

# Social Unrest Mtg #3

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# Martin Luther King Jr.

- <https://www.futurity.org/martin-luther-king-jr-economic-justice-1716672/>
- “Labor rights and economic justice were always part of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s progressive message, historian Michael Honey reminds us in a new book.”
- in Memphis: *“It’s a crime in a rich nation for people to receive starvation wages.”*



# Money Trumps Race

- <https://globalnews.ca/news/6290487/toronto-little-jamaica-lrt-construction/>
- “Pretty soon, there will be no Little Jamaica (because) there won’t be much of the West Indian businesses around, (Crosstown) is going to change it completely. ***I don’t think some who want to stay will be able to afford it anymore***”
- Meanwhile, over in Etobicoke the same LRT line is being buried because some rich conservatives complained...
- ...it will cost \$1.8B over the original plan with fewer stops.



# Metrolinx

- The chair and vice-chair of Metrolinks have no operational transportation background but have deep links to the finance and hedge fund sector. The chairperson owns his own hedge fund.
- There are more people born in the U.K. or Australia on the board or senior management team than there are black people because...
- There are no black people on the board of Metrolinx.
- There are no black people on the senior management team.
- There are no people from the Caribbean on the board or senior mgmt team



# Toronto's Rich Voted To Give Themselves A Raise

- <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/star-columnists/2018/06/10/approval-of-laneway-housing-plan-a-small-step-toward-addressing-torontos-massive-housing-needs.html>
- “It’s important to note that this is unlikely to solve — or even significantly address — the housing affordability situation in Toronto.”
- <https://brandondonnely.com/2019/07/23/toronto-approves-city-wide-expansion-of-laneway-suites/>
- “If you’re a Toronto homeowner with a property that fronts onto a laneway, I would encourage you to consider this opportunity. It’s a way to increase the value of your home and it’s a way to create more rental housing in this city.”



# Toronto Star Pushes Meditation

- <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2020/08/29/meditation-can-be-a-revolutionary-act-it-saved-my-life-and-i-believe-it-can-help-fight-the-stranglehold-of-systemic-racism.html>
- “Meditation can be a revolutionary act. It saved my life. And I believe it can help fight the stranglehold of systemic racism”
- ... why has meditation never been discussed for solving other difficult world problems like the Irish peace process or the Israel Palestinian settlements?



# Proposed: A think tank should focus on the long game strategy

- “Follow the money”
- Develop cohort of people good at strategy

What Say You?

