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Hi Nora. Hey Sandy. What's up? What who it's spring. No, it's summer. Oh, yeah, that's true. That's cool because already. But guess what? I don't know I'm not sure I mean. You're five months to your next birthday. Is that true. About I think it's for anyway okay. We have to play scrabble. Oh go on. We've scrabble like? Looking At we were at on the Patriot and we've hit the final level and my God. We were never. We never thought we were going to to hit. And, so we are required to play a game of scrabble for the people. Okay. Well I guess we'll figure the details of that and make sure you all know when and where and I mean the wise perhaps something. We could talk about here, but. We're going to have to ask Alflex. My ears on twitter, but I guess that means. We have some people think. Oh. My goodness, we so do every time I mean like the support that people are giving us is just so wonderful, and it's meant that you got to pay ourselves for the first time in three years for the podcast. That's been really areally great, but we are not spending it all I. Mean we have just hired someone to help? Clean up our transcript. So that's GonNa, hopefully happen because transcriptions a big. It's a big deal. It's a big expense, really and so thank you so much for your support because now I mean before we are paying for. It was kind of like. Oh my Gosh you money left it we. We can pay for transcripts, so we'll be doing that for the next couple of of weeks, and then you know once. Our transcripts are hopefully cleaned up. We'll. We'll always be updating that, but we're also the money back to you for the time that we finally can do live shows I know. There's so many new listeners out there sandy. How much fun our live shows Oh my God. They're the most fun and so much more fun. When well when I can see you, yeah, and so we can respond to our own ridiculousness. But me can also see the audience and interact directly with the audience. It's just it just opens up another experience for the podcast, and that's really great, so we really want to do that. Yes, and we will do that. The second we can and of course we're on the same. So you know what our constraints are, and and that kind of thing, but if you if you're new to podcast, just just know that in normal times we do live shows across Canada and we will be doing that the second that we can and so for everyone who has been supporting us. In the last week if you've changed your donation or if you're a new donor, I have got to say thanks to. Folks thanks so much to Stephen Jennifer Camille Alley Eleanor Taha Luke call-in Scott Emma Lauren. Jeremy Michael. Katie Connor Martha Dalmiya Christopher Mel Brenda Laura. Nitya Katie Elizabeth Sophie Vicky Jenny Labral Sinead Mariss. David Steph Elizabeth. Basha Marine Michelle and Nick so thank you so much. Thank you my God. It's been another wild week. Yes, it has been. HOW ARE WE GONNA? What is what should we talk about an hour? You know we're in a new season I mean like not season at the podcast, but like season season wise summer right right right? A lot has happened since January that I feel like you know we could talk about the impacts of all of it in this now moment What do you think? How do we talk about this? It's so hard because I mean in the last twenty four hours of US recording this. There are two more people killed by police forces. There was someone killed in Malton Ontario Peel police and there were in killed by Montreal police in Montreal There's also people who've in remand in the last week in so in a police or prison custody, and those those deaths don't tend to get as much

coverage because the communications is a lot more controller on that, and so I feel like. Fund, the police is still in our face, and it's still really really important, and and and there's amazing actions that have happened across Canada all week. My twitter feeds been full of of pictures of rallies of of protests and painting the street and I think that the real question that has to be posed that.

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I think that we should try in Russell with ten. Today if you're listening in the morning this morning if you're listening first thing in the morning. Is, how do we move to Action? How do we make sure that these calls to action that this passion around changing things that seem impossible to change actually become possible and become real. And it's a big topic. Yeah, and I mean even even as we're talking about you know defunding police and black lives, matter and The conditions under which indigenous people live. You know you've been doing this. This really important work on the way that Kevin is. Affecting people in long term, care facilities and another. Thing that hasn't been discussed a lot but I know in my community is getting a lot of people frustrated and thinking about how we should change. Things is the amount of people who are dying from covid. Who are a temporary foreign workers also who often. People who come from the Caribbean so yeah, there's a lot that needs to shift and it is really important for us to figure out how we shift into action because I think that coming out of this period of Covid of the Corona Virus Oof. Oof If we learn anything from any time that there's been a crisis before were gonNA. See a lot of politicians who say we don't have enough money to do anything and as much as we're hurting now there's going to be. A push to move to a lot of like austerity measures as we, as we continue through coverted and start to move out of it. Yeah, I think that it hasn't broken into the mainstream media. This discussion about the racial is impact of of WHO Cova, killing at the level of of healthcare workers or workers in general and so you. You mentioned temporary foreign workers. There are definitely asylum-seekers temporary foreign workers who've been killed in the crisis and of the twenty three people who have died so far from covid nine have. have been black now. The rest are also majority racist. There's been three Filipino Filipina workers who've died. There's been two Vietnamese workers died. We don't know the identity of some that have died to have been white and this week Lapis ran a really sad story of the death of Desert Bruna Environment, who was a father of five kids? A six child is on the way and his wife was up was a cripple CEO CR an orderly, and so she got Kovic. He caught it from her and he died of. In they are recently from from from Congo, and and so it's it's the the dynamic that we're seeing in the black lives matter movement in the movement to defend the police has a direct tie in as well to public health and in in the Cova crisis, and we are already hearing politicians start to talk about ways to avoid responsibility for what happened. Happened you know the this racial dynamic is basically erased. You know there has been some reporting of focusing on on on the death of a person here in a death of a person there, but there's been nothing that's been more uniform and saying look. There's this this this movement for black lives in Canada at the exact same time. We're black workers have been. Way Way disproportionately? Kill by this, I mean nine of twenty three, and it's nine of twenty three. It's

more like nine of nineteen because we don't know the the information of at least three people on this list. It's really shocking. It's really shocking and the fact that our politicians haven't said anything about this and that media hasn't made this into an issue is quite frankly it's pathetic well, and then also we have the issue of politicians being really quiet on this like social movement that might be the biggest social movement that we've seen certainly in a really long time decades happening across the world people taking to the streets. Demanding defunding the police everywhere from fuck in Finland to the UK. To Brazil to Canada and. We have not heard like peop- from any provincial politicians really. Where a lot of the responsibility around this stuff flies. And what we have been hearing on a federal and city level depending on what city you're in some are better than others is like leaves a lot to be desired, and it's like Gosh. How can it be? That so, many people take to the streets in way that we have not seen before in this country.

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And politicians have literally nothing to say like what is the state of our democracy that how do we indeed have an impact on ensuring that the people who have the power Their hands are forced and the conditions under which were forced to live change. If we can't do that at this moment when there's there's so much energy and fervor around forcing some sort of change than what's it GonNa, look like as we are moving out of covid and politicians moved to what they always move to austerity measures. It feels like there's like a brick wall between the social movement organizing. That's going on right now in politicians say. Well Yeah, and it also it really puts into stark perspective like the state of our democracy rate that so many people can can can take to take to the streets on an issue or be so frustrated about an issue, and you know you see an an MP like Carolyn Bennett be like Oh God. This is so terrible but to. tweet about it like that or Justin Trudeau just go and you know. Take a knee at a protest. And you know these types of weird platitudes where the politicians know that they have to show the audience the show, the people who are. Expressing their, frustration. At an issue that they've they've heard it in some way, but aren't actually taking steps. To. Respond to what people are asking for? Yeah, yeah, so let's start maybe by by mentioning some of the signals that we're getting from politicians that show that they are not. All taking this seriously. We know that already there's a lot of pressure for public accounting on what the costs of the pandemic are are have been or what they're projected to be so Quebec just posted a fifteen billion dollar deficit, and that is going to be a useful tool for Quebec to be able to say. Oh, my goodness! The cupboards are bare when you must. We have to tighten our belts. We have to impose this this new regime of austerity, even though the last two regimes of austerity were what literally have caused the the current conditions within long-term Karen Quebec to be so deadly we. We have rob. Ford. Who has been saying that he's going to be trying to get rid of some stat holidays for from frontline workers which is a confounding a decision that that has been floated. I'd be surprised if it goes anywhere, but it is interesting to hear that they're just floating these ideas, and he's also been floating the idea that anyone who worked or demonstrate that they worked in good faith within long-term care will be shielded from any litigation that might come forward from families who are

suings for some semblance of justice in the lives taken from from their loved ones. At, the same time there's also Jason. Kenney, who's like trying to make it illegal to protest? Musher our listeners are aware of that but he he's put forward a piece of legislation that will make it that will criminalise civil disobedience in a way that is extremely problematic and I. would say Oh i. don't know anti-democratic bordering on. A fascist wet dream probably mean that guy. Obviously, that's his. That's his. Jams Dreaming About Fascism. And having a veteran, but anyway The. I was wondering how you were going to finish that. A second. I just have to throw bleach all over my entire body. And so it it really does seem that the the signals that those politicians are putting out. Is that that these? Protests that these popular uprisings these these movements are not reaching them. How how do we reach them? What is it going to take for movements in the street to scare politicians and to force politicians into action? Yeah, and I mean on the police issue I. You know I don't know across Canada exactly. What's happening, but I can say that in Toronto. The mayor and the police were scheduled to have press conferences on. On Friday, they cancelled them. There was a bunch of actions happening on Friday June thirteenth, which is a day celebrating the abolition of enslavement in the United. States our day. In case you were wondering the emancipation day in Canada and across the Commonwealth is August 1 which a bet. Most people didn't know but there it is That's why care is usually on that weekend.

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The Caribbean festival that happens in. Toronto and a lot of Carnivals that happened in the in the care being are also on this day for on August first for that reason. A little bit of history there for you but anyway they cancelled their event because they probably rely. Go Fuck. This doesn't seem good. There's there's a lot of protests happening today, and it's might be disrespectful but in any case what they were going to announce was. hilariously nothing. Like what people are asking for it? They wanted to put. A bunch of money into their own mental health unit that they have they have like a mobile mental health unit That's run by the police. They went to put more money into that more money into body cameras They wanted to throw a bone. I suppose by saying that they were going to release the entire police budget line by line, which is like fucking ridiculous that that's not already thing so thanks for nothing. and Two, inch E-e-e-e-no like look into what else can be done. Blah Blah Blah which is like research so more of the same and John. Tory was going to have another press conference. supporting that move and of course city councillors in Toronto have submitted a motion to defend the police by a measly ten percent, which is like literally. fucking nothing doesn't do anything and we need so much more than that So you know like I imagined at that is We're GONNA see some of the same across. Canada. And, so it's like again you know politicians and the people who make decisions based on apparently we want. Are Not. Doing that so they're doing. They're doing stuff based on what somebody else wants. I imagine in the case of policing if police unions and so on people who have a lot of money to power in our society. With respect to Cova you know we're talking about banks and big business who are going to get to determine where the bulk of the money goes? That is going to be spent trying to stimulate the economy, and that leaves the people who've been devastated the racial is folks and black people who have been devastated by Cove Ed.

Those workers who've been devastated by Cova. The the people who have killed by police. What again continued to be devalued in our system, and so, nor and I were talking about just before the show and we were trying to consider what it is that we would talk about today. It's like we we can't. We can't let that happen, you know. Right now as we kind of talked about a little bit last week. As a society, we have a little bit more time to engage in. In in in civic engagement. To be active in how we shape our world, so it's like would exactly do. We need to do differently this time. And how do we need to approach it to make it impossible for those in power to deny what the people in like as powerful as we are united together on the ground demand. What's it look like? What's IT GONNA? Take Yeah. I also just wanted to to say to that. It's also digits communities that have been really really hurt by Kovic. And that's also not on the radar at all Northern Scotch win. Indigenous communities have been really really affected by this by this illness and and so it's important to mention as well. The really fun thing about this moment is that we know that historic and we know that the course of history is going to change. That's obvious that there's such a break within the status quo that it will not be possible to to patch together the the the world to become another the status quo. As we knew it there, there will be. With things that are gone forever, there will be things that are here. That will be here forever and what we are engaged in right now, although you might not see it, is this incredible battle over who controls the future of our society and our and our economy and politicians know very well I mean I'm sure we've mentioned this on this show before. Politicians don't very well that the window to to to to to. Control the narrative to control what's going to happen next is very small and they have a politician. They have a bankers in their ears. They have business people in their ears. They've got lobby groups and lawyers and cops and stuff in their ear saying. Is the time to do x Y and Z, these things that were never possible before in the same way that the leftist thinking of now is the time to. We're never possible before they're saying from a right wing perspective. Do these things now? Our window is the same window to try and get to try and what's going on.

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And the problem with the way that movements have formed in the last couple of months is that they have formed? Of A world where a lot of people have had no interaction at all with with creating social change. And, so what I mean by that is, there's a lot of young activists who may have held political beliefs that have been progressive or left wing, but never really taken action to be able to say that they wanna see these policies, or whatever implemented with within the their local government or the provincial or federal government. We're seeing. A generation or two generations, really of of young people Jen, said and millennials who have never known anything but austerity politicians lying to them public services, being cut and cut and cut taxes continuously being cut for businesses while their their personal finances continue to get worse right higher tuition fees, higher, personal debt and all this kind of thing. And the the idea, then that that we actually can create enough of a pressure from from from society from the grass roots to change the course of our own history is really academic. It's really theoretical. I mean you can look at examples of it from history, but then you're just reading about them Im- books,

and so it's incredible to actually live through moment where we're now actually is that time that we can make these changes and some navigating a world that we don't what's? What's going to look like in three months? We don't know what it's GonNa look like in six months. We really have no idea what a year from now is going to look like we can only imagine, or we can just assume it might look what last year looked like, and we're just all gonna go back to normal, or we can forget all of that in in the small amounts of extra time that we have, we can start thinking about ways to disrupt dismantle. Influence the decisions of politicians because one of the things that I think is the funnest part about this moment and Sandy I know that you have direct experience with us is that you can actually see in real time? The intellectual thinness of our politicians exposed like these are not deep thinking people these are arrogant people these are narcissistic people. They are people who don't actually necessarily have an opinion about what's going on. Even the who they are in politics or or the right wing shitheads and they're actually in. In politics to cause harm, and that should give people a lot of confidence to be able to actually step. Say The emperor he he's naked. Everybody guy is fucking naked. I mean there's a reason why that story exist. Because that's the kind of moment that we're in right now and I think that that's where we need to be drawing a lot of her inspiration and ideas for what does come next, and how we can create those kinds of structures of the kinds of demands that really cannot be ignored. Yeah I think that one thing that's really important from those of us on the ground shifting is mindset and mindset. Number one that you just referenced that we need to know is that. You know there is like there's no aptitude test for being a politician or policymaker. Literally everyone who is listening right now, you were probably just as smart as most of the politicians who are currently running our country, and not just someone like Mr. Hof, who's like really young and obviously doesn't have a lot of experience about anything in the world, and so has really ridiculous opinions on Shit. is also just an asshole. But like like. Broadly speaking politicians and you know I've talked about this on the show before. I know we have a lot more new listeners this week. So I'll just say it again. that you know. We used to be involved in an organization which would see us. meeting with politicians regularly. And when I tell you that there is nothing that felt more empowering than being twenty, one or twenty two and meeting with politicians who really didn't know like simple facts about the way that our democracy runs or about how how people generally are just like how people live It was like Oh. My God for me. It was really like a per curtain pulling moment where I was like. Man I am smarter than most of the people in these rooms, and they're giving all of this power it. It can't be that difficult to move people from place to place.

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If, we need to because all all that this country really runs on a whole lot of arrogance. Okay, a whole lot of area. And? There's a lot of ignorance in there, too, and so you know. I. Don't know if I should tell like a particular story like I'll think about. Whether or not I want to do that as as we continue to record, but just trust me on this okay meeting specifically with people like including someone like Michael Naci. Afraid reason that meeting Nora remember, but. Media was not with Michael. Ignatov where. I'm sitting there in front of this man. He was like this professor and

learning Oh my God. You're a giant. Fool when it comes to this issue, you should know about. And you don't know anything about so that's one. To on mindset. Is like you really need to not believe everything that you hear I. Mean I think we've been pretty clear over the last few weeks? Actually over the lifetime of this podcast about the fact that you know you really have to be critical about what you hear on the news. Right like you. Just you just need to take it with a grain of salt. Or an ano a pound, but Like. The the if you, if you take a look at the press releases that government will put out on a particular issue. You will often notice that the news will report. What the government says verbatim without doing any sort of critical analysis, which is kind of like being like the communications wing of the government, but it is, it's wrong. The the news should be telling us. What's real and so you have to kind of Orient Yourself to what's real and so I imagine one of the things that will be hearing out of this moment is there is no money. To spend to make the changes that we really WANNA make the government will say that in the news will report it and critically, but I think we need to be super critical about that line of reasoning, especially given that. During Kovic. There was also no money. There was no money to make any changes and to to solve any problems however. The the money was found to create over three dozen new programs. In our society and you might be saying okay. Well you know like. Sure the money was found now now than they have to make up for it I mean maybe, but here's the thing. This is something and this brings me to number three on mindset something that has always frustrated. Me Is the way that You know. Popular media will discuss deficits and debt as though they're the same thing. They're not the same thing okay and. I think we have to start talking about how. Now is an important time to run a deficit. It is it just fucking makes sense the you would run a deficit. At a time when people are really struggling and need a lot of investment in things in services that will keep them alive I mean that might be something that we do. In our own budgets, as humans like you make a certain amount, a year, and maybe you have some saved over from the last year the year before, and so maybe you spend more in a year then you've made because you need to invest in something or you, you know money was tight on a few things, or you had some things. Come up in your life. That were unexpected, and so you spend from that. That fund that you saved from the before the before. That like that's a deficit. That's how deficits work, and it makes sense for us to run deficits. Sometimes, they're not the exact same thing as debt Even though we talk about them like they are and like I don't know when is a better time to run a deficit when there was a fucking global crisis where you had to shut down the entire economy. Anyway. Those are three mindsets that I think we need to put ourselves in. As we come out of. This like unprecedented global moment. There's also a lot of power that people have because our politicians are so unimpressive individuals I think that average people don't realize that they do actually scare the hell out of them when they start to put direct pressure on them, and so you know people start showing up to town council out of nowhere. Politicians get nervous. People. Do some sort of action like throwing paint on a local statue of a racist people start to get really panicky. The or the politician start to get really panicky and we were. We got two issues in front of us. I mean there's so many other issues that we can talk about Worker rights I think is another issue that people need to have front and center in their minds but if we think of defunding the police, rethink about changing the system in long long-term care, what is going for us in both situations is that the facts are denying the like they're just so clear, right? Police budgets have gone up astronomically.

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Violent crime has been on a on a long downward slide for fifty years for a whole bunch of social factors factors that have nothing to do with. With how much money the police are given, and the police are killing people right? Okay, airtight arguments that that literally any any average person is swayed by so it's like okay, so there's actually support for these issues. That's that's actually really important, so you know we're not starting from the ground. We're starting from maybe three feet above the ground. LONG-TERM CARE is the same thing. There's not a single person in the world that would say the long term care system that we have is a good system. the the we. We need to get private. For profit long-term care out of our system. The evidence is growing and overwhelming that that's driving a lot of the horrible conditions with the long-term care. Okay, so again. We've got public support for these things. If you're in a small town, you have a lot of ability to to actually confront the the mini politicians, the mini dictators of your of your local community to start scaring them into thinking about some of these ideas and you know. It's one thing to to see protest as the end of your action. And I think a lot of people do think of protests like that. We have the protest now. Our action is finished. The protest is not is not the end. Protest is like one of a hundred steps that come from now to victory, and the protests can be used for whatever reasons like meeting. New People bringing people together showing strength in numbers scaring politicians. Politicians, making demands getting media attention, those are all things that happened at of a protest, but doesn't have out of a protest is the the activists work that then comes with you know talking to politicians, putting yourself into meetings and disrupting those meetings, and making sure that business as usual cannot happen until politicians take the demands that that we have seriously and. And so there's a lot that you can do that. People can be thinking about these things, but it is really important to know that lake at the core. This is a system that has been created to operate like this, and so we're not looking to fix anything right. We're not looking to fix these little bugs. I mean Santa. You're talking about the. The, some of the stories that you have from from meeting with politicians, one of the things that struck me every every year that we did these meetings was how every single student who was in a meeting with a politician who is not white, had an overt act racism committed against them. Oh Yeah I am so let me just fucking. Tell the story. Of these stories. As opposed to the people have an idea of what I'm talking about, so I'll tell you actually. One was. A meeting with a I think it was a provincial meeting. I can't remember what year it was, but you know one of these days. I'll go back and find out exactly which politician it was. Someone from. I can't remember I can't remember to figure it out and I will. Tell you folks next week or at some point. On the PODCAST for sure, but we're meeting with politicians and discussing a program called the Post Secondary Student Support Program Which is an envelope funding that. That funds indigenous access to post secondary education. It's been frozen since the nineties and so because it's been frozen for such a long time. Tuition fees continued to go up. It's become an inadequate way of funding post. Secondary Education for indigenous people and people in in Canada are often told the lie that indigenous people get to go to post secondary education for free, and it is not true. It is funded through this this inadequate pocketed funding. Okay so. We. Go into a

meeting. We're talking about like look this pocket of funding. It's It's been frozen for so long me need to this and the politician turns to us, and it's me. There's an indigenous person with me and somebody else, and he says you. You know that they learn differently than we do right. And me being black, and never having been on this side of this kind of conversation before I was like excuse me and he's like, do you? Do you really want us to waste this money on these people? When you know they don't they don't. Learn the same as we do. I'm like this is a fucking. Member of parliament. Who I am meeting with. In the house of commons. Who is saying this to me and to other students who are? We're just shocked. Disgusted offended and he's moving on my continuing conversation as though he didn't say anything weird. the meeting that we had with Michael.

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IGNATIEFF was similarly. We were talking about this issue. And he says to us. Michael Ignatieff says to me and a bunch of other students. Some some who some whom may be listening to this podcast. Says to us. Oh, well you want and again. This is on the issue of the P.. Triple S.. P. The post, secondary student support program. You want us to money into this program. Let me tell you what happens when we put money into programs like these. The indigenous people they just use it on on other things like we try to tell them you know. Put It in education and they just. Use It for other things. Were not funding, so it's like used responsibly like you know. Some communities will use this kind of funding on like you know cleaning water or Or something. And we're world sitting in this meeting. Like what the fuck and I think there is. There's a student. I think it was. It was definitely someone from BBC I'm pretty sure who says. You know. Misery Notch if, I am okay if If the pocket of funding that is allocated to education, get spent on potable water because I think that potable water might be necessary to getting an education as well like I see no problem with that. Perhaps you guys should also consider funding. Potable water like it just that this is this is. The level of ridiculousness that exists in our government in the people who are making the decisions of how our our world is run, and like you know as. I. Don't think he'll mind if I say who it is as you know. Michael. Wilson is the person who who made comment to. Michael Ignacia and I. You know I remember Michael. Like. Bulger. had nothing to really say like. No, not like this is not right. He was like Oh, as though he literally had never thought about it that way, right? Like he's support, he was supposed to be a star of the Liberal Party. He was the leader at the time. So it's. It's just like that is the level of. Discourse for some of the people who are running this country, so if you ever think you know that you don't know like that when you're saying something, you just don't know enough about a topic. Let me tell you how you probably know a lot more than the people who are making decisions about that topic, and furthermore you don't necessarily have to know all of the answers when you're demanding change. You know one of the things that. Power will come back to us with when we're demanding change as a way to stunt, the conversation is nor will say something like man. These long term care homes. They've got to change. Then I. Ask politician we'll say Nora how. How do you want to change it and enor- will say well. I think for starters. We shouldn't have private companies coming in to run this on a profit model, and then I ask well politician, or

maybe even asshole media. Personality will say well, I suppose that means you want this to come from the public purse. Will then caused an oral say. Doesn't know nor does a fucking. No okay. She's just been tracing this shit. Okay, she doesn't know she just knows if something's bad and she wanted to change, and they say well Nora if you haven't done your fucking homework. How do you expect us to make any changes? Go Back, do some fucking homework and this conversation is over until such time that you actually do what you need to do for us to be able to respond. And what would you say to such asshole Nora I've been in that conversation, probably twenty times. Just like such an expert on that conversation. Now can't get me with that. But. How do we respond to something like that because I think it does. Especially for someone who's new activist or someone who's just started thinking about an issue and maybe his call their politician. Maybe it's something local and they. They actually get to speak directly to a politician who literally says to them God? We'll. How much is that going to cost like, have you have you run the numbers? I There's two ways that you can answer that right. You can answer that like in that. Classic Rustling response which I only know for having been in high school. Once where it's like how much is, it doesn't matter what it's GonNa cost. which is a many people are dying. Fuck? You figure it out figured out. It's like you've got a whole Ministry of people to fucking give the figures. You figured out the second way to answer. It is to find out, and there are a lot of people who are doing this kind of work, and and this is where the defunding police campaign is so exciting.

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Because it's costing less right, it flips on its head. The the discussion that there's no money for social change. It's like well actually in this situation, social change will cost you less. And it won't just cost less, but it'll also cost fewer lives and cost less anxiety and harassment of people in on living in certain communities. But we we have to flip that logic on its head, because even with long term care. Oh, how much is it going to cost? Yeah, it's going to cost a fucking lot and I. Certainly know that the banks had year over year over year of record profits in the last five years six years to the point where they're. They're sin. The five major banks in Canada are sitting at thirty eight billion dollars of net profit. Thirty billion billion motherfucking billion. That's a lot of money. and there's money that's being spent all the time I mean. A billion dollars was wasting g twenty in two thousand and ten, almost the same amount spent on the G., twenty of g seven in Quebec City two or three years ago. Where literally nothing happened no one protested in low numbers larger than five hundred, and they still spent this kind. kind of massive amounts of money we also know income. Inequality is a huge problem in this in this country, and in the richest one percent own a quarter of the fucking economy. It's like Oh, here's an idea. Fuck. All of that like the money is there and the question is. DO WE GIVE MORE PROFIT TO GALEN? Weston, who owns law or do? We take profit from these from these fucking exceedingly. Blowing the rich pieces of fucking Shit and start reinvesting it into public services. Because the models exist, you can do comparative public analyses two different countries around the world. You can look at why Australia's death and won't care has been as high as Canada's or why Taiwan has done such a better job than Canada has done in its abatement of Covid, or you can

just say the politician I. Know You're fucking, not the sharpest tool in. In the toolbox, but my guy you're in a toolbox. You can talk to other tools, and maybe they can help you with this and understand it. My job is to make sure that you feel like there's a fire under your ass, and you can't sit in your chair. God, that was an excellent way to phrase it. If you do end up seeing that toolbox, things say it exactly like that that you have other to believe. There's excellent and you know what I want to focus on that. Way of answering the argument or answering that question just for a couple of seconds more because I. do think it's really important. To. Ask You random citizen to know everything. There is to know about an issue when they have an entire staff of people who are actually supposed to know everything there is to know about a particular issue is just so unfair. You don't have to know exactly how to deal with particular problem in order. For you to be able to say look, this is wrong, and you have to deal with it as representative I want you to deal with it. And, in fact, I guarantee you that right now. In absence of anybody saying to them, this is how we should come out of COVID. Make sure you think about these things that none of these fucking politicians know exactly how to get out of covid right now with the with the direction that they wanna take, and and that's true for any period of time on any issue, because any policy is always living any policy changes as the times change, as are populations change, it responds to what's happening on the ground. There is no. Master Plan where any single person knows exactly how education is GonNa look in the next two years. They might have some sort of plan, but nobody knows exactly what it would. It's going to look like and nothing. Proves that more than Kovic, happening at all, and so the idea that you need to know everything about a particular issue when they don't know anything about most issues. Is Ludicrous. And you should be confident in spelling that out like God like what kind of arrogance and ignorance does it take for somebody to say to you? Oh, you want the police to be defended. You don't want. Indigenous and black people die, but she haven't figured it out well. Then I won't figure it out like fucking asshole. Are you like that's actually like literally your job? That is why you're elected so that people like you and the staff that we provide. Through our tax dollars, we'll figure it the fuck out so either. Hire me or figured out. I WANNA spend maybe the last thirty seconds or the last two minutes of the podcast, just identifying beware of half. and. Beware of opted demands. Because that is the way that the Liberals or liberal politicians, but as the federal liberals other in province with liberally politicians I mean Doug include Doug I will go in this as well.

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They are going to put forward things that sound like they are working, or they sound like they are listening to people. Right Francois go just announced a systemic racism task force, no, not systemic a racism task for. Is that. that. For, a guy who's like this, there's no systemic racism to choose people from all. These different ministries suggests that he fucking knows their systemic racism, because you cannot have a systemic response to racism without there being systemic racism, but. Maybe for a different episode, and so and so and so I'm sure you have some things you're watching and that you're kind of worried about in terms of where politician promises might be going, but in terms of long-term care, we have to be asking for the maximum program.

Literally no for profit, private homes better funding more hours of care, better wages for all personal care workers, and we will see improve improvements to the to the system. There's no question about that. Oh Yeah I'm sure that the types of things we're going to see coming out of The the struggle for defending police is studies. We need studies. We need to look at this We can't do an emergency task. Whereas without a study, we can't do a reduction of disarming frontline police officers without a study to know how that's going to impact us. It's like you guys. I can tell you how it's going to impact US less people are gonNA, fucking die. Can we just do it already like there are models that already exist and studies that have already been done. We don't need to reinvent the wheel, so we cannot be placated. With the bare minimum, we have to push for the maximum program like that is the the period of time that we are living in right now and similarly with Kovic I I'm sure We're going to hear a lot of you know. Maybe some tax credits or something like that something that does the very bare minimum to provide some sort of relief to exactly the tax bracket that tends to vote for the liberals probably and nobody else. And maybe some big banks again we have to not be. Satisfied by that in the same way that Noren I like a critiqued the the. Serb which you know at first, people seem to be pretty happy about, but now people are more seeing the the problems with the half measure that the Serb was like I. Think it's going to be a similar thing you know. People will wall CDs like tax breaks, or like this tiny measure that comes to placate you just before the austerity really gets ramped up and we cannot be convinced by those small half-measures. That is not the moment we're in. It is time for us to push for whatever maximum program there is.