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Opening Meditation: D'Yanna

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
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- T & R:**
- Can donate via the Paypal button on the website: 2013RainbowRoundTable.ning.com
 - need \$300 for bills, gas, sundries

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 - **Please notify them if you're sending something:** koran999@comcast.net
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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!**
- MR:**
- Please remember to support MariettaRobert's show also.

Introductory Notes:

- Gofundme for Rama's operation/follow up is doing well: <https://www.gofundme.com/RamaSurgery>
- **please keep the donations coming & send them to his paypal a/c with a memo**
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HARD NEWS

R: need \$300 for the radio this week, plus help with food, gas, catfood, bills

R: got a wild hair up his nose, as he was getting very little to no information from usual sources:

- went to visit Crazy Steve and Professor Nicademus
- Crazy Steve is an inter galactic trader, lives in a storage container
- Nicademus is a 4' rat – they go through the sewer system up to a mtn
 - they also go to Los Alamos labs to pick up what they need for various projects
 - they can make themselves invisible; Nicademus can also change shape
- R's question was about what in store for us in the next little while
 - Steve got out his golden compass: the aleitheometer - something Steve and P N made –
 - they also made another device, similar to a Tesla coil, materials they smuggled from the labs at Los Alamos at night – they can go invisible if need be
 - had copper, silver, gold, paladium one of the precious metals on the stock market
 - Their device generates heat and they sat in the storage unit in shirt sleeves!

T: noting the prediction that it will be 40* below normal temps across the country – we should be able to mitigate this – there is jet stream drag, a fall [or droop] in the jet stream; those manipulating the jet stream like to make it miserable for people and there are so many homeless people in all the cities and no place for all of them to sleep: could be disastrous

R: they also had the golden compass in addition to the plasma unit – the compass showed R and Steve the approach to the solstice, the return of the king – the energies are such that you can tak

- KOS and Obama can go into "stealth mode" - it's related to the story in that they go with Mother and other galactics to visit those folks who are seemingly setting up their seats of power - it's all empty because it's based in the false reality that they hold power -
- KOS and Obama can become invisible, go with Mother and remove the darkness – it's not killing: they amp up the energies in individual auras – if the people are not interested in the light, their hearts pretty much combust. They are going darker and darker and further from the light
- the symbols they saw: a phoenix, a baby, a gether – the white wizard shows up somehow, relates to the baby and birth of new time:
 - something is happening this year that is stronger: has to do with the showing up of Maitraya and the other sisterhoods and brotherhoods, the return of the Cosmic Christ and the wise councils of elders that bring a greater inner standing to these times, as the Old World Order plays with OWO games of power without love.
- Steve and PN described – as did KOS by text – the energies are so high from Great Central Sun, from Helios and Vesta - all the way to Sol – keep on going - what Trump is doing will soon disappear: doing evil every day will cause you to be removed: it is in the laws, the phsysics of this universe.
- There are some high risks – the intervention is to help Mother Earth
 - there are 204 dead zones in the ocean, not enough oxygen, so the red tide shows up: when creature get trapped in that dead zone, they bleed out – the largest source of O2 is not the rainforest but the ocean.
 - And there is a methane blanket growing around the earth – the methane crystals are leaking more and more from under the Arctic Circle – serious matter!
 - Human vertebrate life is in danger now, as is Mother Earth. The renewal has to do with us – we are the most forgiving, the most inner standing – what can I do more to serve Humanity? How can I help others more than I help myself?
 - It is in giving that we receive – ponsi schemes are no longer in the mix; taking \$ out is not the energetics – the receiving comes with the giving.
- We are living with a tremendously ecstatic time – to help another brings joy even when we are sad; just sitting with Crazy Steve and Professor Nicademous brought Rama joy! Like something out the the sci fi movie *Fire Fly*

Audio: Russell Brand talking on who benefits from spying! The Trews

Snoopers Charter: Who Benefits From Spying? Russell Brand The Trews (E376)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDsWemk16D0>

Published on 2 Dec 2016

In this week's Trews we examine the passing of the Investigatory Powers Act, or Snoopers Charter, the new law giving UK intelligence agencies and police the most sweeping surveillance powers in the western world.

Reading: Standing Rock's Arvol Looking Horse speaks in Buffalo, NY

[SEE BELOW]

CONFERENCE CALL

Ro: Canada just approved another

- a Russian rocket blew up – is there something aboard it that galactics didn't like?
- Amazing that Canada supports another pipeline in the face of Standing Rock
- today there was a factory that exploded with chlorine coming out of it – in addition to ramping up the weather control, are pulling lots of other tricks before they go

T: Justin Trudeau is nothing worse than the worst – it's a plan.

- In Beijing, Barack had to get out of the middle door of Air Force 1 and was treated badly;
 - Justin Trudeau got the royal treatment!
- Did he see the continental dollars article?

Ro: saw it thanks to Randy

T: This is connected to why Trudeau got the royal treatment: the plan was to unite Canada, US, and Mexico into one country, put Trudeau in charge and wipe out the constitution

Gerry: it's called the the amero is already printed

- Better news: Phyllis the daughter of the chief at Standing Rock – they have already sued everyone behind the actions happening there: will be enforcing that legal suit tomorrow or day after; also Running Buck ?? , a native american with ties to – , is going to set up an Embassy in Washington – G's group is making some inroads
- getting ? with US and in Australia - looking for funding soon, so can bring in some enforcers
- the gov from North Dakota has responded to them; the police are more amenable
 - the army corps of engineers a bunch of wusses
 - more about scalar technology and radionics
- many groups coming together relative to Native Americans

T: the one thing she does know there are ??

- they are working as if TTP is running the show

G: it is tribal land with tribal law – need to enforce it, as they are covered – it is tribal land – and screw everyone else

T: they do not acknowledge the treaty that defines it as such

G: yes, the group he is working with know that – it's about who has the bigger gun

- in LA everyone talking about that; he talks to Michael Moore, Johnny Depp and others with interests in what is going on

Lyn: directs Gerry to the clean water, clear air act, and the **quintilian report** for the Dept of Defence and the vets promised to help oversee the activities at Standing Rock

G: veterans are on their way – to stop those in charge from thinking they are getting their way.

Sheila – has heard that 2 nights ago, ET s laying down some diamond lights

R: has to do with the new energies pouring in right now as we approach the birth of the sun

- No, he was not out there – not in his etheric; he was somewhere else
- T:** glad to hear the 3D activities going on – there are galactic back-ups as never before
- this has to be a global activity and we are at that point right now
 - the prophecy is not just the black snake on their land, it's across the whole planet – it is about ending the use of fossil fuels
 - glad a dent is being made in their activities
- talking to Crazy Steve and Nicodemus: the counter indicative energies of KOS, Obama, Mother, AA Michael and Maitraya will provide more back up – they are threatening the life of the whole planet - this is why all these ones are called up and calling up others.

Ana: back to first hour, KOS and Obama going up with Mother: more details on what they are doing – wants to know how she can do more.

T: understands the panic, as she goes through this every day

- really good to have a detailed explanation of what is happening – also good to know that the galactics are doing many things – at the same time, won't do it all as that is against free will choice – feels like they are playing russian roulette with all of us

A: if we don't do what we are supposed to do, will they let Earth die?

T: no – and there is **always something we can do**

1. we will perish in our own bodies if we don't learn to look after the body – we have to eat 100% organic food: can't eat garbage and have our life form saved –
 - the dangers of GMO food are way more lethal than is being said. She knows she's done a lot of work in this department – the body is on overload, no matter who we are – pushes us to go to higher levels
2. America was not founded on christianity, but on the principles of deism which is a higher level of understanding of the Office of the Christ
 - we are not the body, the stewards of the body – being asked to do the highest thing we can do and look after the body – getting old was never, ever on the list – that we are going through is because we volunteered.
 - IMMORTALITY IS AVAILABLE NO MATTER WHAT THEY ARE TRYING TO DO
 - when our emotions are directing the traffic, when we are sad and forget to praise, thanks, respect the feeling – need to remember not to wallow; when I am angry, I ask how can I turn this anger into something else: this is a knowledge that can be a leadership quality – both on same ruby ray.
 - Refers to a movie *I am mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more!* - at the same time there was someone from the UN who wrote a poem about the decision to network – edward meuller – every incarnate being who volunteered to come in at this time including those who think that money, power, abuse can do it – that kind of thing and the idea of Trump or Hillary getting into office - it's all a scam – Jill Stein is pushing for the recount out of vanity
 - the voter suppression is vast, as what Greg Palast is pointing out
 - there has to be an education in this matter – what you are voting for, whether Trump or Hillary, is Lucifer and the continuation of that kind of thinking
 - as we raise our consciousness higher and higher, we move out of that trap

T: called up the city about the chemtrails – ages ago; the person said they were just spraying for insects

Rawlene: went to one of PCRobles conferences; had an experience – was it going to be this earth and 5thD - don't give up – we can keep raising our vibrations and

T: the way Trump rented out the post office in DC, he know ahead of time that [the election] would be fixed –

- there were 2 people on CBS today, relations of Rockefellers, complaining about those in Exxon Mobil because they did not honour the thing about climate change.
- Encourages everyone to hang in there – the new earth exists – the energy is about releasing stuff and the body is getting transformed.

T: we must do our part

Rawlene: of course! The change comes through the chaos

Ross: going back to the early statements – we are doing our part! As we stop short, they [galactics] won't let us die – this experiment has come so far, we will not just disappear!

Raw: we have higher selves that know what to do – it's about coming into the oneness of our selves – she sees it as miracles – will be more apparent in 2017 and we will not be neglected

Gerry: the opposite of anger is love – it is the main force, the binding force – it will

- we are graduating from school and it's a tedious process

Raw: the real power is in the love

Sonya: glad we are in same boat with ??

- finds herself re-defining the inner work – what does that mean to do that work?
- The new paradigm based on who we are – self love, self care by us raising our vibration – yet many times we don't know we are being affected
- Dorian Light – we sabotage ourselves all the time – if we don't clear all that stuff, we don't know that we keep running the programs from mothers, grandmothers, etc etc etc
 - the most toxic thing is judgment, and self-judgment - need to become the observer
 - clearing all the programs for us is most important

- We have to stay clean

Raw: the cracks in the matrix – gets easier to release it

S: the work is enormous – need to keep polishing

COR: question about what Rama said about KOS, BO, making themselves invisible and visiting people where they are – and the spontaneous combustion of the heart – are these unseen cabal members, or are they ones in the limelight?

- Just got home from LA.

T: It was in the simple term they talked of at the start: this is World Group Service together

- also, as Ana said what can I possibly do? It goes back to what we do – we can always love more – it's the never ending story –
- the galactics said we only have to get to 50% and they will give us the other 50% because in this lifetime, we are in extremes – the light is so light, the darkness is so dark –
- it's not about the math: it's just a way in this conversation – they can feel, resonate with us instantaneously – nothing linear about this –
- make some effort and the amount that comes back and sometimes a small thing is larger than we thought – we can be overwhelmed, and recoil and try to go back to old patterns
- as The Collective said, we are living in the most incredible times and don't get to see it so much – new plants, animals, kingdoms, environments – things we have not been able to watch, as our job is to focus on what this place we are in
- KOS, BO being able to go into the energy field and go to a Trump and amp up the frequencies whether they have asked for it or not – the rest of the world has asked
 - BO has a mandate: he had a very significant lifetime that was not small – over lit by Akbar the Great and ended 49 wars across the planet; brought in Sufism, music, art; had people read to him as he could not read or write.
 - It was El Morya on Excalibur electric blue with AAM who have always overlit where Mr 19.5* sits – when she talks to GG Lilly about the next president, Lilly says Barack will not be leaving the white House – and T agrees, adding that Michelle will be president
- praise, respect, thank and love what these characters are giving us – the whole world is watching – 15,000 people now, in 2 days will be 2,000 more veterans -

COR: tries to understand the people that he has: a collection of galactics and others from higher realms – she sees people on tv who respect obama yet say that he has not stopped the pipeline yet !! What to say?

T: usually people don't get how evil the secret gov't is, and they are in control until they done

- BO is a double agent: he will be a good little 13th member – the greatest gift is he's an orator and no one has seen this kind of orator before – and the vastness of his aura is amazing – very hard for us who are privy to these facts
- It's "Don't worry; Be Happy" time: he's being coached by Ashtar, St G and the others, and his kids know it too.
- We have the ugliest stuff and know what he has done: stopped the Keystone pipeline
- He knew what he was going to do when he went to OK

S: so much abuse right now

T: have to understand and be patient: he would be killed instantantly if he did anything – Plus his entire family. He is going with KOS behind the scenes: this is what it means to be a double agent

- on Monday, Tues Stephen Colbert replayed Michelle Obama on his show – perfect!
- It is why we come together on these calls – this is the time
 - the way mother described it : the old earth is like an orange: the old earth is the skin and those who don't stay on the new earth will get sent to Herculobus in the Tilles system;
 - It is gorgeous planet that is 10x larger than earth and it has dinosaurs which is the manifestation of their thoughts

RAW: had an image of like the 20s and the gangsters holding their machine guns -

Gerry: the RICO act [about racketeering]

RO: left the room in first piece when T was going over the atrocities; would lose his balance otherwise

Sonja: Has heard there is a meeting of the procedural committee of the Electoral College [EC] on the 13th – why meeting?

T: they moved the date – to the 19th – from Thom Hartmann – EC gets together after

- on Monday, an EC person resigned rather than do the vote – approving of what they got
 - McCain, Graham, are die hard Republicans, party oldies who want to puke when they think of Trump – it will always be all Republicans; if it were a Democratic win, EC would be all Democrats

S: have they ever changed their minds

T: won't happen – they are putting on a show that says they didn't get what they want – but they did

- there is one little court case on Dec 16 about a rape of a little girl – the attorney Lisa has teeth!
- Rama was also told of another little girl he raped & murdered; so much that has not come out
- the vanity of Jill Stein
- there is a spiritual context that is missing and this is why we come together; clear mind is important – stand outside yourself and observe yourself: **don't worry; be happy** – this is the most difficult transition that there has been
- We are All One -

S: if we as a collective have to be One, then we have to go inside and unite within ourselves

T: there is no separation: we are all One no matter what it appears to be: WE ARE THE COLLECTIVE

- We are much farther along than we think – we self-depreciate to a great extent
- Mother bring us to that point and then we don't sustain ???

T: we become masters by doing that work; her dream – got a bike when she was 6, took the bike out in winter in Chicago – there was ice on the sidewalk; spun out and hit her head – was on the sidewalk for a long time until she came to

S: Cynthia used to talk about head trauma being about a kind of initiation

RO: the free mart water that comes in concentrated form – only 5 drops to a gallon.

T: what you get will last for years!

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MOTHER SEKMET [M/A]

Music: the highest mantra a guru can voice

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

- to remember that we are not our lower ego; we are not our emotional highs and lows and all in between; there is a constancy in our golden hearted wings that we all carry

Greetings, Children of RA:

- yes - on this good red road, things are getting only better, higher.
 - Of what she speaks this night: the energies are such - 15,000 souls speaking as one voice; all the other voices joining.
 - RA - let's say this energy of the return of the Sun King: Horus, Ra, Apollo – this time of winter solstice, the return of this light energy after the longest night, shortest day,
 - as we approach the solstice and the frequencies pouring in now: this time we are in - it is the sound vibration, highest mantra of frequency, the urgency of the nano second
 - It is so many souls speaking as one voice: Now's the time!
 - How we get this done is this quantum shift in the energy fields, in and of itself – this is happening as Chief Looking Horse was talking about this particular time we are in now
- the rainbow nations, rainbow tribes, show up – it is about peace and love, not picking up the axe or the gun: standing in our power with love - that's how we get this done.
 - As this energy builds and builds and builds, the Water Protectors are not going anywhere. It is an interesting moment in earth's story, their story, because they [the galactics] are a part of this shift in consciousness [too]
 - water has consciousness; everything is speaking with one voice – all the kingdoms – when one kingdom is affected, all are affected – just like one cell in these bags of living essence called HU MAN.
 - Everything [is] affected by the frequencies, energies – as we get more and more in touch, each hour, each moment: the respect for all life – this life form whose name she will not use as it gives no power: anti-life is what this is.
 - We [M/A] come at this time as she always says to balance out that which is the old patriarchy with the goddess matriarchy energy.
 - Now on this magical mystery tour, the patriarchy is taking a back seat on the bus and the goddess is calling the shots.
- Like Stephanie Miller talked of this morning: when people at this time are affected by the collected PTSD of what has happened here, simply because it is about the ones with the seeming power who have no power, so they use fear and control and the iron fist to change how people's minds and hearts move.
 - This life form that took centre stage – it is a momentary relapse of reason, and our highest, best aspect for all situations concerned is to send love, peace, harmony, balance. These frequencies coming in shift space/time on a physical level: we are that powerful with love
 - the old world order knows how to use that power yet they have lost: their only moment is fear because the one in the spotlight cannot continue to pull power with fear, absolute iron fist – Dr Cornell West calls it neo bashim! It cannot continue.
 - It is an energy which cancels itself out, as the decrees speak of that energy shattered, consumed, going back to the Void, and this is what is taking place.
 - They have already been told; now comes what they [she] do what they can do best.

T: is the time really close, that they can help the people at Standing Rock?

- They hear that Barack might do something on Monday – declare the whole area as a memorial so they cannot put the pipeline under it.

M/A: she has not heard anything of this, yet this particular moment in earth's story, their story – is about the goddess: every part of this nation is sacred to our people!

T: they are preventing food from coming in there

M/A: can say with all due respect: as there are so many eyes focussed on this particular spot on the planet, it is not . . . let's say, the gestapo are walking the razor's edge: there are more of us than there are of them; they are an energy that is at an end: it cannot continue, cannot coexist with life, as it is anti life

- Therefore, they come as primordial energy to remove it; how she removes it is her business. We will see it on the big screen: it is about the return of goddess who does what she does best; with the primordial energy of Shiva, Pele; it is the primordial energy of anima, Animus; – it is the lava that comes up from Gaia/Vyamus heart centre; the energy of what this represents – new earth: the old energy cannot continue, cannot co-exist so it is shattered and consumed. End of discussion, folks: that is it!
- How this gets played is - as the energies which are anti-life cannot continue, therefore she says - send all situations more love, more peace because it is at a time that goddess calls and that energy in and of itself – there is no male patriarchal – save the males, as it were, because goddess calling the shots here – she who was here before we were all here.
 - Jeb, Newt - that primordial frequency that sits in the void which is All That is
 - as she has said: water is life. Without water, there are some issues at hand – yet there is more than enough water throughout the galaxy, the solar system – don't believe the lies!

- As she has said before: **when they come in, within 30 days, this planet is new.** The moment is here now, as this is a boiling point on the planet – Standing Rock; as the rainbow nations are gathered and even more are coming, and are standing with the water protectors – the gestapo holds no candles. If they were to play with pushing it even further, she has an answer and at that level she passes the talking stick to Admiral Sananda Kumara and Captain Ashtar – that's how it gets done!

- and then we figure out how to talk to each other: it is the next level called full disclosure, and the transmission lines take another quantum leap, and they [the galactics] explain in loving presence how they came to this moment. They are not here as an invasion fleet; **they are here as family.** That energy cannot be faked, cannot be altered. They can play with frequencies and try to change consciousness, but you cannot fake love.

- The technologies out of the caverns of Soron cannot hold a candle to love; cannot fake love - it is that simple: it just is: the divine compassion for all that is – the sound frequency we just heard [was] the Gaia Tree Mantra – brings in something
 - As we hold this sacred hour for the people who are only standing there with their living temples of creation – **this is a huge deal**, and will only get bigger as we approach Dec 5 [Standing Rock] and cannot say what Mr 19.5* will do - maybe he will declare it a national monument , or everlasting preserve that is in perpetuity, for ever.

T: needs to be acknowledged as native land – all the federal land was part of the Laramie Treaty which has not been honoured

M/A: every part of this land is sacred to our people. This time we are in : the voice of the Water, the land, Digona weida - White Buffalo Calf Woman – about the energies of the Office of the Christ: planetary prince comes in with Excalibar and his buddies: the 4 Muskateers [Mother, Maitraya, Michael and Metatron]

- Don't want to play with energies of a sidereal nature: they call the shots. It's not about the pale lifeforms coming from the dark side: they hold not a candle to this. Send the highest frequencies of all that is – divine unconditional love: when one is healed, all are healed.

- We are being asked to stand up and do our mission with the people of the planet –

whether it's with ant people, tree people, the big foot people, the Hu – Man people, the grandmothers, the elders

T: what they read of Chief Looking Horse – sees Al Gore: what has happened – a change!

M/A: he got fat! Maybe some divine compassion showed up in the ancient lineage of the Dracule!

- He is saying “end the electoral college” - that's a good thing!
- as all facets of this giant puzzle come together in this nano second, we, the people, have been given the gauntlet of power with peace and love: the inner standing, over standing, under standing is compassion for all life
- she only comes to do what she has been asked to do by Goddess and Vywamus – cleanse the planet of its filth, therefore she does what she must do.

Kadoish, kadoish, kadoish

M/A: Remember, we have the power in this moment; this is not just idle chatter; nor a pipe dream - this is so big, so huge – watch the ripples go across the planes of existence in these next few days – we'll see what she means: Goddess calls the shots!

R: has been to Shamballa the Greater. Lord Sanat Kumara is going to come into the picture now with the other masters who deal with the issues at hand.

- Akbar the Great, 19.5*, knows how to do this with El Morya; these living masters of this time comprehend the urgency of this zero hour. Don't under estimate the power of what is being done on a higher level with so many lifeforms who have gathered at Standing Rock/Sacred stone camp.
- this is a huge deal because of the prophecies that go back so far; don't write these prophecies off. He comprehends the red star kachinas, the blue star kachinas – all these folks from all the corners of this local universe this is the spot where it gets gone Earth is the 33rd member of the Intergalactic Federation of Worlds like George Van Tassel used to talk about in the 60s
- this is A HUGE, HUGE DEAL when masters who have been here for eons and hold energies that are infinite, it affects living matter – don't fuck with this stuff: it only works with love, does not work with hate or violence or evil
 - so the lifeform that grabbed the gauntlet will be taken out – he thinks he has the power, but he has nothing.

T: It appears that he has the power – the old system still reflects the old energy

R: the wave that is being passed through this space time continuum in this sacred hour is about the people standing there with only their bodies; it brings in Kent State – they are not going to allow another Kent State – the vets are showing up who have gone to Iraq, bringing no weapons: standing there with their dignity

T: that gov has no dignity! And does not care if there is no dignity

R: he's a goner; I pass the talking stick!

Audio: Amy did a number about the law being broken . . .

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We celebrate 1000 episodes with special guests Steve Keen and Jim Rickards. We discuss how the meme wars began and where that war goes. We look at how the show began with the Obama administration and ripens into its 1000th episode in his last year having made The List.

Audio: **the Late Show with Stephen Colbert – guest Sting**

Audio: 2016-11-30 **Watch Bernie Sanders' Full Speech in Philadelphia: The Future of American Democracy is at Risk** [SEE BELOW]

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Reading: **When God was a Woman – Ch 6 – If the King did not Weep**

Closing: **Rainbird**

Music: **Rumi**
Enya: **"may it be" from *Lord of the Rings***

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The theme song for the 2001 Peter Jackson film "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" with Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Orlando Bloom, Cate Blanchett, Sean Astin, Christopher Lee & Liv Tyler. Based on the novel by JRR Tolkien.

Unicorns – another brief reading by James Huniker – a blue eyed stag, photographed in Nepal on the 3rd highest mountain in the world.

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Vermont independent senator and a 2016 Democratic presidential candidate.

In a Democracy Now! special, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders sat down with Amy Goodman at the Free Library of Philadelphia on Monday night in his most extensive broadcast interview since Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton two weeks ago. He began by speaking about Donald Trump's election night victory and the need to rebuild the Democratic Party.

AMY GOODMAN: Today, in a *Democracy Now!* special, we spend the hour with Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders in his most extensive broadcast interview since Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton two weeks ago. In the wake of the election, Sanders has emerged as one of the most powerful voices in Washington. During the Democratic primary, the independent, the self-identified socialist shocked the nation by winning 22 states and about 45 percent of pledged delegates, while challenging Hillary Clinton, who began her campaign with the support of the entire Democratic Party establishment. Many Sanders supporters now wonder if he would have been the stronger candidate to face Donald Trump in the general election.

While Sanders lost the primary, he has not given up the fight. He has now launched a campaign to rebuild the Democratic Party from inside out. Earlier this month, he was elected to a leadership position in the Senate as the new chair of the outreach for Senate Democrats. In addition, Sanders is leading the push for Congressman Keith Ellison to become the next head of the Democratic National Committee. Ellison is the first Muslim elected to Congress, and he's the co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. Meanwhile, some of Sanders' top campaign staffers have launched a new political action organization called Our Revolution to fight for progressive change. *Our Revolution* is also the name of Bernie Sanders' new best-selling book.

Well, on Monday, I interviewed Bernie Sanders in front of a live audience at the Free Library of Philadelphia.

AMY GOODMAN: Where were you on election night?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Home.

AMY GOODMAN: And talk about what you went through.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Well, when the results came in from Indiana, I was very nervous. We had an outside chance with a conservative Democrat to win that seat—no one thought that Clinton was going to win it—and he got beaten rather badly, and I started getting nervous. And it was downhill from there. I went into the evening thinking that it was about a two-to-one shot that Clinton would win. So, I mean, I was

—I was not shocked that Trump won—surprised, but not shocked—for the reasons, some of the reasons, that I gave. But I will not deny to you that it was a very depressing evening. I did not want to deal with the media. I didn't want to—I was invited to be on, you know, a million different things. I didn't even show up at the state event, you know. So, I will not deny that it was a depressing evening. And since then, I've been thinking as hard as I can, with other people, about how we go forward and what the best response is.

AMY GOODMAN: This also catapults you into the position of the most powerful, non-Democratic Democrat in the country.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Well, there are not too many non-Democratic Democrats who are in the United States Senate, so it doesn't say much. But yeah, it—but I think your point is that last week or two weeks ago Chuck Schumer, who is now the leader of the Democrats in the Senate, put me on leadership. And he gave me a position that I wanted, and that is to be chair of the outreach effort. And what I am going to do is use that position, with your help, with all of your help, to transform the Democratic Party. I think—you know, it is very easy to beat up on people when they're down, and that's not my intention. You know, Secretary Clinton and her supporters are hurting now. It's not my intention to be beating up on them. But it goes well beyond the presidential race.

Right now in the United States, as you know, Mr. Trump will be inaugurated. Right now, the Republicans control the U.S. Senate. Democrats, I had hoped—we thought we had a better than even chance of gaining control. We did not. We'll end up with 49 seats. Democrats picked up a few seats in the House, but the Republicans will continue to control the House. Not only that, in about two-thirds of the states in this country, there are Republican governors. And in the last eight or so years, Democrats have lost some 900 legislative seats in state capitols all over this country. So I think any independent assessment, without casting any blame, says the current approach has failed. All right? When you lose, you know, it's like they always say about the football coach: You know, if you're zero and 10, you're not doing well. Well, the current approach clearly is not succeeding, and we need a new approach.

And the new approach, I think, is to, A, create a 50-state strategy. That means we start playing ball in states that the Democrats have conceded decades ago. But more importantly, we create a kind of grassroots party, where the most important people in the party are not just wealthy campaign contributors, but working people, young people, people in the middle class, who are going to come in and going to start telling us what their needs are and give us some ideas as to how we go forward. And I accept this responsibility as outreach chair with a lot of trepidation, but also with excitement. I'm going to be going around the country to try to do everything that I can to create a party which represents working people and not just the 1 percent.

AMY GOODMAN: And the issue of who will head the Democrat—the DNC?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: I am strongly supporting a congressman from Minnesota named Keith Ellison. And the reason—I've known Keith for a number of years. Keith is the chair—co-chair, along with Raúl Grijalva, of the House Progressive Caucus, which is, by definition, the most progressive caucus in the U.S. House. And Keith fundamentally believes, as I've indicated, that we need to make a major transformation of the Democratic Party, we need to make it into a grassroots party, and he has some very specific ideas as to how to do that. So I'm strongly supporting

Keith, and I'll do everything I can to [inaudible].

AMY GOODMAN: And the significance of his being the first Muslim congressman at a time when the president-elect says he wants to set up a Muslim registry?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Obviously, there is great symbolism in that. But to me, to be honest with you, as somebody who is not a great fan of identity politics, I am supporting Keith because he is a strong progressive whose whole life has been about standing up for working families and the middle class and low-income families. But your point cannot be denied. And that is, it will be a statement to the entire country that the leader of the Democratic Party is a Muslim, that we want a party of diversity, that we will not accept for one second the bigotry that Trump has been espousing during his campaign.

AMY GOODMAN: What do you think Donald Trump represents?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: I mean—

AMY GOODMAN: And who do you think he represents?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: That's a good question, and I don't know that I can give you a definitive answer, but this is what I think. For a start, in terms of the campaign, what he did is, as I indicated in my remarks, he touched a nerve. And it would be wrong to deny that. There are some people who think that everybody who voted for Donald Trump is a racist, a sexist or a homophobe or a xenophobe. I don't believe that. Are those people in his camp? Absolutely. But it would be a tragic mistake to believe that everybody who voted for Donald Trump is a "deplorable." They're not. These are people who are disgusted, and they are angry at the establishment. And the Democratic Party has not been clear enough, in my view, about telling those people, whether they are white, whether they are black, Latino, Asian American or whatever, women, gay, whatever, that we are on their side. And too often what we look at is identity. You're a woman. Well, that's good, but we need more women in the political process. We need more African Americans in the political process, more Latinos. No question about that. But we need people who will have the guts to stand up to the billionaire class and corporate America and fight for working families.

AMY GOODMAN: Former presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont. More of him in a minute.

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Guests **Bernie Sanders** **Vermont independent senator and a 2016 Democratic presidential candidate.**

When Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders first launched his campaign, the mainstream media called him a fringe candidate and largely ignored his campaign. But during the Democratic primary, the independent, self-identified socialist shocked the nation by winning 22 states and about 45 percent of pledged delegates while challenging Hillary Clinton, who began her campaign with the support of the entire Democratic Party establishment. Many Sanders supporters now wonder if he would have been the stronger candidate to face Donald Trump in the general election. On Monday night, Bernie Sanders sat down with Amy Goodman for an interview in front of a live audience at the Free Library of Philadelphia and spoke about the corporate media, the Democratic primary and when he began to "feel the Bern."

AMY GOODMAN: We return to my conversation with the former presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont. We spoke last night at the Free Library of Philadelphia.

AMY GOODMAN: You were considered a fringe candidate. Maybe you, yourself, considered yourself a fringe candidate. When did the moment come when you actually felt the Bern?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Well, I'll tell you. This is what I thought, you know, and it's been a crazy two years. But, you know, what I thought is, look, I wasn't born yesterday, and I wasn't—you know, I didn't just get involved in politics two years ago. I've been representing the state of Vermont for 25 years in Congress. I was mayor of the city of Burlington for eight years, where I took on Democrats and Republicans to win election. And I knew, you know, that the message that we had—I could see it in Vermont. You go to the rural areas, by the way, where people are not necessarily pro-choice, where they may not be enthusiastic about gay marriage, where they may or may not believe that climate change is real, but they are sick and tired of having to work two or three jobs, not being able to send their kids to college, worried about their own parents. I picked that up, OK, in Vermont. And I thought that the message that resonated in Vermont—and I won my last election in Vermont four years ago with 71 percent of the vote. I did not believe for one minute that Vermont was any different than the rest of the country.

But what ended up—to answer your question, what happened is, before I decided to run—and the book goes into it—we went around the country. And we did, honestly—you know, politicians always say, "Well, the people asked me to run," you know, after they had already made a decision to run. But the truth is, I didn't know. How responsive would people be to our message? Well, I'll never forget. We were in—on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in Los Angeles—maybe the weather is always beautiful there, I don't know. But anyhow, it was—and I thought nobody would show up at a meeting. We had the musicians' union hall. We had 500 people coming out: "Run, Bernie, run." We were in Minneapolis—this is a funny story, which we relate in the

book. You know, we didn't know our way around Minneapolis. So we were driving around. Suddenly we see this long line of people, and I comment to the guy next to me. I said, "I wonder what concert is going on." Well, it turns out, 7,000 people were there for an event. This is early on.

And what we were beginning to see with the turnouts, the turnouts at our rallies, more and more people coming out, more and more excitement, more working people, more young people, who indicated to me, in a million different ways, they were sick and tired of establishment politics and establishment economics. They wanted real change. And I will tell you, as the campaign progressed, that it was an awe-inspiring moment, a humbling moment, to be walking out on a stage—I think it was in Portland, Oregon, where the Trail Blazers play in the NBA—and you look out, and there are 28,000 people at a rally in Portland, 25,000 in Seattle, 27,000 in Los Angeles. So people were starting to come out. The word was getting around. And it was especially gratifying to see so much beauty in the faces of young people who want real change in this country.

AMY GOODMAN: And yet, who heard you were the people in that room, in each place. You were having the largest rallies of anyone, including Donald Trump, certainly far surpassing Hillary Clinton. But what Donald Trump had that you didn't was the media. And, you know, that was repeated over and over by those that owned the media. You know, "He is good for us." So, it wasn't just Fox. It was all of the networks that were Trump TV.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Right. That's right.

AMY GOODMAN: He didn't have to travel. He was piped into everyone's homes.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Absolutely.

AMY GOODMAN: March 15th, Super Tuesday III, was the night when Rubio gave his speech, and Ted Cruz gave his speech, Clinton gave her speech, and Donald Trump, they waited for half an hour for him to give his speech and showed the open podium, as they often did. They showed more of the open podium waiting for Donald Trump than ever playing your speeches. That's what—those were all the candidates that night. And they played all their full speeches. They did not play one word of your speech. You were speaking in Phoenix, Arizona, to the largest rally of any of those people that night. They didn't even speculate where you were.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: I wish I could disagree with you. No, no, no, Amy is raising a very—and we go into it in the book. I was stunned. I mean, you know, in the middle of the campaign, you're not figuring out this stuff or thinking about it. Turns out that from January 1st, 2015, I think, through November 2015, ABC Evening News had us on for 20 seconds.

AMY GOODMAN: What was it you did that was so newsworthy?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: And it wasn't much better on NBC or CBS, all right. And that's just the simple truth. And there are a couple of points. I think—Amy, correct me if I'm wrong, but I think the guy who's head of CNN said, "Hey, Trump has been fantastic for us." I mean, literally said that. "We're making huge profits from Trump." And the point to be made is, we had the misfortune of actually trying to talk about the problems facing America and providing real solutions. Trump was tweeting out about

how ugly or horrible or disgusting or terrible his opponents were, in really ugly terms. Perfect for the media. That is a great 12-second sound bite. But to talk about why the middle class is in decline or why we have massive levels of income and wealth inequality can't be done in 12 seconds. And second of all, it's not something that they are, frankly, terribly interested in.

AMY GOODMAN: It was Les Moonves, who is head of CBS, who said, "It may not be good for America, but it's good for us."

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: CBS?

AMY GOODMAN: CBS.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Yeah, I think a guy at CNN said something similar, because if you say outrageous things, this is what CNN lives for. That's what they live for. And then they got to have somebody else: "Did you hear what he said? Oh, my god, it's terrible." And they go on and on. And that's—that is coverage. Here is something. During the primary campaign, somebody—I think it was the Shorenstein school of media at Harvard, just over there. They studied the kind of coverage, and they said that something like 90 percent of media coverage during the primary—and I don't think they got any better during the general—was all on this kind of stuff, gossip; 10 percent on issues, which surprised me. I didn't even think it was 10 percent on issues, but...

2016-11-29 **Bernie Sanders on the Dakota Access Pipeline & Treaty Rights Violations by U.S. Government**

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Guests [Bernie Sanders](#) **Vermont independent senator and 2016 Democratic presidential candidate.**

While former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton remained silent on the ongoing fight against the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline at Standing Rock in North Dakota, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders has been a vocal supporter of the water protectors. As winter sets in and the water protectors continue their struggle to stop the pipeline, Democracy Now!'s Amy Goodman asked Sanders about the Dakota Access pipeline struggle at a sit-down interview at the Free Library of Philadelphia on Monday night

AMY GOODMAN: You recently gave a speech in Washington around the Dakota Access pipeline.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Yeah.

AMY GOODMAN: What can you do right now? It seems—I want to ask a question about the peaceful transition of power that President Obama has been talking about. I thought that meant that people won't take up arms in this period. But it does seem to be that even proposals that would be put forward now—we just came from Morocco, the U.N. climate summit; the U.S. pulled back on plans it was going to put forward there—that to ease the transition, they will go—the Obama administration will go in the direction of a Trump administration. Now, on the Dakota Access pipeline, President Obama, who visited Standing Rock in 2014—I think the only Native American reservation he visited, with Michelle Obama. They had a pow wow. They met the children. It was quite amazing. So, he knows the Standing Rock tribe in North Dakota. After the [video](#) of the dogs came out that we filmed Labor Day weekend, dogs with their nose and mouths dripping with blood from biting the Native American water protectors—they were unleashed by the pipeline guards—President Obama returned from Asia, and when a judge ruled on behalf of the company, three—15 minutes later, an unprecedented three-agency letter came out from the Army, from the Interior and Justice and said, "We're going to—we are not going to issue this final permit." But the latest we've heard this week is the Army Corps of Engineers says people have got to get off the property. What can you do as a senator, even in this time of the peaceful transition of power?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: I trust that most people here know about the Dakota Access pipeline. The issues are threefold, and I'll tell you what we are trying to do. And I think your description of the situation is correct. Number one, we're dealing with sovereignty rights for Native American people, an invasion of their own property, in violation of treaty rights, which is an endemic problem in this country. Number two, you're talking about an area where, if the pipe bursts, water, clean water that goes to millions of people in that region, could be severely impacted, at a time when we're all concerned about the amount of clean water that we have. And thirdly, and most importantly

perhaps, you're talking about whether or not we should be in any way supporting a pipeline which is piping in filthy oil at a time when we need to transform our energy system away from fossil fuel to energy efficiency and sustainable energy. So those are the three issues there.

I think what we have done is, number one, demanded that the president do what he did with Keystone. A lot of people put a lot of pressure on the president, and he finally did the right thing. And that is to kill the Keystone pipeline, which, by the way, under a Trump may be reopened again. But that is what he should be doing. And certainly, the demand must go to the North Dakota authorities that the kind of military presence that exists there is simply not what is acceptable. So, we have written to the president. We are going to continue to put pressure on the president to do everything he can to protect the Native Americans in the area and the protesters in the area.

2016-11-29 **Sanders on Trump: We Need to Think Every Day How to Mobilize People to Defeat This Horrific Agenda**

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In the wake of Donald Trump's election victory, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders has vowed to fight against Trump's proposed policies to build a wall across the entire length of the U.S.-Mexico border, to reinstate a database for immigrants from majority-Muslim countries and to deport millions of undocumented immigrants. On Monday night, Democracy Now!'s Amy Goodman sat down for an interview with Senator Sanders, who spoke about what it looks like to hold Trump and the Republican Party accountable.

AMY GOODMAN: Let me ask you about that famous moment in one of the debates with Hillary Clinton where you said you didn't care about the damn emails. Do you feel the same way today?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: What I said—and sometimes it got taken out of context—is that there was an investigation going on and that I wanted to spend—that history, 10 years from now, trust me, no one will remember these damn emails. What they will worry about is people not having healthcare. They'll worry about climate change. They'll worry about poverty. They'll worry about infrastructure. And my point was—and the media often doesn't play that whole statement—I said, you know, "I'm sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails, because that's what the whole campaign is about. Why don't we talk about, A, the collapse of the middle class, income and wealth inequality, healthcare, education, how we move the country forward?" And that was the thrust of my point. It is not my style—and sometimes, amazingly enough, I get criticized for it—for running, you know, ugly and negative ads. I prefer to stay on the important issues facing the American people. There are other areas we could have gone, as well, that Trump went into, that we chose not to do it, because I think, in my own state, I can tell you that people do want to hear a serious discussion on serious issues. That's what we tried to do.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, let me tell you the reason I ask this now. This issue that was hijacked by the right-wing media and Trump himself, but the issue of the secretary of state setting up this private email server, and she has her husband, who's the former president and running a multibillion-dollar foundation, meeting with heads of state, as well, and yet they don't have accountability here—what this means not only for them, but if this becomes a model, for example, for President Trump. He runs a vast business empire.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Absolutely.

AMY GOODMAN: He is the top government official. If he decides to set up his own private email server and decides that he can disappear tens of thousands of email, there won't be a government record of what is actually going on.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Right, right. I mean, I think that's a fair point. And I think, with Trump, the major point is this guy has business enterprises all over the world. And you're looking just at immense, immense conflict of interest. Every decision that he makes is going to impact his bottom line of some business that he owns all over the world. So it remains a huge issue. And I got your point, too, obviously, you know, and that is the valid criticism of having a private email when you're doing government business.

AMY GOODMAN: And now his Cabinet appointments, your thoughts on the direction he's going?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Well, I think this is where—and what our job is—in fact, as I mentioned earlier, I'm going to be, I think, in Indiana on Monday night. And we're going to go to the Carrier plant, where you have a situation where Carrier is—you all remember air-conditioners—they make furnaces in Indiana, actually. And they decided—they announced last year they're going to shut down two plants in Indiana, throw 2,100 workers out on the street. This is a company that pays top dollar to its CEOs, head guy makes \$14 million.

Couple of years ago they had a severance package for a former CEO. You know what the guy got as a golden parachute? \$171 million. And now what they want to do is shut the plants down and move to Mexico and hire people in Monterrey for three bucks an hour. So it becomes symbolic of a disastrous trade policy. And we're going to be there.

But to answer your question, what we have got to do now, to those people who voted for Trump, because they said, "Well, you know, this guy sounds reasonable"—Trump sent out a tweet where he says, "I am the only Republican candidate for president who will not cut Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid." Right? Well, believe me, every American, every person in this country, if I have anything to say about it, will know precisely what is going on with Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, because, as you've indicated, they are beginning to appoint people who are typical right-wing Republicans who want to privatize and cut Social Security. And our job—and we've got it. We've got every statement that Trump made during this campaign. And we are going to hold him accountable. Every person in this country will know what he said and what he is doing. Trump said, "One of the issues that I think a whole lot of people are deeply concerned about is the high cost of medicine in this country." Trump said during the campaign he was going to take on the pharmaceutical industry. He was going to allow for Medicare to negotiate prices with the drug companies, allow people to reimport medicine from Canada and other countries, where the price is often half as much as it is in the United States. Well, you know what? We are going to remind the American people of precisely what Donald Trump said about that and many other issues.

AMY GOODMAN: So now you have someone like Betsy DeVos chosen to be the new secretary of education, sister of Erik Prince, who, you know—

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Blackwater.

AMY GOODMAN: —is founder of the mercenary firm Blackwater.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: And multibillionaire, a multi, multibillionaire, I think, very active in politics in Michigan.

AMY GOODMAN: And massive supporter of voucher system for education. And then you have Mike Flynn, the national security adviser nominee. And this goes to another point of—though it's critical to hold Trump accountable, starting with the Democrats, on the issue of the kill list, President Obama's kill list, his using extrajudicial powers, executive powers, to kill people—can be Americans—without a judge, a jury, without them being charged with a crime. That's President Obama, and he's extending those powers. Your thoughts on President Obama's use of the kill list and then the idea of President Trump using his kill list?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Well, look, you know, when we talk—obviously, I disagree with Obama in using—unilaterally deciding who's going to live or die. And, look, it goes without saying that, you know, we are concerned—I am deeply concerned—about virtually everything that Trump is talking about and has talked about in his campaign and the kind of people that he is appointing.

But what's going through my mind right now is to figure out the most effective way that we can fight back. That's really what I am focusing on right now. And what I will say, and what I believe to be the case, the Republicans are many things, but they're not dumb. And if millions of people begin to stand up and fight back, they're going to be thinking twice about doing very bad things.

I'll give you just one example, Amy. A couple of years ago, sad to say, not only all—virtually all Republicans wanted to cut Social Security. There were a number of Democrats who did, as well. And some of us in the Senate, organizing a defending Social Security caucus, we worked with senior groups all over this country. We got millions of signatures on petitions coming in. And you know what? They backed off. They did not cut Social Security.

So, I think if there's—if there's a lesson to be learned right now, when we are fighting for huge stakes—we're fighting for the future—future of the planet in terms of climate change. We're fighting for the future of American democracy. We have got to mobilize people and rethink our commitment in terms of what our role is in the political process. And the message I just want to make here in Philadelphia and across this country is it is not good enough to say, "Well, hey, I vote every two years. I vote every four years." That's fine, but that is not good enough. What we need to do is to be thinking every day the kinds of role we can play in educating and organizing and mobilizing people to defeat this horrific agenda. And I do believe that if millions of people do stand up and fight back, we can stop him from doing some really awful things. And that's what I am trying to do right now. And we've got to mobilize people to do that.

AMY GOODMAN: We'll be back with Bernie Sanders, senator of Vermont, former presidential candidate, in a minute.

2016-11-29 **Bernie Sanders on Green Party's Effort to Force Recounts in Wisconsin, Michigan & Pennsylvania**

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Green Party presidential nominee Dr. Jill Stein has filed a lawsuit in efforts to force ballot recounts in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. On Monday night at the Free Library in Philadelphia, Democracy Now!'s Amy Goodman sat down with Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders to speak about the recount effort.

AMY GOODMAN: We return to my conversation with Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont. We spoke Monday night at the Free Library of Philadelphia.

AMY GOODMAN: What do you think of Jill Stein's demand for the recount, the Green Party's demand—

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Well, it's not a demand.

AMY GOODMAN: —in Wisconsin, in Michigan, in Pennsylvania?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: They're exercising their rights.

AMY GOODMAN: And now the Clinton campaign supporting it.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Yeah, yeah. I mean, I think it's fine.

AMY GOODMAN: What's the significance? What will happen? What can happen?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: You want me to tell you exactly what will happen? Well, I think—no, yeah, I think what most people expect is not much will happen, but we will see. But it touches on—so, in other words, all that they are doing is what happens all of the time. Nothing new about that. Recounts take place. When I was elected mayor, there was a recount. Right now in North Carolina, the Republican governor, who appears to be losing, wants a recount. Not a new idea. But I'll tell you what it touches on, why it is touching a nerve, is not because I believe that it's going to reverse the results. I don't think that's the case. But this is what people, especially with all of this barrage of attacks on websites and so forth, are really wondering, whether when they vote, is their vote legitimate? You know, and there's talk: Have the Russians interfered in this thing? So that's what it will deal, which takes us to another issue. And I wouldn't have said this a few years ago, but I will say it tonight. I was just researching this. You know, in Canada, they still do their voting with paper ballots. And maybe it takes an extra hour or two to get the results out to the media, but they manage to survive. And I kind of think we should go back to paper ballots, lock them up. But I think—I think what this suit is about is touching on that issue and trying to see if the results end up being significantly different than what we were announced on election night.

2016-11-29 **Bernie Sanders on the Life and Legacy of Late Cuban Revolutionary Fidel Castro**

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Cuba has begun nine days of mourning following the death of revolutionary leader and former President Fidel Castro, who died Friday at the age of 90. In Havana, tens of thousands of people lined up to pay their respects to Castro, who launched the Cuban revolution to oust the U.S.-backed Cuban dictator, Fulgencio Batista, and went on to lead Cuba for nearly a half-century. On Monday night, Democracy Now!'s Amy Goodman sat down with Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders for an interview in front of a live audience at the Free Library of Philadelphia, where he spoke about the life and legacy of the revolutionary leader Fidel Castro.

AMY GOODMAN: And I know we just have a few minutes, but this is an historic period. Fidel Castro just died on Friday at the age of 90. During the campaign, Hillary Clinton tried to redbait you by raising your support of the Sandinistas and talking about you being favorable towards Fidel Castro. But I was wondering if you could talk about the significance of the life and legacy of Fidel Castro and talk about the U.S. in relation to Latin America today.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Well, it's not just Latin America. You know, I think what we can say—and I've been to Cuba two or three times. I think Jane and I went in 1989 for the first time, and I've been back a couple of times, and Jane had some educational work in Cuba. A lot of positive things that can be said. Their healthcare system, for a Third World country, is quite good. It's universal: All people have healthcare without any expense. Last time I was there, I visited a hospital, where they do very, very serious and good work. They come up with a lot of new drugs, actually, in Cuba, I believe. Their educational system is strong. But in truth, their economy is in pretty bad shape. And in truth, you don't do very well if you dissent in Cuba.

So I think, you know, if you look over Castro's long life, he overthrew a terrible dictator, supported by the United States of America, Batista. Some very positive changes came about. And we can argue 'til the cows come home to what degree American interference created the kind of society that exists in Cuba today. So that you could say there are some positive things in Cuba, some very negative things. Fifty years after the revolution, people still can't dissent with freedom. The economy is terrible.

But I think it raises the question—I was on a Sunday show yesterday, and somebody was raising a quote that I made about Castro 30 years ago. And, you know, somehow, they have decided that Fidel Castro is the only—that Cuba is the only nondemocratic country in the world. See, Saudi Arabia is fine. Many other countries in the Middle East are fine. And what we need to do, as a nation, is really start educating the American people. You know, Amy, I'm sure, that in 1954, way back when, we overthrew a democratically elected government in Guatemala, which unleashed decades and decades and decades of horror in that country, supported terrible people in El Salvador. We engineered the overthrow of Salvador Allende in Chile, democratically elected, the first time a person democratically elected in Chile was overthrown through the United States and the CIA. But those issues somehow don't quite make it onto ABC. But I think it is important to understand our role in the world. In Iran, we overthrew—what was it? 1954?—Mr. Mosaddegh.

AMY GOODMAN: 1953.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: '53, Mr. Mosaddegh. And how many people are familiar with that? Did people know that? Good. Not a lot of people—certainly, young people don't know that. But in 1953, at the bequest of British oil companies, the United States government helped engineer a coup of a guy who was democratically elected, who was thinking about nationalizing some of the oil industry there. He was replaced by the shah, who turned out to be a very brutal, brutal man, which then resulted in what we have today with Khomeini coming to power. But these are issues that virtually do—correct me if I'm wrong. Have you seen many shows about that on NBC? You know, it's just not something to be talked about.

AMY GOODMAN: Tune into *Democracy Now!*

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: All right.

AMY GOODMAN: It's a good show.

AMY GOODMAN: Let me ask you two last questions. The electors of the Electoral College, do you think they have a special role to play, given that Hillary Clinton, it looks like, will have something like, as you pointed out, two-and-a-half million more votes than Donald Trump?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: No, I think that's an archaic concept. I think nobody—I mean, nobody voted for the electors; 99.9 percent of the people don't even know who the electors are. They voted for Hillary Clinton. They voted for Donald Trump. And their obligation is to support the candidate that the people in the state voted for.

AMY GOODMAN: And your thoughts that Donald Trump said that he would have won the popular vote but for the millions of people who voted illegally?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: I know this will shock you: I personally do not believe every single thing that Donald Trump says. No, but I did mention in my remarks that that was a—you know, this is—we can go back and look at all of the totally absurd and nonfactual statements that Trump made. You know, and I am not a guy in politics who really likes to attack viciously my opponents. It's not my style. But I felt obliged during the campaign to say something that was just patently true, and that is that Trump is a pathological liar. And, you know, I mean, he was saying—and the danger is, it may be—you know, everybody lies. You know you're lying. But I fear very much that he may be not even knowing that he lies, that he believes that he saw—the only person in the world who saw in New Jersey Muslims on a rooftop celebrating the destruction of the twin towers, the only person in America who saw it, and he's utterly convinced that he saw it. And he may well be convinced of that. It may not be a lie; he may believe that he saw that.

But this statement, as I mentioned earlier, the danger of this statement is not just that it is delusional and incorrect, is that it sets—if you have a president who believes that millions of people voted illegally, you're telling every Republican official in this country to suppress the vote, to make it harder for people to vote, whether they are immigrants, whether they are people of color, whether they are poor people, young people or old people. That is the danger of that statement. And that's something we have got to fight tooth and nail.

2016-11-29 Will We Be Feeling the Bern in 2020?: Sanders on Whether He'd Ever Run for President Again

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In the wake of Donald Trump's presidential election victory, many Sanders supporters now wonder if he would have been the stronger candidate to face Donald Trump in the general election than Hillary Clinton. Sanders is now working to rebuild the Democratic Party from inside and out. Earlier this month, he was elected to a leadership position in the Senate as the new chair of outreach for Senate Democrats. In addition, Sanders is leading the push for Congressman Keith Ellison to become the next head of the Democratic National Committee. But would Sanders himself run in 2020? On Monday night, Democracy Now!'s Amy Goodman sat down with Senator Sanders for his most extensive broadcast interview since the election at the Free Library of Philadelphia, where she asked him whether he might "feel the Bern" again in 2020.

AMY GOODMAN: Will you be running for president again?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Oh, now you sound—OK, now, she waited 'til the end of the program to sound like a mainstream media person.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, will I—do I continue to sound—do I continue to sound that way if I ask you, would you ever consider leaving the Democratic Party, that you're actually not a part of? And—

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Well—well, let me answer the other question, is—four years is a long time. I've got to—you know, I'm going to be running for re-election most likely in two years for Vermont to the Senate. And there's just an enormous amount of political work that has to be done at this—at this moment. I think, you know, as now having been recently appointed a member of the Democratic leadership, my job, with the help of everybody in this room—look, we're going to ask a lot from you. And here's the bad news: We don't want just your money. See, and one of the things that bothers me is—and I will take this on—is Democrats spend an enormous amount of time raising money. And I have—for those people who were kind enough to donate—and we appreciate it very much—I've got to ask you a favor. Do not take up so much time—and I mean this very seriously—time of the candidates. They—if I have anything to say about it, they're going to be going to Kansas and Mississippi and Alabama, where they're not going to be raising money, they're going to be talking to working people. So we need financial support, but we don't have the time to spend an evening with 10 people. We need your financial help, but you have to allow serious people in politics to go out and start talking to working people so that we can transform the politics of this country.

AMY GOODMAN: Is that—is that a yes for 2020?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: So, no comment for 2020. It's a statement that—it is a statement we have to worry, believe me, about 2017 and 2018. And again, let me repeat what I have said throughout the campaign and I believe absolutely from the bottom of my heart: Politics is not about a person. We transform this country not by electing some guy or woman to be president; we transform this country when millions of people stand up and fight back. That will result in good leadership on top. So the goal right now is not to worry about who's going to be running in 2020 or 2080. The

goal now is to mobilize millions of people around a progressive agenda.

AMY GOODMAN: And finally, many people are deeply concerned about the two-party duopoly. You, yourself, are an independent or a socialist. Would you ever consider a third-party run—

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Well, I—

AMY GOODMAN: —like joining with the Green Party?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: You know, I did that. In Vermont, as many know, I defeated Democrats and Republicans to become mayor, defeated Democrats and Republicans to make it into the Congress. Recent years, Democrats have been more sympathetic. And I've been a member of the Democratic caucus for 25 years. So right now I would not have accepted the position of leadership if I was not serious about fundamentally reforming the Democratic Party. So that's where my head is right now.

AMY GOODMAN: Thank you. Bernie, the last question is—I'm famous for my "finallys."

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: This is your fourth last question!

AMY GOODMAN: For people who are feeling deeply discouraged right now—

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Yes.

AMY GOODMAN: What did you learn from your campaign this time around?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Good question.

AMY GOODMAN: Where you almost won.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Let me just say this, and the feeling of—I wouldn't use the word "discouragement." The feeling of maybe frustration, depression, all of which is valid, but here's what I hope that everybody remembers. Anybody who knows anything about American history, you know, think about what this country—and I don't mean to be ultra-patriotic here, but think about the issues that we had to confront. Think about 120 years ago. There were children—children, kids, 12, 10 years old—working in factories, losing their fingers. People fought back. They fought to create unions. Think about the women's movement. Think about the civil rights movement. Think about the gay rights movement. Think about the environmental. Think about all of the hurdles that those folks had to overcome. We were, during the course of the campaign—Amy, I don't know if you know this; I didn't know it 'til last year—we were in Birmingham, Alabama. And all of you, you know, probably remember the horrific bombing that took place in Birmingham. You remember that, where 12 children were killed? I did not know, until I was at that church, that that month in Birmingham—do you how many bombings there were in that month? Testing you, Amy; I'm asking you a question.

AMY GOODMAN: Two hundred?

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: No, but there were a lot. Point being—what's the point? The point is—you know, I thought there was one terrible bombing. There were 13 bombings. That city was under siege by terrorists who did not want to see the Voting Rights Act passed. And people fought back.

So, where we are now is in a difficult moment. I don't want to minimize the difficulties facing us. But throughout history, serious people have fought back. That's where we are now, and that is exactly what we have to do. It is not acceptable—it really is not—for people to throw their hands up and say, "Oh, I'm depressed. Oh, I'm giving up." It's not about you. It's about the future of this planet. It's about your kids and your grandchildren. It is about American democracy. It is about some very fundamental issues. And nobody in this room or in this country has a right to say "I give up." On the other hand, you've got to jump in and start fighting.

AMY GOODMAN: That's former Democratic presidential candidate Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, who's now in the leadership of the Democratic Party in the Senate, even though he's an independent socialist. He is author of a new book; it's called *Our Revolution*. I interviewed him Monday night at the Free Library of Philadelphia. To watch Bernie Sanders' full speech before we actually spoke, you can go to democracynow.org.

2016-12-01 **Cornel West on Donald Trump: This is What Neo-Fascism Looks Like**
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Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. During the Democratic primary he endorsed Bernie Sanders. After Hillary Clinton won the nomination, West made headlines when he endorsed Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein. He's written numerous books, most recently "The Radical King: Martin Luther King, Jr." His other books include "Black Prophetic Fire."

President-elect Donald Trump has announced a handful of new cabinet picks with deep ties to Wall Street. On Tuesday, he named Steven Mnuchin to be Treasury Secretary. Mnuchin is a former executive for Goldman Sachs, where his father also worked. Mnuchin's hedge fund also played a role in the housing crisis, after it scooped up the failing California bank IndyMac in 2008. Under Mnuchin's ownership, IndyMac foreclosed on 36,000 families, particularly elderly residents trapped in reverse mortgages. Mnuchin was accused of running a "foreclosure machine." Trump has also picked billionaire private-equity investor Wilbur Ross to be Commerce Secretary. Ross specializes in flipping bankrupt companies for profit, often buying the U.S. companies at low prices and then selling them to overseas investors. He and his companies have sometimes engaged in the very practices Donald Trump rails against: shipping jobs and factories overseas. For more on these picks, we speak with Cornel West, Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. During the Democratic primary he endorsed Bernie Sanders. After Hillary Clinton won the nomination West made headlines when he endorsed Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: "Wall Street Wins Again as Trump Chooses Bankers and Billionaires." That was the headline in piece by *Bloomberg*, on Wednesday, shortly after Donald Trump tapped former Goldman Sachs executive Steven Mnuchin to be his Treasury secretary and billionaire investor Wilbur Ross to head the Commerce Department. This comes as *Politico* is reporting Trump is also considering Goldman Sachs president Gary Cohn for a top post. The two met at Trump Tower on Tuesday. Trump's chief strategist Steve Bannon is also a former Goldman Sachs Vice President who went on to head the right-wing *Breitbart* news site.

AMY GOODMAN: Wall Street has celebrated the news. On Wednesday, Goldman Sachs stock jumped 3.6% to an eight-year high. This all comes after Donald Trump campaigned on an anti-establishment message often publicly criticizing his opponents for their ties to Goldman Sachs. Here's Trump speaking about Ted Cruz 10 months ago.

DONALD TRUMP: What he wanted to do is say, I will protect you from Goldman Sachs. I will protect you from Citibank. And I will protect you from the banks, because I'm Robin Hood and I'm this wonderful senator and I'm going to protect you from these banks, and then he's borrowing from the banks. And by the way, he's got personal guarantees. And he got low interest loans. He got low-interest loans. They're low interest. And now he's going to go after Goldman Sachs? It doesn't work that way. Goldman Sachs owns him. Remember that, folks. They own him.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: On Wednesday, Democratic Senator Sherrod Brown of Ohio, the ranking member of the Senate Banking Committee, criticized Donald Trump for picking former Goldman Sachs executive Steven Mnuchin to be Treasury secretary. Brown said, "President-elect Trump campaigned against big money's power in Washington and accused Wall Street and hedge funds of getting away with murder. But now he's picked a hedge-fund manager whose Wall Street ties couldn't run deeper to lead the Treasury Department, which is exactly what this election showed

the American people don't want. This isn't draining the swamp, it's stocking it with alligators." The words of Senator Sherrod Brown.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, to talk more about the election of Donald Trump, his cabinet picks, and much more, we're joined by Cornel West, Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. During the Democratic primary, he endorsed Bernie Sanders. After Hillary Clinton won the nomination, West made headlines when he endorsed Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein. Welcome back to *Democracy Now!* It's great to have you with us.

CORNEL WEST: I just thank God for *Democracy Now!* because journalism is almost dead as we move into this neofascist age. And thank god you all are still willing to tell the truth.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, your response to the election of Donald Trump and now the cabinet he is appointing around him?

CORNEL WEST: Well, I think he's already betrayed working people in terms of making sure, in his view, that Wall Street is in the driver's seat. And what I mean by that is that in an emerging neofascist moment, you have the rule of big business, which is big banks and big corporations. You scapegoat the most vulnerable. It could be Muslims, Mexicans, gay brothers, lesbian sisters, indigenous peoples, black peoples, jews, and so on. And then you also have militaristic orientations around the world. And so, you see the extension of the repressive apparatus, as those of us who hit the streets, those of us who will be — are willing to go to jail, we've had to recognize we'll have more coming at us under Trump administration. But, the crucial thing is, is that he had talked about his connection with working people. And it's clear that the one percent are still running things.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: But, you've also said, Dr. West, you just said that his administration will be neofascist. Could you explain? What do you mean by that, neofascist as opposed to fascist, and what the two mean?

CORNEL WEST: What neofascist — it's an American style form of fascism. What I mean by that is we've had neoliberal rule from Carter to Obama. That neoliberal rule left in place a national security state. It left in place massive surveillance. It left in place the ability of the president to kill an American citizen with no due process. That's Obama. That was the culmination of the neoliberal era. Now you get someone who is narcissistic — which is to say out of control psychologically — who is ideologically confused — which is to say, in over his head — and who does he choose? The most right wing reactionary zealots which lead toward the arbitrary deployment of law, which is what neofascism is, but to reinforce corporate interests, big bank interest, and to keep track of those of us who are cast as peoples of color, women, jews, Arabs, Muslims, Mexicans, and so forth, and so — So, this is one of the most frightening moments in the history of this very fragile empire and fragile republic.

AMY GOODMAN: So, I want to talk about some of the picks of Donald Trump, like President-elect Donald Trump's treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, deep ties to Wall Street including working as a partner for Goldman Sachs, where his father also worked. Mnuchin's hedge fund also played a role in the housing crisis after it scooped up the failing California bank IndyMac in 2008. Under Mnuchin's ownership, IndyMac foreclosed on 36,000 families, particularly elderly residents trapped in reverse mortgages. People would go to Mnuchin's home to protest outside as they were

foreclosed out of their own homes. Mnuchin was accused of running a foreclosure machine. The bank, which was renamed One West, was also accused of racially discriminatory lending practices. In 2015 Mnuchin sold a bank for \$3.4 billion, \$1.8 billion more than he bought it for.

CORNEL WEST: This is what you call spiritual blackout. There is a level of callousness. There's a level of indifference toward poor and working people. Preoccupation with greed and most importantly, lack of accountability. Doing anything they can do unless, in the end, they get caught by the law, and of course, oftentimes they have already disproportionately influenced those who apply the laws, those who supposed to be regulating them. And so, this is another instance of Wall Street run amok. I mean, I, and some of us were very critical [indiscernible] and others, very critical of Geithner, Summers, the Ruben crowd straight out of Wall Street when brother Barack Obama moved into the White House.

AMY GOODMAN: Summers, who you knew well because he was president of Harvard when you were there a professor there —

CORNEL WEST: Absolutely.

AMY GOODMAN: — and got in a bit of an altercation with him.

CORNEL WEST: Bless his soul. But — so that you can see on the neoliberal rule, Wall Street's still in the driver seat. We were hoping, with brother Bernie Sanders, that we could bring the neoliberal era to a close. And by neoliberal, what I mean is, when you see a social problem, you financialize, you privatize, and militarize. You get mass incarceration on the one hand, privatize schools — I know sister Diane Ravitch, on of the great prophetic voices of our time, in this regard will talk about this later — and then you militarize, which is to say drop bombs on seven Muslim countries and then wonder why Muslims are upset. Or you drop bombs on innocent children with U.S. drones and then wonder why the gangsters, the fascists coming out of the Muslim world, are organizing. And of course, we've got to be anti-fascist across the board. But this is going to be the most trying of times in our lifetime. There's no doubt about it. And at 63 years old, I am thoroughly fortified for this fight. I will tell you that.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Well, given that people who voted for Trump and continuing with what you said, many have questioned how Trump, who after all is a billionaire born into a wealthy family, how did he become a working class hero so widely perceived among the people who voted for him as someone outside of the American economic and political elite class?

CORNEL WEST: Well, a significant number of those who voted for Trump were actually working people, middle-class people, who are looking for a way out given the fact they're losers under neoliberal globalization. And they tilted toward Bernie Sanders, but the Democratic Party and its neoliberal regime marginalized him and us. And so, the only alternative is this pseudo-populist billionaire with these narcissistic sensibilities and fascist — neofascist proclivities. And he presented himself as caring for their situation. And so, that economic insecurity, that economic neglect is very real. There's no doubt about that. And it's disproportionate white brothers and sisters, but they are suffering. And it was a cry of the heart.

Unfortunately, given the right-wing populist and the authoritarian orientation of Trump, he uses that kind of anguish to scapegoat Mexicans, Muslims, and others rather than confront the most powerful — 21 percent of those who voted for Trump do not like him, but they feel as if they had

no alternative. And we have to keep in mind 42 percent of our fellow citizens didn't go to the polls at all. Already given up on the system, you see. And so, the system itself is, now, is in such a chronic crisis. And we said before the election that Trump would be a neofascist catastrophe. And it's very clear from his picks that he is moving in that direction.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to turn to Bernie Sanders. We had the first extensive hour with Bernie after the election. I spoke to him Monday night at the Free Library. We played it Tuesday. He spoke about how he hopes to reform the Democratic Party as the new chair. Well, it's a new position called the outreach position. He's now in the Senate Democratic leadership. Even if he is an independent socialist. This is Bernie Sanders.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: The new approach, I think, is to, a, create a fifty state strategy. That means we start playing ball in states that the Democrats have conceded decades ago. But, more importantly, we create a kind of grassroots party where the most important people in the party are not just wealthy campaign contributors, but working people, young people, people in the middle class who are going to come in and going to start telling us what their needs are and give us some ideas as to how we go forward. And I accept this responsibility as outreach chair with a lot of trepidation, but also with excitement. I'm going to be going around the country to try to do everything that I can to create a party which represents working people and not just the one percent.

2016-12-01 **Cornel West: Unlike Bernie Sanders, I'm Not Convinced the Democratic Party Can Be Reformed**

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In the wake of Donald Trump's election victory over Hillary Clinton, some progressives are now pushing a shake up of the Democratic Party's leadership in efforts to reform the party. But Dr. Cornel West says he doubts the Democratic Party can be reformed. During the Democratic primary, West endorsed Bernie Sanders. Sanders later picked him to serve on the Democratic platform committee. After Hillary Clinton won the nomination, West made headlines when he endorsed Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein. For more we speak with West about the Democratic Party and what organizing looks like in the wake of the election.

AMY GOODMAN: So, a lot of questions, and I encourage people to watch the full hour at democracynow.org. You were a big supporter of Bernie Sanders. You served on the Democratic Platform Committee on behalf of Bernie Sanders. Do you think he's right to re— work on reforming the Democrats rather than focus on building a new party? He is leading a movement called our revolution. He has said we have to work with Donald in different ways. He says to the people who supported him. Elizabeth Warren, in the last day, has said she is not so clear she's going to be working with Donald Trump. I mean, very interesting when Barack Obama came in, Mitch McConnell made it clear they won't work with Obama at all. But, what are your thoughts on all of this, the inside/outside strategy?

CORNEL WEST: Well, I think there's going to be a lot of different responses. I have a deep love and respect for brother Bernie Sanders. I always will. I don't always agree with him. I'm not convinced that the Democratic Party can be reformed. I think it still has a kind of allegiance to a neoliberal orientation. It still has allegiance to Wall Street, the very victory of Nancy Pelosi is a sign that neoliberalism is still hegemonic in the party. I hope that Keith Ellison is able to present a challenge to it. But, my hunch is —

AMY GOODMAN: — as head of — if he makes it is head of the Democratic National Committee.

CORNEL WEST: If he's head of the DNC. But my hunch is the Democratic Party has simply run out of gas. I mean, this is a party that couldn't even publicly oppose TPP when we debated that in the Platform Committee. And that's just one small example. Couldn't stop — couldn't vote to stop Fracking, and so on. So, it's still so tied to big money.

AMY GOODMAN: Even though Hillary Clinton had changed her position, because of the pressure of Bernie Sanders on TPP?

CORNEL WEST: Exactly, and tight there in the debates, they got the word from the White House, we didn't want to embarrass the president. Embarrass the president? What about the poor and working people who are dealing with the suffering? Is that less important than embarrassing the president? And they were very clear about that. And I pushed and pushed and pushed. Here's somebody — they can't even talk about the Israeli occupation honestly. The president uses a

language in 2009, they can't use it in the platform. Why? Because they tied to the lobby, they tied to AIPAC. So that, when you have those kinds of restraints on you, these albatrosses around your neck, how are you going to be a party for the people? How you going to be a party for working people, poor people. How you going to be a party for those brothers and sisters in Yemen who are dealing with U.S.-supported troops and bombs killing them, mediated with Saudi Arabian government? How you going to deal with the Palestinians, deal with the Israeli occupation? How you going to deal with Africans, the expansion of AFRICOM, and so forth? There has to be some integrity and moral consistency. And unfortunately, the Democratic Party just strikes me as not being able to meet that challenge. But, I'll work with brother Bernie Sanders and others both out of love and because I know in his heart he's got a certain deep commitment to working people. But now, even as an independent socialist, he's behaving as a New Deal liberal.

AMY GOODMAN: What does that mean?

CORNEL WEST: That means that he is a — well, a Democratic Socialist is a radical who's critical of the system. A New Deal liberal works within the system and doesn't want to bring massive critique for structural change. And I can understand it because he's inside. But those of us who are outside and free, we're going to tell the truth. We're going to be honest. We will have certain kind of moral and spiritual integrity. And no matter how marginal that makes us, we're not, in any way, going to become well-adjusted to this injustice out here.

AMY GOODMAN: We're going to break and come back to what's happened in North Carolina, and then you're headed to North Dakota. So, we'll talk about that. Dr. Cornel West, Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. He endorsed Bernie Sanders, and was served on the Democratic Platform Committee. This is *Democracy Now!* We'll be back in a minute.

2016-12-01 Cornel West on Keith Lamont Scott Case: Yet Again An Officer Gets Away With Killing a Black Man

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In Charlotte, North Carolina, people took to the streets Wednesday night to protest the announcement that police officer Brentley Vinson will not face charges for fatally shooting African American father Keith Lamont Scott. We talk to Dr. Cornel West about the Keith Lamont Scott case and the national issue of police brutality.

AMY GOODMAN: Jimi Hendrix here on *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman with Nermeen Shaikh.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: In Charlotte, North Carolina, people took to the streets, Wednesday night, to protest the announcement that police officer Brentley Vinson, will not face charges for fatally shooting African American father Keith Lamont Scott. At least four people were arrested as protesters marched with signs reading, "How to get away with murder: Become a cop."

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PROTESTER 2: Don't kill us dead in the street. You incarcerate our brothers and —

AMY GOODMAN: Keith Lamont Scott's killing by police in September sparked massive protests in Charlotte and nationwide. Scott's family says he was reading a book in his car in the parking lot waiting to pick up his son after school when he was approached by police officers. The dashboard camera video of the interaction, which was released after the protests, shows Scott exiting his vehicle and taking steps backwards with his arms at his sides. In the video, police fire four shots at Scott as he falls to the ground. In October, an independent autopsy ruled the shooting was a homicide.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: But on Wednesday, Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray announced the officer Brentley Vinson, who is black, will not face charges and that the shooting was justified.

DIST. ATT. ANDREW MURRAY: After a thorough review, and given the totality of the circumstances and credible evidence in this case, it is my opinion that officer Vinson acted lawfully

when he shot Mr. Scott. He acted lawfully.

AMY GOODMAN: Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray went on to say the investigation found Scott had a gun at the scene of the shooting, although he admitted there was no evidence that Scott actually raised the gun at officers. North Carolina is an open-carry state, which means it's legal to carry a gun. In a statement, Scott's family members said they're profoundly disappointed by the decision not to charge officer Vinson, who's been on paid leave during the investigation. To talk more about the shooting of Keith Lamont Scott and police brutality, we're still joined by Cornel West, professor emeritus at Princeton University who's headed to Harvard University because he'll be teaching in January. Your response to the lack of an indictment?

CORNEL WEST: We see it again. We see it again. I mean, it's harder to send a policeman who kills an innocent civilian to jail than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. I was just in court in White Plains with my dear brother Kenneth Chambers Jr. Same thing. Sitting there watching all of the witnesses. Here comes the jury and the judge. The death of our dear brother Kenneth Chamberlain Sr., no justice.

AMY GOODMAN: And people should go to our website to see the extensive work we did on that. But that was a man who was an Army veteran, had a medic alert necklace. And somehow when he was sleeping, rolled over on it. The medical people called. This was not a police interaction. Called for support for him that woke him up when people were knocking at the door. He said he was OK he didn't want to open the door, not to worry. And they knocked down that door and killed him.

CORNEL WEST: And killed him. And then dragged him with the bloodstains shown on the door and so forth. But, we see this over and over again. What it generates, though, and this is something that's a sign of hope, that we have a younger generation that is on fire for justice. They're tired of this callousness and indifference toward the vulnerable. And it's multiracial, it's multigendered, it's multi-sexual orientational, it's multireligious and non-religion. That is a very positive thing. Because what neofascist elites are counting on is conformity and complacency. Look at Mitt Romney. Trump is a fraud. He's phony. His promises are worth a diploma from Trump University. Then yesterday, he strikes me as very wise and I think it would be an honor to work with them. Just no integrity at all. But, this is not just the Mitt Romney's, we got to watch the Democrats. You watch these neoliberals more and more bend, you watch them start rationalizing what ought to be called into question. We've got to draw some lines in the sand. That doesn't mean we demonize others, but they have to have some principles. There's got to be some integrity, some back home. And thank God we've got a number of young folk who do understand that.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, you have this case in North Carolina. At the same time in Charleston, South Carolina, prosecutors made closing arguments, Wednesday, in the murder trial of the white police officer Michael Slager who was captured on video, just a bystander who happened to see this happen, shooting African American Walter Scott in the back as Scott ran away. He was stopped at an AutoZone parking lot where he was going for his car, and this police officer shot him dead. Now, he was in the same jail as Dylan Roof, who now is going on trial and supposedly representing himself.

CORNEL WEST: After he kills the precious black folk in the AME Church, is taken for a hamburger on the way to jail because he's hungry. I mean, this is the depths of more bankruptcy and spiritual blackout that I'm talking about, you see. And of course, Breitbart, what do they do? They put the Confederate flag up after these black people are killed and act as if somehow that's some disinterested, nonpartisan act. And we know the Confederacy is neo-Nazi in the core in terms of its hatred of black people in defense of slavery. So that we're dealing in times in which we have to be very clear, and we have to have plain speech, Frank speech, and we have to have people who are willing to put bodies on the line. This is the kind of moment in which we live. This is not a moment for the lukewarm and the faint hearted and the half-truths and the attempts to rationalize something that they think is so complicated when it's very clear, and yet we have to do it in such a way that John Coltrane's "Love Supreme" is at the center. You've got to be full of rage because you hate the injustice, but you can't be hating people. You got to hate the injustice and keep love at the center. And that's very much what was wonderful about what you did at North Carolina. You were there because you've got a love for precious indigenous brothers and sisters —

AMY GOODMAN: North Dakota.

CORNEL WEST: I mean North Dakota. North Dakota. And the measure of American civilization has always been, how do you treat indigenous brothers and sisters? Because slavery was not the first original sin of America. The first original sin was the dispossession of our brothers and sisters of —

2016-12-01 **Cornel West: I Am Heading to Standing Rock to Show Solidarity With Historic Indigenous Uprising**

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Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. He's written numerous books, most recently "The Radical King: Martin Luther King, Jr." His other books include "Black Prophetic Fire."

Amnesty International is calling on the U.S. Justice Department to investigate the violent police crackdown against Native American water protectors and their allies fighting the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access Pipeline at Standing Rock in North Dakota. The call comes after Amnesty sent a delegation of human rights observers to witness the crackdown, which has including police using rubber bullets, tear gas, concussion grenades, sound cannons, water cannons in subfreezing temperatures, and other military-style weapons that have injured hundreds of people. We speak to Dr. Cornel West about why he is soon heading out to Standing Rock to show solidarity.

AMY GOODMAN: So, you're headed to North Dakota this weekend, which is a major weekend because December 5 is the date that the Army Corps of Engineers set, saying that people must leave the area — although, the state authorities, and even the local authorities, have said they are not going to move in on the land to arrest people. It's very complicated messages that are coming out right now. Clearly, President Obama is involved with this. He visited the Standing Rock tribe in 2014 — and that's rare for an American president to go to a reservation — so he knows his case well. He was the one to issue that unprecedented three-agency order from Interior, Justice and Army saying that they are — will hold off on granting the permit. But, where do they stand now? They have not said they will not grant this permit.

CORNEL WEST: Well, I mean President Obama, he specializes in symbolic gestures because he gives pretty speeches. He's very brilliant, he's very charismatic. But, when, in terms of — when in comes time to implement and execute on the ground, often times he's — there's a deficit there. We'll see whether he comes through.

AMY GOODMAN: So what are you going to do there?

CORNEL WEST: I'm just going down to show my love and solidarity. I was invited by — I was honored to be invited by the elders, as you know of 200 nations. This is the biggest coming together since the 19th century for indigenous peoples' struggles. And I just come as a brother, as a comrade to be in solidarity with them and I go there and follow instructions. I want to be a force for good there in that context.

AMY GOODMAN: And after that, January, you're going to be teaching back at Harvard. What are you going to be teaching? What are you becoming a professor of?

CORNEL WEST: Teach a course as the professor of the practice of public philosophy. I mean, it's amazing. It's very kind of them to invite me back, I must say.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: Explain what that means, to be a professor of public philosophy.

CORNEL WEST: Well, it means simply to engage in a truth telling and an analysis of structures and institutions, and try to shape souls and characters of young people in such a way that they

are willing to take stands on issues that has as much to do with the destiny of both this nation and the world. But, it's a robust, uninhibited dialogue, because you've got conservative interests, liberals, radicals, and so forth there. But I'll be teaching with Roberto Unger at the law school. I'll be at the divinity school teaching with Du Bois. And thank god brother Larry Bobo, and Skip Gates, and the others were kind enough to invite me back, as well. So, I look forward to being in the Boston area. It's not my favorite part of the country. I'm from California. But, I know you know whole lot about Harvard — She's a graduate. She's a graduate, too.

AMY GOODMAN: In this last-minute, in this last minute, Fidel Castro?

CORNEL WEST: Yeah, brother Castro. Good God, his solidarity with struggles in Africa, with — historically —

AMY GOODMAN: Did you ever meet him?

CORNEL WEST: I never met him. I went to Cuba and I was characterized as a counterrevolutionary with a smile because I called for the rotation of elites. I'm a radical democrat, democratic socialist. I believe that leaders ought to rotate. So, I called for the rotation of elites, and they pulled me in the palace. What are you talking about? This is critique. Oh yeah, I'm critical, absolutely. But at the same time, I salute the health system. I salute the education. I salute the fact that he stood up in the face of American imperial power, 630 assassination attempts, fought back against the Bay of Pigs and affirmed, most importantly, the greatness of the Cuban people. They suffered under Batista. And they did suffer under Castro in terms of his repression of dissenting voices. But at the same time, they now emerge powerful again. And I think it's a magnificent history of the Cuban people. But, Castro was always, for me, been a fascinating figure, heroic figure. But, still, I was very critical of the — of repression and not rotating, not having the kind of turnover in leadership that I would have liked to see. But, he's one of the great revolutionary Communists of the 20th century, and, as a revolutionary Christian, I love him.

AMY GOODMAN: Well, on that note, I want to thank you for being with us. Dr. Cornel West, Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. Thanks so much for joining us. This is *Democracy Now!* When we come back, we'll look at one of the cabinet picks of Donald Trump, education secretary, and what it means for public education in America. Stay with us.

2016-11-30 **Watch Bernie Sanders' Full Speech in Philadelphia: The Future of American Democracy is at Risk**

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Prior to his interview with Amy Goodman on Monday, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) gave a speech at the Free Library of Philadelphia talking about the election of Donald Trump, the Democratic Party, his new book "Our Revolution" and more.

SEN. BERNIE SANDERS: Thank you, Philadelphia! Sheldon, thanks very much for that introduction, and as I think Sheldon mentioned to you, I'm going to chat for three or four hours. Not really. And then Amy Goodman is going to come up, and we'll chat for a bit, as well.

I want to talk about the book, but I also have the feeling there are one or two other things on your minds beside the book. So let me just go over these one or two other things.

Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by over 2 million votes, which is no small number. Second of all—and that tells us that Mr. Trump has got to understand that he has no mandate. He lost by 2 million votes. And we may want to talk about a little bit later about the Electoral College and how it is that you win by 2 million votes and don't get inaugurated as president, but that's another issue.

But second of all, on every major issue—and this is important to understand, for progressives to understand—on virtually every major issue facing this country, whether it's raising the minimum wage, whether it is pay equity for women, whether it's rebuilding our infrastructure, whether it is making public colleges and universities tuition-free, whether it is criminal justice reform, immigration reform, etc., etc., whether it's dealing with income and wealth inequality, demanding the wealthy start paying their fair share of taxes—on all of those issues and more, the strong majority of the American people agree with us. You can go out, and you can do a poll today, go out on the street and ask people whether they think it's a great idea to give tax breaks to billionaires, as Mr. Trump and his friends will try to do, and cut Social Security, I would say 90 percent of the American people do not think that that makes any sense at all. So, point here is that on every major issue, virtually every major issue, especially the economic ones, the American people are on our side.

Third point, in Trump's campaign, he said a whole lot of things. The ugliest things that he said, the most disturbing things that he said, were based on bigotry. And in my view, there can be a lot of discussion about a lot of issues, but there cannot be a compromise on bigotry. I don't have to—I don't have to tell anybody here, who has any familiarity with American history, starting from way back when the first settlers came to this country, and they lied to and cheated Native Americans, and they abrogated the treaties that they had signed, to the horrors of slavery, to the fact that a hundred years ago today women did not have the right to vote, could not get the education they wanted, to the prejudice shown against Italians, Irish, Jews, many nationalities, to the homophobia that has existed in this country—and the good news, in a sense, is that we have come a long, long way. We take it for granted now, but if we were here 20 years ago, 25 years ago, and somebody said, "Well, I think in 2008 the United States will elect an African American as president," most people would not have believed that. If I would have told you five years ago that

gay marriage would be legal in every state in this country, coming from a conservative Supreme Court, you really would not have probably believed that, as well. So we have made important gains. Still, obviously, a lot, lot more has to be done. But the message to Mr. Trump, very loudly and clearly, is we are not going back. We will not accept a president who tries to divide us up by race, by gender, by sexual orientation, by nationality. We are not going back. We have struggled too far for too many years. Too many people have died, gone to jail. And we're not going to retreat back into bigotry in this country.

And there is another area, several other areas, where I think there is no compromise. During the course of his campaign, Mr. Trump told the American people that he believed that climate change is a hoax—never get this one—emanating from China. You would have thought it would be emanating from Mexico or some Muslim country, but from China. And what we have got to make clear to Mr. Trump, by the millions, by the tens of millions, because we are fighting for the future of this planet, is climate change is not a hoax, is in fact the great threat or one of the great environmental threats facing this planet. And the scientists are virtually united in telling us that the debate is over, that climate change is real, caused by human activity, already creating enormous problems in this country and around the world. And what they tell us, if we do not get our act together—and that means transforming our energy system yesterday, taking on the fossil fuel industry, telling them that their short-term profits are not more important than the future of this planet—if we do not get our act together, the planet that we're going to be leaving to our kids and our grandchildren will not be a healthy planet, and that is something we cannot allow to happen. We are playing for the future of this planet. And Mr. Trump is dead wrong, and he has got to start talking to the scientific community, not the fossil fuel industry.

And among—and among many other areas that concern me about Mr. Trump's stances really was highlighted literally yesterday, when he sent out a tweet saying that millions of people who voted illegally, that he would have won the popular vote. This is delusional, which is frightening unto itself that you have a president-elect who is delusional. But what you should understand is that what that statement is doing is sending a signal. It's sending a signal to many Republicans, who have already gotten that message, and that is that voter suppression is their goal, that they got to intensify what is going on right now.

Now, I don't want to get you too nervous, but I am deeply concerned about the future of American democracy. And I'm concerned about it from two major areas. Number one, what Trump talked about yesterday, when he says there are, quote-unquote, "millions" of people illegally voting, what he is saying is that we are going to engage in a very significant way in voter suppression. We're going to make it much more difficult for people of color, for older people, for young people, for poor people, for immigrants to participate in the political process. All of you remember that it was until the 1960s in this country we had a poll tax. And in some states, people had to vote—had to pay in order to vote.

Now, you combine that reality of voter suppression efforts with the Republican leadership desire to go beyond *Citizens United*. Now, all of you know that *Citizens United* will go down in history as one of the worst Supreme Court decisions that the Supreme Court has ever made. And yet Republicans think that it did not go far enough. What *Citizens United* today allows is for the Koch brothers and other billionaires to spend as much money as they want, to the tune of hundreds of millions, indefinitely, as much as they want, as independent expenditures. So, a lot of the ads

you'll see on TV—and I know in Pennsylvania you saw one or two of them—they come from groups not associated with the candidate, independent. What the Republican leadership wants to do, and they've been public about this, is end all forms of campaign regulation, which means they want the day to come where the Koch brothers don't have to do independent expenditures, they can give money directly to a candidate. So, in Pennsylvania, for example, they can say, "OK, we're going to run you for the U.S. Senate. Here is a check for \$100 million. Here is your campaign manager. Here is your media person. Here is your speechwriter. In essence, you work for me." Direct control over the candidate. So, add those two things together—and the Republicans are moving in those directions—we should be very nervous about the future of American democracy.

And again, what we have got to do is to fight back, state after state after state, to give no ground on voter suppression. Once again, you all remember that when this country was first formed, in a city around here somewhere, it was only wealthy white guys who could vote. And the struggle of American democracy over 200-plus years was to expand that, was to create a Voting Rights Act so that African Americans could vote, was to have a constitutional amendment so that women could vote, to lower the voting age from 21 to 18 so young men who were going off to Vietnam could have a vote about whether or not they were going to get killed or not, and on and on. The whole progress of American democracy, the thrust of American democracy, was to expand democracy. And what we're seeing right now in states all over the country—California, Vermont and other states—is in fact doing just that, pushing forward with same-day registration, allowing people to register online, creating a situation where if you go to the Department of Motor Vehicles, you are automatically registered to vote, making it easier for people to vote by mail. All of these are positive steps to involve people in the political process.

The Republicans are going to push back hard on all of those areas. Their goal is to limit the number of people who can vote. And this is really, really ugly. I mean, this goes beyond the disagreement over education or healthcare. One would have hoped that by the year 2016, after all of the struggles that we have seen in this country, that at least we could agree that democracy is one person, one vote, not billionaires buying elections, and that our goal is to involve more people in the political process, not fewer people. So that's the struggle that we have to wage in that regard.

Now, people are, you know, interested in knowing, well, how did Trump win? How did he win the Electoral College? And I think one of the things that he did was tap into an anxiety and a level of pain that we don't often see on CBS or NBC. And what he said, preposterously, I might add, is that he, of all people, was going to take on the establishment. He was going to take on the economic establishment. He was going to take on the political establishment. He was going to take on the media establishment. And people in a lot of desperation, people who are hurting, responded to that.

Now, one of the problems I think we have as a nation, I think media—and, by the way, at the back of the book, one of the important chapters—if you get tired, skip to the back. If you don't like taxation or immigration reform, go to the back, last chapter, which deals with—it's entitled "Corporate Media, a Threat to Democracy." And it talks about the role of corporate media in our society and in politics, in particular. But what is going on in this country is that we live in a pretty siloized nation. That's a kind of a inside-the-Beltway term; I don't know if it's expanded to Pennsylvania. But what it means is we all live in our own worlds, basically. We associate with

people who think the same as we do. I guess there was somebody who said, "How could Trump have won? Nobody I knew voted for Trump!" Well, you don't know people in different walks of life than your own. And one of the things that a lot of middle-class people, upper-middle-class people don't know is that, yes, we are better off economically today than we were eight years ago, when Bush left office—there's no debate on that—but for 40 years in this country, under Democratic and Republican administrations, we have seen a shrinking of the American middle class, we have seen more and more income and wealth inequality, so that today the top one-tenth of 1 percent now owns almost as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent, and today we have 43 million people living in poverty, some in really dire straits.

Now, one of the things that I did in the campaign—what I wanted to do, and I did—was to go into parts of the country where media very rarely goes, and I wanted to be talking to people, and I wanted to see if we can get some national exposure. And in a sense, I failed. We had media following me all over the place, what they call embedded media, from all the networks and major newspapers, but basically they did not write about what we were seeing in various parts of the country.

And let me just talk a little bit about that. We talked—and again, these are facts; some of you know it, some of you don't. But I want you to understand the pain and the hurt that millions of people are experiencing. You're a single mom in Philadelphia. You're making \$30,000, \$40,000 a year. You have a baby. You need childcare in order to get to work. You know how much childcare costs? You tell me. What does childcare cost in Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia? \$15,000 a year? More? Anyone know? Fifteen? All right. What do you do if you're making \$30,000, \$40,000 a year, and you're paying \$15,000 for childcare? And that's—I can tell you, in Washington, D.C., I had a young woman working for me. She had—she was paying \$32,000 a year for childcare in D.C., where it's more expensive there than the rest of the country.

Healthcare, right? We talk about the gains of the Affordable Care Act. And that's true, it did make some progress. Today, 28 million people still have no health insurance, and many, many others have high deductibles and high copayments. They cannot afford to go to the doctor when they get sick. You know that? We lose thousands of people every single year. And I talk to doctors all over the country. People walk into their office profoundly sick, and the doctor said, "Why didn't you come in here a year ago, when you first developed your symptom?" And they say, "Well, I didn't have any insurance," or, "I had a high deductible, and I couldn't afford it." Some of those people do not make it, or they end up in the hospital at great expense and great suffering. One out of five Americans today who go to the doctor and get a prescription cannot afford to fill that prescription. One out of five. You've got elderly people in Vermont and, I'm sure, in Pennsylvania who are cutting their prescription drug pills in half, because they cannot afford to pay for the medicine that they need. What do you think you're feeling when you go to the doctor because you're sick, and you walk into the drug store, and the medicine is so expensive, you cannot afford to fill it?

You got in Pennsylvania and in Vermont and all over this country, added together, millions of seniors, disabled veterans, people with disabilities. They are trying to get by on \$10,000, \$11,000, \$12,000 a year Social Security. You can do the arithmetic as well as I can. You're 80 years of age. You are sick. Social Security is your sole source of income, as it is for many people. Try to get by on \$12,000 a year.

You are an older worker—and I think Trump really capitalized on this one. You are an older worker, 55 or 60 years of age. Half of the older workers in America, do you know how much money they have in the bank as they await retirement? Anyone want to guess? Zero! Try to think of yourself at 60 years of age. You're going to retire in five years. Everything being equal, you're probably making less in real inflation-accounted-for dollars than you did 20 or 30 years ago. You're going to retire in five years. You've got nothing in the bank. How are you feeling about the establishment and what the Democratic Party has done for you or the Republican Party has done for you? You are scared to death.

And maybe, in fact, you're one of the many millions of workers who actually once had a factory job with a union behind you, and you were making good middle-class wages, you had good benefits, you had a pension. But one day your employer told you that they're shutting down that plant, because they can hire people in China for a dollar or \$2 an hour, and now you're making 50, 60 percent of what you made when you had that manufacturing job.

You can be a college graduate, somebody who saved and scrimped and went to college, left school \$50,000, \$60,000 in debt, and now you're making \$14 an hour. Again, do the arithmetic. You're stuck with that debt, year after year after year. You've got a debt, but you don't have the income to pay it off. I remember distinctly talking to a guy in Nevada who said that he took out his student loan 25 years ago. He is more in debt today than he was when he took it out, and he's scared to death, literally, that they're going to garnish some of his Social Security in order to pay that student debt.

I was in McDowell County in West Virginia, not a widely known area. It's the southern part of West Virginia. But what makes McDowell County unique, what makes parts of Kentucky and that region unique, is they are part of a situation today where millions—this is quite unbelievable, but this is the despair that Trump spoke to—millions of white working-class people are dying today at ages younger than their parents. What modern history has been about, not only in our country, but all over the world, is that my generation lives longer than my parents', my parents' generation lived longer than their parents'. That's been the trend, because of improvements in public health, improvements in medicine—cancer and so forth. We're making some progress. And yet, unbelievably—and this is really unbelievable—millions of people today are living in such despair, for whatever reasons—and maybe Amy and I will discuss this—is that they are turning to opiates and heroin. They are turning to alcohol and getting all kinds of diseases associated with alcoholism. And they are turning to suicide—women and men. These are people who, if they're lucky enough to have a job, it's 10 bucks an hour, 11 bucks an hour. They're not going anywhere. Their kids are not going anywhere. That is the kind of pain that somebody like a Trump spoke to.

I was in Pine Ridge in South Dakota, which is a Native American reservation. The life expectancy in Pine Ridge is equivalent to Guatemala, a poor Third World country. Unemployment is rampant. Poverty is rampant. You have—suicide is rampant in Pine Ridge.

I was in Baltimore, Maryland. And I don't know how different it is here in Philadelphia. But in Baltimore, you have tens and tens of thousands of people addicted to heroin, astronomical numbers. People debate exactly what the number is. And there is no treatment available to them. We took a walk one night, which got the Secret Service a little bit nervous, because we were walking in an area that was incredibly desolate, only boarded-up buildings. And in nighttime—we

were in late afternoon. In the nighttime, it becomes a drug bazaar. Everybody knows it. That's where people are selling and buying drugs. Tens of thousands of people in Baltimore—and not uniquely Baltimore—dealing with heroin, dealing with opiates, and no treatment available to them.

City after city—and I suspect Philadelphia is not an exception—in minority areas, African-American areas, Latino areas, youth unemployment, 20, 30, 40 percent. I was in New York City, took a walk with some people on the City Council there. They need \$17 billion to rehabilitate public housing in New York City alone. So you've got people in public housing living in rat-infested, mold-infested housing in New York.

What's the point? The point is there are a lot of people hurting in this country. And their pain doesn't get on CBS or NBC. And some of them, mistakenly, thought that Trump was talking to them. He talked a whole lot of stuff. We will see what, in fact, he delivers. But the main point is, please do not forget that, as we speak today, there are a whole lot of people in this country who are hurting.

Now, what the book does is divide—it's divided in two parts. The first part, if you're interested in politics—and I guess most of you are, or you wouldn't be here tonight—kind of talks about the campaign. And we started the campaign with, you know, a handful of people, no money, no political organization. We were taking on the entire, entire Democratic establishment. When we began—and it didn't change much throughout—we had no United States senators supporting us, no members of Congress, no mayors, no governors at all—taking on the whole Democratic establishment. We ended, over the course of the campaign, winning some support, from one senator, six members of Congress, no mayors—big city, anyhow—etc. All right? That's what we were taking on. And on top of that, of course, we were taking on the Clinton organization, which was the most powerful political organization in the country, well groomed. Bill Clinton won two presidential elections. Hillary Clinton did well in 2008. And there we were, taking them on. We started off with a media who thought that we were a fringe candidacy not to be taken seriously. And the coverage, which the book talks about—the kind of coverage we got, say, compared to Trump was rather remarkable.

But at the end of the day, we won 22 states. We won about 46 percent of the popular vote, of the pledged delegates, very few—what do you call them? Special—the superdelegates, right. I blocked that term out. Didn't come across my desk very much. Yeah, we won about 5 percent of them, but 46 percent of the popular vote. But what was—and we raised a unbelievable amount of money from small donors. We had just millions of people, many of them low-income, working-class people, making contributions averaging \$27 apiece. And maybe the most gratifying aspect of the campaign is that in state after state after state we ended up winning, often by large margins, the votes of younger people. And by that, I mean not just 20 years of age, but 40 years of age or younger. And that was the white youth, black youth, Latino youth, Asian-American youth, Native American youth. The future of America basically ended up coming down on our side. So, that's the first half of the book.

And the second half of the book does something that I think, as a nation, we have absolutely got to do. And that is to just plunge into the real issues facing the American people. What media does and what media loves is conflict and political gossip and polls and fundraising and all that stuff. What media loves is to focus on the candidates. What the American people, I believe, want is for

us to focus on them, not the candidates, not anymore. And what this book does is just do that. It deals with what I think—and some of you will agree, some of you may not agree—with what I think are the major issues facing our country: the decline and disappearance of the American middle class, poverty, income and wealth inequality. But it doesn't only lay out the problems; it provides very specific solutions.

Question: Why are we the only major country on Earth not to guarantee healthcare to all people? Why are we the only major country not to have paid family and medical leave? Why do we have a higher rate of childhood poverty than almost any major country on Earth? Why are we not dealing more aggressively with climate change? Why do we have more people in jail, disproportionately African-American, Latino, Native American, than any other country on Earth? China, four times our size, we have far more people in jail than China does. We spend \$80 billion a year locking people up. Does that make sense? Is there a way out of that? What do we do when we have 11 million people who are undocumented? What does it mean to move toward comprehensive immigration reform and a path toward citizenship? In a highly competitive global economy, we once used to have the best-educated workforce in the world, 30 years or so. Our people, in this country, graduated and went to college in a higher percentage than any other country on Earth. You know what? That's not the case anymore. And the gap between those countries who are graduating more people from college than we are is getting wider and wider and wider. What does this portend in terms of the future of our country?

So, we lay the issues out on the table, discuss the problems and also provide some real concrete solutions. And that's what I think we have to do as a nation. And in terms of media, there's a chapter that says that maybe it's time for media to start focusing on the real issues facing our country. It was embarrassing. I read this as I wrote the book. Turns out that if you looked at, I think it was, the Sunday morning shows, Bernie Sanders alone—and I say this not to boast, but to tell you how pathetic the situation is—two-thirds of the discussion or the mention of poverty took place when I was on those shows. So what does that say about a country when there's almost no discussion of poverty, no discussion—almost no discussion of climate change, very little discussion of income and wealth inequality, no discussion of the role of the corporate media. And I'm glad that Amy is going to be up here in a minute, because what she has done is shown that it is possible, although very difficult, to go outside of the corporate media and develop your own network. But what does corporate media talk about, what do they not talk about, where do we go forward in media is a very, very important issue. So, bottom line is, I hope very much that you enjoy the book. I've just reread it. I think it's a good book, a lot of information.

And now it is my—my joy and my privilege to introduce and bring up here Amy Goodman. And I want to say a word about Amy. What Amy has done, through an enormous amount of hard work, is not just be a good journalist—and she is that—but, more importantly, almost single-handedly, with a few colleagues, she has helped build a network. In other words, no big radio station, corporate media station, came to her, as they do to Rush Limbaugh, and they say, "Here, Rush, we got, you know, 18 million radio stations you're on." She had to work for every single one of the stations she got on. So, please welcome Amy Goodman.