



**TFSR:** So if we decenter the individual, just in terms of decision-making or deciding what's best for the communities in which we live and the repercussions that we have to live with as individuals, I can see people who have been raised in places like the United States, we've been taught what democracy is to be this representational constitutional republic, whatever it is, that people would reject the term Democrat outright, because that's what has been fed to them. Are there any visions of democracy that you can talk about that you've been personally influenced by that have had a different, more decentralized and human-level version?

**MK:** Even you can look at the most popular movements of our time, which have started off as direct democracy. And even the native people that were culturally and socially destroyed with the North American genocide, (when I say 'we', I don't mean 'me') the American government wiped out all these democratic forms which they could have learned from. Anytime you see a picket line, when a local group, when a local society is under great pressure and in crisis, like in a storm or flood, people do what they have to do. People get sandbags, they don't get paid for that, they line on the riverbanks with sandbags, they feed themselves, they feed other people that are in this pandemic. But let me give you a good example of how we don't even know because we've been so brainwashed, don't even know what's happening for us.

For instance, Black Lives Matter. When Black Lives Matter started off, it was completely democratic. People were marching in the streets and raising their slogans and saying what they needed to say. But by the time the social workers and various people came in from the outside, as people came in, it became the Black Lives Matter. Next thing we've been raising individual people who were running for office, who were credited with founding the Black Lives Matter movement. First thing, it became the Black Lives Matter movement, because the media did that, the media named it that. And so it became. So they had to interview somebody, to interview these people who claim to be articulators of the program of the Black Lives Matter movement, but the Black Lives Matter movement was spontaneous of people from the suburbs of St. Louis. And basically, when we look at it, we're looking at what I call a state creep. The state is taking it back over. And now people are running for office and using the Black Lives Matter environment as credentials. So they become members of the bureaucracy. But what you're looking at is the shadow of the Black Lives movement, the aftermath, what the state has crept up and done. Like the civil rights movement. The civil rights movement started in Montgomery. These people spontaneously began to organize themselves. Martin Luther King didn't really know what was going on. And they organized an alternative transportation system on their own, boycotted the bus. They boycotted the buses. But that wasn't an important thing. The important thing is a lot of those

