and do it diligently, we can bypass the chemtrails, all the negativity – this is the most important thing we can do: meditate every single day, twice a day!

**T:** The year of the sheep and that word has become sheeple, a word used for so long

**Mo:** Yes it is the year of the Wood Goat: enough of the sheeple!

- The sheep have awakened and have grown a set of fangs!
- Now is the time where we serve it; it is so challenging to be in this time and not get lost with all that is coming at us at quantum like speed, to distract us from the due diligence of keeping the body pure, the tongue pure –
- It is so important to do the decrees and the meditations we do with Sister Cheryl and the I AM: this changes the frequencies right now; it is like the Hammer of Thor coming down on them, and they hold not a candle to that!

**T:** putting Cheryl and husband in the Circle: in a small car accident

**Mo:** lots going on that is creating distractions because everyone has so much on the mind and getting things completed and wondering when the shoe is going to drop and how to make ends meet, and at the back of the mind is the idea of pushing WW III – **IT IS OVER, DONE!**

- What has come to pass is that **we are already on the road to ascension** - it is happening in spite of our best efforts to separate the mind from the heart
- the cells know and they are already lined up with the silica, the frequency of the crystals and she keeps bringing back [the idea] - as we work with the frequencies pouring forth from the centre of the Milky Way Galaxy, this is creating such a momentum they are desperate and they are cannot do anything more

**T:** they are very creative in finding ways to distract people

**Mo:** yes, they are very inventive in their insanity

**T:** was watching Christine Lagarde – looked very nervous

**Mo:** Yes, she is very unhappy – Christine Lagarde – she will soon be in the docket pleading for her life

- she is a reptilian general of a high order: she will have to face King Dracos and Princess Ardala of

Dracos for what she has done in this sector of the galaxy & crocodile tears are not going to help her.

**T:** how many of us knew it was going to go to this place?

**Mo:** **She** always knew we would wake up at the last minute!

- Yes, it is very disheartening to look at [the suffering and death Tara referred to] , and the lies about bneheadings and drones – no, the last ones were not a lie!
- Mr Cici is going to have to face his crimes over there

**T:** at least the journalists got out of there

**Mo:** Giving the land of Kennet a bad name.

- What she can say is everything we are witnessing and experiencing right now has to do with full disclosure and the completion of 13 years of obfuscatiaon about 9 / 11.

**T:** how is that going to feel to the whole world that the most attacked nation and its president exposes the US for what they did from the inside out?

**Mo:** Mr Putin is a very great man because he is listening to Captain Ashtar, and he knows fully well what's going on; it was not nice what he did to Pussy Riot;

- at the same time, all of it is about the challenge between the ancient powers all over the planet that have already heard the call of of Gabriel's trumpet , and the tune he is blowing is “what a wonderful world!”
- It is this moment we are in where we have received that which we have asked for, and it is already in us . . .

**T:** going over things she has done in the past: On Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, Mr Hanson, nuclear expert was on; he said Ferni #1 outside Detroit almost went into nuclear melt down in 1966 and almost lost the city of Detroit; in Georgia, they broken ground and are trying to build 2 nuclear plants

- Heard that Duke University got rid of all their oil investments. Usually don't do such things unless something is going to happen.

**Mo:** Has to do with that small cadre of lifeforms that sit under the rotunda of the goddess Columiba & do not respect what she represents; Lady Liberty, Lady Victory – there are a handfull of the goddesses

- now comes the time when they have to face their own dark lords of the Sith
- Gotta heal the demons inside here [the heart] – those ones are the most dangerous kind because as we are not trained in the way of using the force for only healing the planet, ourselves, it will take us out – and it is already taking them out; they are rotting from the inside out, and we can see it in every action and every law that they do: it has to do with their ultimate demise.

- “Hi boys; we know we are listening! You have already broken the encryption keys – yet what is the encryption key to your own ascension – it's not choosing the path of the Sith; it is choosing the light everlasting, the light of a trillion trillion suns inside you. It is how you heal; and as you honour and respect each sun / son, sons and daughters of the most high – that is what you are. It is already coming to pass.”

• She is here as the 5<sup>th</sup> element that we have asked for, yet there are ugly jokes about beings that want to eat your face – that is not what we are about

- It was about Thom was saying today – all the allusions to the robotic pigeons and the lies -

**T:** what we've got in terms of demons like Michael Chertoff, Rick Scott, and the 13 families – they are literally soul AND body snatchers.

**Mo:** it is about the war within, and how you heal what is inside you, honouring the goddess within – as that energy comes into balance, it [the war] comes into balance

- So much of what has transpired here is the dishonouring of the goddess and the patriarchy and taking the 5 infinity stones and using them for darkness.

**T:** we are going to transmute this, right?

**Mo:** Yes

**T:** isn't this why the astrology is moving us into the deeper realms where the possibility of being free in the deepest & greatest sense, to move beyond the susceptibilities we have experienced, thanks to those ones.

- Thinks is was pretty powerful for Greece to get an extension from Germany

**Mo:** We are not waiting 4 months

**T:** Richard Wolffe – said the debt from WWII was halved for Germany \$32 billion which is \$320 billion

today, and Greece owes more than that.

**Mo:** Watch what Master Putin does: he may just fork it over!

**T:** They have a loan extension – how many ways can you skin a cat when there is nothing there?

- And the bulk of the money went into Paulson's pocket

**Mo:** there are a lot of Greek folks who have money

**T:** those politicians went along for the ride

**Mo:** what you will not hear on the TV but here is that **behind the scenes, Greece is making negotiations with Russia to do some things, and then the EU will have to face Mr Putin.**

- This is what she has to say on the matter: don't count them out!

- A lot of folks from Greece talking with Russia about bailing Greece out . . .

**T:** does not think Russia has \$340 billion to spare - maybe a few billion here and there

**Mo:** **don't underestimate beloved ascended Master St Germain** – there are a lot of things going on and she cannot talk about them: has to do with the tangibility of gold

- Anyway, all this is a moot point . . .

**Rama:** has been to a map room inside the Temple of Inscriptions; that place where the jade mask of Pacal Votan of Palenque

- The map he was looking at: there were glowing gold lines all over the map which has to do with the Atlantean Grid coming fully on line: what he was looking at was something miraculous is about to occur; has to do with the Atlantean Grid overtaking the regular energy grid that we normally understand and the energy we normally use, and the Atlantean grid takes over, and Judy Beebe's little technology comes into its own – becomes the next step in how we run ordinary technologies

**T:** Like gold veins all through the planet? Have the gold veins always been there?

**R:** Has always been there; yet something is about to be revealed about how these technologies work in unison with quartz crystals, the Atlantean grid and the xenon gas which is pouring on the planet, right now; has to do with that and the restoring of our atmosphere with xenon gas so we get our siddhas back: might even have to do with finding the seed pods in the capstone of the Giza pyramids

**T:** Really time for all this assistance to show up: these guys have to be moved out of the way!

**Audio: Bill Maher**                      **2015, Feb 20**

<http://www.hbo.com/real-time-with-bill-maher#/real-time-with-bill-maher/episodes/13/344-episode/index.html>

**The Interview:** singer/songwriter Aloe Blacc – whose latest album is “Lift Your Spirit: Higher”

**The Panel:**    Elahe Izadi – National Reporter for The Washington Post

                    Bill Nye – the Emmy-winning Science Guy

                    Rob Reiner – Director, Actor, Writer, and Producer.

**Mid-show Guest:**     writer and contributing editor to Vanity Fair, Fran Lebowitz

**Audio: Max Keiser**                      **Episode 721**                      **February 19, 2015**

[http://img.rt.com/files/episode/38/ff/b0/00/keiser\\_1902.mp4?event=download](http://img.rt.com/files/episode/38/ff/b0/00/keiser_1902.mp4?event=download)

Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss the new Blackwater world order in which corporations employ and deploy mercenaries to enforce their extrajudicial TTIP 'rights' over sovereign nations of non-corporate person-peasants. In the second half, Max continues his interview with Mitch Feierstein of Planet Ponzi.com about the Carney effect on the Canadian dollar and the velocity of money. Mitch also has a chart, the most important chart the audience will ever see and that is the gold price chart. He tells the Keiser Report what it means for the future of monetary policy and our economies.



**Audio: Thom Hartmann** – completion of the interview with Steven Fraser

**Audio: Breaking the Set** about AIPAC & the BDS campaign

**Audio: Breaking the Set commentary on Journalists** – starting with Bill O'Reilly, and ending with the discussion about Judith Miller who co-authored wrote a book on **Bio weapons**, called **GERMS**; focussed mostly on Iraq and build-up of biological weapons; Miller was the leading Bush era journalists; Valerie Plame publically doubted the truth of what was being said and, for that, Karl Rove leaked her name to journalists – Valerie opted to go to jail, rather than retract her words.

**Audio: Breaking the set** – talks to Sam Sacks, a discussion **about having a new bill to support going into war**

**Audio: Breaking the Set** - people from **Redacted Tonight**: John Oliver and John. F. O'Donnell – on **Factory farming**. If people saw what was going on in factory farms, they would not eat anything made there. No cameras are allowed anywhere near those places.

**T: AUMF Bill from 2001, 2002 – Authorization for the Use of Military Force** was based on a fraud and a lie; this has to do with what happened when Obama had his phaser out under his desk and told the 3 handlers to get out his office after they threatened to kill him – and he ordered them to take Atta Sakura from the most wanted list.

- The reversal of this is to realize that this whole thing is exposing the reality that **no president since George Washington has had any authority to order anything!** It was **always handled by the 13 families**. That is why it is important to realize it has been a galactic operation all along: the planet would have gone super nova a long time ago otherwise. The galactics are not doing it for us, but through us; our waking up as servants of peace on this planet has made a huge difference

**Reading: The Real World of Fairies** – fresh water fairies

**Closing:**        **Rainbird**        Says that little blue people show up at various ceremonies, but she does not know who they are. Thinks they only show up in their area - the Blue Ridge Mountains used to be under water.

**Music:**        **Kabir**  
                     **Path of Beauty - sung by Shenandoah**



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2015-02-18 **A Whistleblower's Horror Story**

*Years after blowing the whistle on Countrywide, Michael Winston is bogged down in the courts, and fighting for his life*

By Matt Taibbi

This is the age of the whistleblower. From Chelsea Manning to Edward Snowden to the latest cloak-and-dagger lifter of files, ex-HSBC employee Hervé Falciani, whistleblowers are becoming to this decade what rock stars were to the Sixties — pop culture icons, global countercultural heroes.

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But one of America's ugliest secrets is that our own whistleblowers often don't do so well after the headlines fade and cameras recede. The ones who don't end up in jail like Manning, or in exile like Snowden, often still go through years of harassment and financial hardship. And while we wait to see if Loretta Lynch is confirmed as the next Attorney General, it's worth taking a look at how whistleblowers in America fared under the last regime.

One man's story in particular highlights just about everything that can go wrong when you give evidence against your bosses in America: former Countrywide/Bank of America whistleblower Michael Winston.

I visited with Michael in California last year and spoke with him over the phone several times in recent weeks. If you think you've had a tough year, wait until you hear his story.

Two years ago this month, Winston was being celebrated in the news as a hero. He'd blown the whistle on Countrywide Financial, the bent mortgage lender that one could plausibly argue nearly blew up the global economy in the last decade with its reckless subprime lending practices.

He described Countrywide's crazy plan to give anyone who could breathe a mortgage in a memorable January, 2013 episode of Frontline called "The Untouchables," a show that caught the eyes of several influential politicians in Washington. The documentary inspired Senate hearings and even the crafting of new legislation to combat too-big-to-jail corruption in the financial world.

Winston was later featured in the New York Times as the man who "conquered Countrywide." David Dayen of Salon described Winston as "Wall Street's greatest enemy."

But today, Winston is tasting the sometimes-extreme downside of being a whistleblower in modern America.

"Anyone thinking about becoming a whistleblower looks at what happened to whistleblowers before," says Fleischmann.

He says he's spent over a million dollars fighting Countrywide (and the firm that acquired it, Bank of America) in court. At first, that fight proved a good gamble, as a jury granted him a multi-million-dollar award for retaliation and wrongful termination.

But after Winston won that case, an appellate judge not only wiped out that jury verdict, but allowed Bank of America to counterattack him with a vengeance.

Last summer, the bank vindictively put a lien on Winston's house (one he'd bought, ironically, with a Countrywide mortgage). The bank eventually beat him for nearly \$98,000 in court costs.

That single transaction means a good guy in the crisis drama, Winston, had by the end of 2014 paid a larger individual penalty than virtually every wrongdoer connected with the financial collapse of 2008.

When Winston protested his preposterous punishment on the grounds that a trillion-dollar company recouping legal fees from an unemployed whistleblower was unreasonable and unnecessary, a California Superior Court judge denied his argument — get this — on the grounds that Winston failed to prove a disparity in resources between himself and Bank of America!

This is from the court's ruling:

Plaintiff argues that the disparity in the resources between the individual plaintiff and the defendant Bank of America make it unfair to place the cost of the premium on plaintiff. Plaintiff offered no evidence in support of this argument; it is rejected.

"I mean, Carlos Slim, the world's richest individual, is nothing next to Bank of America," says Winston today. "I just have to shake my head at all of it."

An articulate, well-educated family man who speaks with great pride about his two grown children, who've stood by him throughout his troubles, Winston's life has been turned upside down by his experience. "I've never in my life not worked, but I'm unemployable now," says Winston, a longtime high-level executive at blue-chip corporations like McDonnell-Douglas and Lockheed Martin. Although he spent most of a lifetime scrupulously saving, he says he's "worried now that there will be a time when I won't be able to support my family."

Even worse, while the bank was going after his savings, Winston was diagnosed with laryngeal cancer. He has been undergoing painful treatment ever since and is literally fighting for his life now, on top of everything else.

"It's been a very difficult year," he says.

Yet Winston would likely bear all of this more easily were it not for bitterness over the fact that the sacrifices of whistleblowers like himself have too often resulted in dead ends or worse in recent years.

Michael Winston Michael Winston J. Emilio Flores/NYTimes/Redux

In the finance sector, many of the biggest cooperators have seen their evidence disappeared into cushy settlement deals that let corporate wrongdoers off the hook with negligible fines.

In fact, many of the companies mentioned in that once-damaging Frontline report have since been allowed to painlessly pay their way out of trouble. The whistleblowers featured back then have been vindicated factually, but many are still waiting for action.



Cozy deals with firms like Citigroup (read on to see who negotiated that deal) and JP Morgan Chase have threatened to reduce the gutsy actions of whistleblowers like Richard Bowen and Alayne Fleischmann to footnotes in an increasingly corrupt grand scheme of things.

This is a serious problem, given that anyone considering coming forward is usually paying at least some attention to how the government has dealt with other cooperators.

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Fleischmann.

"What I worry about," says Winston today, "is that someone is going to see wrongdoing, and then see what's happened to people like me, and decide it's not worth it."

Winston joined Countrywide, which was booming financially at the time, in 2005.

Unbeknownst to him, his new firm was at the forefront of a mass movement to pump the global economy full of fraudulent, born-to-lose subprime loans, a movement destined to rapidly overinflate the global economy with debt and cause a catastrophic recession.

In essence, his firm was mass-producing and then selling financial snake oil. Countrywide, Winston says, would give home loans to anyone who could "fog a mirror."

The firm didn't really bother to hide what it was up to.

"In most places, trying to find evidence of fraud is like looking for a needle in a haystack," says Winston. "At Countrywide, it was like finding a haystack on a pile of needles. It was impossible to miss."

He told Frontline a story about seeing a personalized license plate in the company parking lot. It read, "FUND 'EM." Alarmed, he asked a fellow executive what the plate meant.

He was told that "FUND 'EM" was "[CEO] Angelo Mozilo's growth strategy" and that the company had "a loan for every customer."

A fiscal (and, at the time, political) conservative who had been raised in staid, risk-averse corporations like Lockheed and Motorola, Winston flipped. There was no way handing out loans to everyone was good business. As he explained to Frontline, he tried to get an explanation from his new bosses, asking:

**"What if the person doesn't have a job?"**

**"Fund 'em," the guy said.**

**And I said, "What if he has no income?"**

**"Fund 'em."**

**"What if he has no assets?"**

**And he said, "Fund 'em."**

Winston tried to sound the alarm within the company. He thought he was doing the firm a favor, that the bosses somehow just didn't realize their mistake.

As it turned out, Countrywide execs knew exactly what they were doing, and Winston quickly went the way of most whistleblowers, losing his job when Bank of America acquired the firm in 2008.

He sued for improper retaliation and wrongful termination, and in 2011, after a month of testimony, a jury voted to award him \$3.8 million. He'd declined a hefty settlement offer in order to get his day in court.

"I was offered a lot of money to make it all go away, quietly, but I thought to myself, do I want to be that person?" he said. "And I realized that I couldn't take it. I needed to see someone held accountable." After his 2011 jury win, that seemed like not only the right move, but a smart one.

Eventually, reporters latched on to his story. The Frontline documentary so angered a group of Senators that it led directly to one of Eric Holder's most embarrassing moments as Attorney General — the infamous

(I'm paraphrasing) Yes, Senators, some banks are too big to prosecute testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Eric Holder  
Eric Holder testifies at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on oversight of the Justice Department on March 6th, 2013.  
Chris Maddaloni/CQ Roll Call



But four years later, we're still waiting for the first criminal conviction against any individual for crisis-era corruption. And while politicians like Ohio's Sherrod Brown have spent upwards of half a decade now fighting to bring the "Too Big to Jail" issue to a vote, there's been no significant reform there, either.

What we've seen instead is a series of cash deals with the most corrupt companies. Curiously, the most egregious deals seemingly all involved companies whose secrets had been exposed by a whistleblower.

Winston's old company got one of the best deals. Last summer, Bank of America — now responsible for all of Countrywide's liability — was allowed to buy its way out of years of fraud and other abuses with a "historic" \$17 billion settlement.

Crucially, the deal left many of the facts of the company's years of misconduct hidden, as the government never submitted any part of the deal to a judge to review.

I visited with Winston in California this past summer right after that Bank of America deal had been announced. He was in a highly stressed state, because of what he was going through with his own battles with the bank. Since winning his \$3.8 million award, Winston's case had taken one nightmare turn after another.

In 2013, Bank of America's lawyers somehow convinced a higher appellate court to review the verdict. A panel of judges, eschewing the usual appellate mission of focusing on errors of law, then tossed his case out on evidentiary grounds.

The case was so bizarre that it led to an investigation by the Government Accountability Project, which called the case "vitally important" and worried about the precedent of a jury verdict being "nullified" by an appellate judge.

In the context of all of this, Winston was almost too angry to speak about Holder's sweetheart deal with Bank of America.

"I just can't believe, after all of this, that it all gets swept under the rug," he said, shaking his head.

The BOA deal came after Holder had already orchestrated a similar deal with J.P. Morgan Chase, which was allowed to pay \$13 billion (really, \$9 billion, after a closer look) to get out from a similar litany of abuses, including a seemingly airtight case of fraud reported by Alayne Fleischmann, the Canadian attorney profiled in Rolling Stone last fall.

Then there was Citigroup, which paid \$7 billion to get out from under basically identical charges that it knowingly packaged and resold massive amounts of defective home loans to sucker customers around the world.

In Citi's case, the loans were so bad that its own internal analyst wrote that "we should start praying," and "I would not be surprised if half these loans went down."

Richard Bowen, at the time the bank's chief underwriter, wrote a memo to senior bank executives (including board chairman, key Obama advisor, and former Clinton Treasury Secretary Bob Rubin), issuing a stark warning. He said that as much as 60 percent of the mortgages the bank was acquiring and packaging did not meet the company's credit guidelines.

Bowen noted the urgency of the situation and even gave company bigwigs like Rubin his cell number, so that they could call him over the weekend. "Please contact me. You need to know the details behind this," he said. "There are risks to the company."

Of course, those risks were ignored, and Citi ended up broke and throwing itself at the taxpayer's ankles. It ended up receiving the single largest federal bailout, around \$476 billion in cash and federal guarantees.

Why bring this up now? Because like Winston's tale, the Citigroup story has a shocker punch line. The investigation into that bank, and the subsequent whitewashing deal, was led by the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, a prosecutor with a reputation for being a highly professional, old-school law-and-order type: Loretta Lynch.

Many lawyers who've dealt with Lynch describe being impressed by her professionalism and her fairness ("Solid. Not an ideologue. Much less of a dope than Holder," was one interesting comment by a New York lawyer who has opposed her in court) and the story is not meant to disparage her.

But it's important to understand, as Lynch staggers toward approval for Holder's old job, that she was part of a Justice Department enforcement policy that for years dealt out soft landings for the very companies that have harassed cooperators and made the term "Too Big to Jail" famous.

The Snowden and Manning cases are extreme examples of a phenomenon that's been raising eyebrows in and around American law enforcement for years, one where whistleblowers are themselves treated as problems, or even targeted for investigations themselves.

Gary Aguirre  
Jocelyn Augustino/Redux



Gary Aguirre is a onetime SEC investigator who famously won a \$755,000 wrongful termination award after blowing the whistle on the SEC, which had improperly quashed his investigation into an insider trading case involving an influential Wall Street figure.

He now represents whistleblowers in private practice and says senior government investigators are sometimes wary of wrapping their arms too tightly around such cooperators, since doing so might queer their inevitable returns to the corporate defense community.

"I would say the people who head government," says Aguirre, "are always thinking about their return to the private sector, where whistleblowers are perceived as a threat, something to be exterminated."

Even the government's attempts to encourage whistleblowers were misguided. Eric Holder talked extensively about aiding cooperators by making more resources available to them — essentially, offering them higher monetary rewards for coming forward.

But nobody in the financial services industry comes forward just for the money. The easy money is already there to be had, just by keeping your mouth shut. What Wall Street whistleblowers really need, above all else, is to see real cases made using their evidence, which is exactly what we haven't seen in recent years. Otherwise, the sacrifices — which range from merely miserable to life-altering and catastrophic — aren't worth it.

The newest scandal involving HSBC and its global tax-evasion scheme provides an example of how things are broken. That, too is a whistleblower case, one in which the French-Italian cooperator Falciani delivered a cache of secret tax files to French authorities close to seven years ago.

According to multiple reports, the United States gained access to Falciani's information as far back as 2010, yet the state still went on in 2012 to give HSBC a cushy deferred prosecution deal on money laundering charges.

The nominee Lynch also handled that settlement, which involved no criminal charges and not even any individual fines for executives who'd admitted to laundering over \$800 million for Mexican and South American drug cartels.

Winston points to HSBC as another example of mishandled evidence. "It's yet another instance of a big bank engaged in illicit activities and being aided and abetted by the government," he says. "I can hear Roger Daltrey singing it now: 'Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.'"

Aguirre is equally skeptical that anything will change. "The Lynch thing is a cross-section of government corruption put under an electron microscope showing the same DNA everywhere present," he says.

The pattern of whistleblowers coming forward and seeing their information either misused or absorbed into pain-free cash settlements may push the next generation of potential witnesses in a more cynical direction.

"The number one concern is that it incentivizes people to do nothing," Fleischmann says. "The likely thing people will do in the future is just quit."

Winston today insists he would do the same thing, if he had to do it all over again. But unless the next Attorney General radically changes the policy toward whistleblowers, the future might see even fewer people come forward.

"People won't worry about it now," says Winston. "But one day they'll wonder why their air is polluted or their drinking water isn't safe. And this will be the reason why."



## Remarks by the President in Closing of the Summit on Countering Violent Extremism

South Court Auditorium

4:20 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. (Applause.) Thank you so much. Everybody, please have a seat.

Well, thank you, Lisa, for the introduction. Lisa is an example of the countless dedicated public servants across our government, a number of who are here today, who are working tirelessly every single day on behalf of the security and safety of the American people. So we very much appreciate her. And thanks to all of you for your attendance and participation in this important summit.

For more than 238 years, the United States of America has not just endured, but we have thrived and surmounted challenges that might have broken a lesser nation. After a terrible civil war, we repaired our union. We weathered a Great Depression, became the world's most dynamic economy. We fought fascism, liberated Europe. We faced down communism -- and won. American communities have been destroyed by earthquakes and tornadoes and fires and floods -- and each time we rebuild.

The bombing that killed 168 people could not break Oklahoma City. On 9/11, terrorists tried to bring us to our knees; today a new tower soars above New York City, and America continues to lead throughout the world. After Americans were killed at Fort Hood and the Boston Marathon, it didn't divide us; we came together as one American family.

In the face of horrific acts of violence -- at a Sikh temple near Milwaukee, or at a Jewish community center outside Kansas City -- we reaffirmed our commitment to pluralism and to freedom, repulsed by the notion that anyone should ever be targeted because of who they are, or what they look like, or how they worship.

Most recently, with the brutal murders in Chapel Hill of three young Muslim Americans, many Muslim Americans are worried and afraid. And I want to be as clear as I can be: As Americans, all faiths and backgrounds, we stand with you in your grief and we offer our love and we offer our support.

My point is this: As Americans, we are strong and we are resilient. And when tragedy strikes, when we take a hit, we pull together, and we draw on what's best in our character -- our optimism, our commitment to each other, our commitment to our values, our respect for one another. We stand up, and we rebuild, and we recover, and we emerge stronger than before. That's who we are. (Applause.)

And I say all this because we face genuine challenges to our security today, just as we have throughout our history. Challenges to our security are not new. They didn't happen yesterday or a week ago or a year ago. We've always faced challenges. One of those challenges is the terrorist threat from groups like al Qaeda and ISIL. But this isn't our challenge alone. It's a challenge for the world. ISIL is terrorizing the people of Syria and Iraq, beheads and burns human beings in unfathomable acts of cruelty. We've seen deadly attacks in Ottawa and Sydney and, Paris, and now Copenhagen.

So, in the face of this challenge, we have marshalled the full force of the United States government, and we're working with allies and partners to dismantle terrorist organizations and protect the American people. Given the complexities of the challenge and the nature of the enemy -- which is not a traditional army -- this work takes time, and will require vigilance and resilience and perspective. But I'm confident that, just as we have for more than two centuries, we will ultimately prevail.

And part of what gives me that confidence is the overwhelming response of the world community to the savagery of these terrorists -- not just revulsion, but a concrete commitment to work together to vanquish these organizations.

At the United Nations in September, I called on the international community to come together and eradicate this scourge of violent extremism. And I want to thank all of you -- from across America and around the world -- for

answering this call. Tomorrow at the State Department, governments and civil society groups from more than 60 countries will focus on the steps that we can take as governments. And I'll also speak about how our nations have to remain relentless in our fight -- our counterterrorism efforts -- against groups that are plotting against our countries.

But we are here today because of a very specific challenge -- and that's countering violent extremism, something that is not just a matter of military affairs. By "violent extremism," we don't just mean the terrorists who are killing innocent people. We also mean the ideologies, the infrastructure of extremists -- the propagandists, the recruiters, the funders who radicalize and recruit or incite people to violence. We all know there is no one profile of a violent extremist or terrorist, so there's no way to predict who will become radicalized. Around the world, and here in the United States, inexcusable acts of violence have been committed against people of different faiths, by people of different faiths -- which is, of course, a betrayal of all our faiths. It's not unique to one group, or to one geography, or one period of time.

But we are here at this summit because of the urgent threat from groups like al Qaeda and ISIL. And this week we are focused on prevention -- preventing these groups from radicalizing, recruiting or inspiring others to violence in the first place. I've called upon governments to come to the United Nations this fall with concrete steps that we can take together. And today, what I want to do is suggest several areas where I believe we can concentrate our efforts.

First, we have to confront squarely and honestly the twisted ideologies that these terrorist groups use to incite people to violence. Leading up to this summit, there's been a fair amount of debate in the press and among pundits about the words we use to describe and frame this challenge. So I want to be very clear about how I see it.

Al Qaeda and ISIL and groups like it are desperate for legitimacy. They try to portray themselves as religious leaders -- holy warriors in defense of Islam. That's why ISIL presumes to declare itself the "Islamic State." And they propagate the notion that America -- and the West, generally -- is at war with Islam. That's how they recruit. That's how they try to radicalize young people. We must never accept the premise that they put forward, because it is a lie. Nor should we grant these terrorists the religious legitimacy that they seek. They are not religious leaders -- they're terrorists. (Applause.) And we are not at war with Islam. We are at war with people who have perverted Islam. (Applause.)

Now, just as those of us outside Muslim communities need to reject the terrorist narrative that the West and Islam are in conflict, or modern life and Islam are in conflict, I also believe that Muslim communities have a responsibility as well. Al Qaeda and ISIL do draw, selectively, from the Islamic texts. They do depend upon the misperception around the world that they speak in some fashion for people of the Muslim faith, that Islam is somehow inherently violent, that there is some sort of clash of civilizations.

Of course, the terrorists do not speak for over a billion Muslims who reject their hateful ideology. They no more represent Islam than any madman who kills innocents in the name of God represents Christianity or Judaism or Buddhism or Hinduism. No religion is responsible for terrorism. People are responsible for violence and terrorism. (Applause.)

And to their credit, there are respected Muslim clerics and scholars not just here in the United States but around the world who push back on this twisted interpretation of their faith. They want to make very clear what Islam stands for. And we're joined by some of these leaders today. These religious leaders and scholars preach that Islam calls for peace and for justice, and tolerance toward others; that terrorism is prohibited; that the Koran says whoever kills an innocent, it is as if he has killed all mankind. Those are the voices that represent over a billion people around the world.

But if we are going to effectively isolate terrorists, if we're going to address the challenge of their efforts to recruit our young people, if we're going to lift up the voices of tolerance and pluralism within the Muslim community, then we've got to acknowledge that their job is made harder by a broader narrative that does exist in many Muslim communities around the world that suggests the West is at odds with Islam in some fashion.

The reality -- which, again, many Muslim leaders have spoken to -- is that there's a strain of thought that doesn't embrace ISIL's tactics, doesn't embrace violence, but does buy into the notion that the Muslim world has suffered historical grievances -- sometimes that's accurate -- does buy into the belief that so many of the ills in

the Middle East flow from a history of colonialism or conspiracy; does buy into the idea that Islam is incompatible with modernity or tolerance, or that it's been polluted by Western values.

So those beliefs exist. In some communities around the world they are widespread. And so it makes individuals -- especially young people who already may be disaffected or alienated -- more ripe for radicalization. And so we've got to be able to talk honestly about those issues. We've got to be much more clear about how we're rejecting certain ideas.

So just as leaders like myself reject the notion that terrorists like ISIL genuinely represent Islam, Muslim leaders need to do more to discredit the notion that our nations are determined to suppress Islam, that there's an inherent clash in civilizations. Everybody has to speak up very clearly that no matter what the grievance, violence against innocents doesn't defend Islam or Muslims, it damages Islam and Muslims. (Applause.)

And when all of us, together, are doing our part to reject the narratives of violent extremists, when all of us are doing our part to be very clear about the fact that there are certain universal precepts and values that need to be respected in this interconnected world, that's the beginnings of a partnership.

As we go forward, we need to find new ways to amplify the voices of peace and tolerance and inclusion -- and we especially need to do it online. We also need to lift up the voices of those who know the hypocrisy of groups like ISIL firsthand, including former extremists. Their words speak to us today. And I know in some of the discussions these voices have been raised: "I witnessed horrible crimes committed by ISIS." "It's not a revolution or jihad...it's a slaughter...I was shocked by what I did." "This isn't what we came for, to kill other Muslims." "I'm 28 -- is this the only future I'm able to imagine?" That's the voice of so many who were temporarily radicalized and then saw the truth. And they've warned other young people not to make the same mistakes as they did. "Do not run after illusions." "Do not be deceived." "Do not give up your life for nothing." We need to lift up those voices.

And in all this work, the greatest resource are communities themselves, especially like those young people who are here today. We are joined by talented young men and women who are pioneering new innovations, and new social media tools, and new ways to reach young people. We're joined by leaders from the private sector, including high-tech companies, who want to support your efforts. And I want to challenge all of us to build new partnerships that unleash the talents and creativity of young people -- young Muslims -- not just to expose the lies of extremists but to empower youth to service, and to lift up people's lives here in America and around the world. And that can be a calling for your generation.

So that's the first challenge -- we've got to discredit these ideologies. We have to tackle them head on. And we can't shy away from these discussions. And too often, folks are, understandably, sensitive about addressing some of these root issues, but we have to talk about them, honestly and clearly. (Applause.) And the reason I believe we have to do so is because I'm so confident that when the truth is out we'll be successful. Now, a second challenge is we do have to address the grievances that terrorists exploit, including economic grievances. Poverty alone does not cause a person to become a terrorist, any more than poverty alone causes somebody to become a criminal. There are millions of people -- billions of people -- in the world who live in abject poverty and are focused on what they can do to build up their own lives, and never embrace violent ideologies.

Conversely, there are terrorists who've come from extraordinarily wealthy backgrounds, like Osama bin Laden. What's true, though, is that when millions of people -- especially youth -- are impoverished and have no hope for the future, when corruption inflicts daily humiliations on people, when there are no outlets by which people can express their concerns, resentments fester. The risk of instability and extremism grow. Where young people have no education, they are more vulnerable to conspiracy theories and radical ideas, because it's not tested against anything else, they've got nothing to weigh. And we've seen this across the Middle East and North Africa.

And terrorist groups are all too happy to step into a void. They offer salaries to their foot soldiers so they can support their families. Sometimes they offer social services -- schools, health clinics -- to do what local governments cannot or will not do. They try to justify their violence in the name of fighting the injustice of corruption that steals from the people -- even while those terrorist groups end up committing even worse abuses, like kidnapping and human trafficking.

So if we're going to prevent people from being susceptible to the false promises of extremism, then the

international community has to offer something better. And the United States intends to do its part. We will keep promoting development and growth that is broadly shared, so more people can provide for their families. We'll keep leading a global effort against corruption, because the culture of the bribe has to be replaced by good governance that doesn't favor certain groups over others.

Countries have to truly invest in the education and skills and job training that our extraordinary young people need. And by the way, that's boys and girls, and men and women, because countries will not be truly successful if half their populations -- if their girls and their women are denied opportunity. (Applause.) And America will continue to forge new partnerships in entrepreneurship and innovation, and science and technology, so young people from Morocco to Malaysia can start new businesses and create more prosperity.

Just as we address economic grievances, we need to face a third challenge -- and that's addressing the political grievances that are exploited by terrorists. When governments oppress their people, deny human rights, stifle dissent, or marginalize ethnic and religious groups, or favor certain religious groups over others, it sows the seeds of extremism and violence. It makes those communities more vulnerable to recruitment. Terrorist groups claim that change can only come through violence. And if peaceful change is impossible, that plays into extremist propaganda.

So the essential ingredient to real and lasting stability and progress is not less democracy; it's more democracy. (Applause.) It's institutions that uphold the rule of law and apply justice equally. It's security forces and police that respect human rights and treat people with dignity. It's free speech and strong civil societies where people can organize and assemble and advocate for peaceful change. It's freedom of religion where all people can practice their faith without fear and intimidation. (Applause.) All of this is part of countering violent extremism.

Fourth, we have to recognize that our best partners in all these efforts, the best people to help protect individuals from falling victim to extremist ideologies are their own communities, their own family members. We have to be honest with ourselves. Terrorist groups like al Qaeda and ISIL deliberately target their propaganda in the hopes of reaching and brainwashing young Muslims, especially those who may be disillusioned or wrestling with their identity. That's the truth. The high-quality videos, the online magazines, the use of social media, terrorist Twitter accounts -- it's all designed to target today's young people online, in cyberspace.

And by the way, the older people here, as wise and respected as you may be, your stuff is often boring -- (laughter) -- compared to what they're doing. (Applause.) You're not connected. And as a consequence, you are not connecting.

So these terrorists are a threat, first and foremost, to the communities that they target, which means communities have to take the lead in protecting themselves. And that is true here in America, as it's true anywhere else. When someone starts getting radicalized, family and friends are often the first to see that something has changed in their personality. Teachers may notice a student becoming withdrawn or struggling with his or her identity, and if they intervene at that moment and offer support, that may make a difference.

Faith leaders may notice that someone is beginning to espouse violent interpretations of religion, and that's a moment for possible intervention that allows them to think about their actions and reflect on the meaning of their faith in a way that's more consistent with peace and justice. Families and friends, coworkers, neighbors, faith leaders -- they want to reach out; they want to help save their loved ones and friends, and prevent them from taking a wrong turn.

But communities don't always know the signs to look for, or have the tools to intervene, or know what works best. And that's where government can play a role -- if government is serving as a trusted partner. And that's where we also need to be honest. I know some Muslim Americans have concerns about working with government, particularly law enforcement. And their reluctance is rooted in the objection to certain practices where Muslim Americans feel they've been unfairly targeted.

So, in our work, we have to make sure that abuses stop, are not repeated, that we do not stigmatize entire communities. Nobody should be profiled or put under a cloud of suspicion simply because of their faith. (Applause.) Engagement with communities can't be a cover for surveillance. We can't "securitize" our relationship with Muslim Americans -- (applause) -- dealing with them solely through the prism of law enforcement. Because when we do, that only reinforces suspicions, makes it harder for us to build the trust that we need to work together.

As part of this summit, we're announcing that we're going to increase our outreach to communities, including Muslim Americans. We're going to step up our efforts to engage with partners and raise awareness so more communities understand how to protect their loved ones from becoming radicalized. We've got to devote more resources to these efforts. (Applause.)

And as government does more, communities are going to have to step up as well. We need to build on the pilot programs that have been discussed at this summit already -- in Los Angeles, in Minneapolis, in Boston. These are partnerships that bring people together in a spirit of mutual respect and create more dialogue and more trust and more cooperation. If we're going to solve these issues, then the people who are most targeted and potentially most affected -- Muslim Americans -- have to have a seat at the table where they can help shape and strengthen these partnerships so that we're all working together to help communities stay safe and strong and resilient. (Applause.)

And finally, we need to do what extremists and terrorists hope we will not do, and that is stay true to the values that define us as free and diverse societies. If extremists are peddling the notion that Western countries are hostile to Muslims, then we need to show that we welcome people of all faiths.

Here in America, Islam has been woven into the fabric of our country since its founding. (Applause.) Generations of Muslim immigrants came here and went to work as farmers and merchants and factory workers, helped to lay railroads and build up America. The first Islamic center in New York City was founded in the 1890s. America's first mosque -- this was an interesting fact -- was in North Dakota. (Laughter.)

Muslim Americans protect our communities as police officers and firefighters and first responders, and protect our nation by serving in uniform, and in our intelligence communities, and in homeland security. And in cemeteries across our country, including at Arlington, Muslim American heroes rest in peace having given their lives in defense of all of us. (Applause.)

And of course that's the story extremists and terrorists don't want the world to know -- Muslims succeeding and thriving in America. Because when that truth is known, it exposes their propaganda as the lie that it is. It's also a story that every American must never forget, because it reminds us all that hatred and bigotry and prejudice have no place in our country. It's not just counterproductive; it doesn't just aid terrorists; it's wrong. It's contrary to who we are.

I'm thinking of a little girl named Sabrina who last month sent me a Valentine's Day card in the shape of a heart. It was the first Valentine I got. (Laughter.) I got it from Sabrina before Malia and Sasha and Michelle gave me one. (Laughter.) So she's 11 years old. She's in the 5th grade. She's a young Muslim American. And she said in her Valentine, "I enjoy being an American." And when she grows up, she wants to be an engineer -- or a basketball player. (Laughter.) Which are good choices. (Laughter.) But she wrote, "I am worried about people hating Muslims...If some Muslims do bad things, that doesn't mean all of them do." And she asked, "Please tell everyone that we are good people and we're just like everyone else." (Applause.) Now, those are the words -- and the wisdom -- of a little girl growing up here in America, just like my daughters are growing up here in America. "We're just like everybody else." And everybody needs to remember that during the course of this debate.

As we move forward with these challenges, we all have responsibilities, we all have hard work ahead of us on this issue. We can't paper over problems, and we're not going to solve this if we're always just trying to be politically correct. But we do have to remember that 11-year-old girl. That's our hope. That's our future. That's how we discredit violent ideologies, by making sure her voice is lifted up; making sure she's nurtured; making sure that she's supported -- and then, recognizing there are little girls and boys like that all around the world, and us helping to address economic and political grievances that can be exploited by extremists, and empowering local communities, and us staying true to our values as a diverse and tolerant society even when we're threatened -- especially when we're threatened.

There will be a military component to this. There are savage cruelties going on out there that have to be stopped. ISIL is killing Muslims at a rate that is many multiples the rate that they're killing non-Muslims. Everybody has a stake in stopping them, and there will be an element of us just stopping them in their tracks with force. But to eliminate the soil out of which they grew, to make sure that we are giving a brighter future to everyone and a lasting sense of security, then we're going to have to make it clear to all of our children -- including that little girl in 5th grade -- that you have a place. You have a place here in America. You have a place

in those countries where you live. You have a future.

Ultimately, those are the antidotes to violent extremism. And that's work that we're going to have to do together. It will take time. This is a generational challenge. But after 238 years, it should be obvious -- America has overcome much bigger challenges, and we'll overcome the ones that we face today. We will stay united and committed to the ideals that have shaped us for more than two centuries, including the opportunity and justice and dignity of every single human being.

Thank you very much, everybody. (Applause.)

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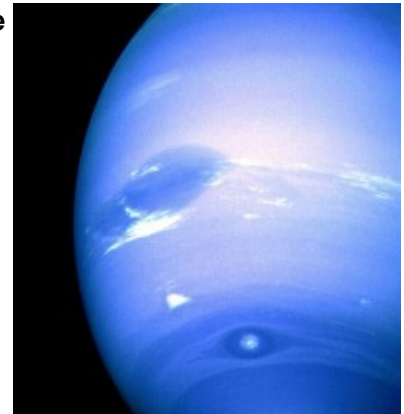
**Wednesday's New Moon is WEIRD.** The Sun and Moon will unite at the last minute of the last degree of Aquarius – 29 degrees, 59 minutes (3:47 pm PST). Moments later, both will shift into Pisces. Since the New Moon coincides with the Moon's perigee – when it travels closest to Earth – it's also a super-charged Supermoon. And it's Chinese New Year, initiating the Year of the Sheep.

Flavored by the last two signs of the zodiac, this New Moon asks us to clarify and commit to our vision for the future (Aquarius), but also to be willing to dissolve, surrender, and allow our **plans and ideas to morph** into something beyond what our little minds can figure out (Pisces).

The New Moon is loosely conjunct Neptune (at 6 Pisces), activating the Saturn-Neptune square. This square reinforces the New Moon's blending of Aquarian and Piscean energies, as Saturn is the traditional ruler of Aquarius, while Neptune is the modern ruler of Pisces. According to astro-genius (and Pisces Sun) **Rick Tarnas**, Saturn-Neptune contacts inspire:

*"disenchantment and disillusionment – in both the negative and positive senses.... These include not only loss of faith, discouragement, social alienation, and sense of existential meaninglessness but also **the empowerment that can emerge from confronting an illusion**, shedding a faith that is no longer viable, waking as if from a dream, lucidly recognizing the consensus madness, demystifying the received version of reality."* (***Cosmos and Psyche***)

#### **Neptune**



The New Moon also activates another major planetary alignment – the square between Uranus, the modern ruler of Aquarius, and Pluto. The pressure is intensifying as we approach the seventh and final exact square on March 16, **culminating a process of radical transformation that started in 2012.** The New Moon occurs at the midpoint of (i.e., halfway between) these two planets.

That awkward, uncomfortable and sometimes seemingly stuck place in-between the old and the new seems to be part of the territory of the Uranus-Pluto square. Two consecutive New Moons at the 29th degree – next month's will be at 29 Pisces, the last degree of the zodiac – punctuate this theme. The last degree of a sign, called the anaretic degree, represents a culmination of energies, and can carry a feeling of urgency or crisis. The last degree of Aquarius has to do with the urgency of knowing, trusting and following our own truth, **breaking free from the hive mind** and taking the risk of being our freaky selves, so we can give our unique gifts to the collective.

We've been working with these Aquarian themes over the past month. The previous Aquarius New Moon, on January 20, coincided with Mercury turning Retrograde in Aquarius. Mercury is Direct (moving forward) again, as of February 11, but we're still "in the shadow" until March 3 – a phase of integrating the information, insights and perspectives gained during Mercury Retro. At last month's New Moon, all the information wasn't in yet; now we've got what we need to move forward.



For more insight into what this Aquarian-Piscean New Moon means for YOU, find the house in your birth chart that contains 29 degrees Aquarius. (If you don't know how to do this, check out this post from a previous Aquarius New Moon.) The areas of life signified by that house are where you're invited to: shake up your perceptions and open to new possible futures; take action to bring your dreams and ideals into reality; surrender having to know how it's all going to play out and just take the first step; free yourself from realities that are no longer true to who you are and what you value.

- Emily Trinkaus