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### HSAG August 11

Only the hard core was present because of the heat.

framing

The brief presentation on framing led to a larger discussion on cognition. I will need to develop my formulations about the lack of understanding about how understanding works. People have a lot of trouble creating organizations for their own interests because they are socially conditioned and diseducated to a wrong expectation of how themselves and others really think.

fair fares

There was also a long discussion about the TTC riders group. This also led to a more general talk of how to work with the anti-austerity movement that is slowly developing in the city.

Some of the HSAG group are also involved with the Fair Fare group which is a mainly TTC riders project. The events planned for September 28 were discussed; the "race to the bottom" demonstration. There was also some talk about more serious actions if gutting of the TTC goes ahead. This includes some sort of rider's strike, everyone refusing to pay the fare. This would require cooperation from the Transit Union and especially from the TTC security in order to be successful.

anti-austerity

As for the larger anti austerity movement, right now its problem is it is not getting full support from the unions. It seems there is some sort of power struggle that is occupying Toronto labor leaders. This allows proponents of budget cuts to get away with things they have not been able to in previous years.

The challenges which social interests in Toronto are facing are similar to the challenges a national campaign for a BI will face. That is, how to force up revenues so that necessary things can be paid for? How it succeeds or fails in Toronto will be a good lesson in what to do nationally. Here is a reason for a local BI group to support other local groups.

Further to that, the head of the local "commitment to Community" group has noted that Toronto's biggest problem is too many millionaires. That is part of it, but a lot of the trouble too is the mess made out of city government by the amalgamation twenty years ago which has to be undone. The present structure is leading to progressively worse governance.

At least federally, some attention is being paid to modernizing the governance structure, making it more equitable, and leading to a more fair allocation of resources, including higher taxes on wealth.

There was some spirited debate at this point about the need to keep taxes low. This discussion is hard to reconstruct, but the idea seemed to be that higher taxes would reduce support for a BI, so other social programs should be cut.

Others felt that the proponent of this was arguing against himself.

John Clarke OCAP event

Finally, the upcoming Speech by Ontario Coalition Against Poverty head John Clarke, denouncing BI, was discussed. No one saw any need for BI activists to have a presence there. Some thought that might lead to trouble. A couple of us expressed disapproval of OCAP and its methods. They seem to want to stir people up to rebel and destroy government that oppresses them. The question is, how are they any different from US presidential candidate Donald Trump and his followers?

Next meeting of HSAG is August 25, same time, same place. ( 1:30pm, 955 Queen st E. )

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**Further to Framing, here are some good sources to get someone started on a study of framing and cognition.**

**Cognitive Science Readings for BI activists**

The media Framing blog. An excellent place to start.

<https://newsframes.wordpress.com/>

Deeper into Framing

<https://newsframes.wordpress.com/2016/06/19/deeper/>

Popular Framing and George Lakoff videos

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8-nD6807itFmdoDdR0yDwsCZQW5YAq3e>

George Lakoff; how Brains think. The embodiment hypothesis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuUnMCq-ARQ>

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**Further to the John Clarke event;**

it is on Thursday, August 18, at 6 PM, at the Christian Resource Center at 40 Oak street in Regent park. The title is; *"Looking The Basic Income Gift Horse In The Mouth"*

The event web site is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1050511048371631/>

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As for the **Basic Income Toronto Organization**, it is unable to hold a meeting in August because;

a) They do not have a room yet. They are still working out how to get a meeting room at city hall or Metro hall. It is curious as to why they have to go to all this hassle when a very good meeting space is already available to them.

The Ralph Thornton center is actually quite eager to offer space to BITO. A problem with becoming dependent on the city is the danger of cooptation. This does seem to be the plan for dealing with a BI movement, thus all the declarations of support and the "experiments".

b) Many of the key people were too busy this month, and no date could be agreed on.

Jon Sanderson is proceeding with his film project about a BI. It will be ready in September.

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## Now, here is a bit more about the World Social Forum

Here is an article that is a bit skeptical about WSF. It seems to be coopted by what it started out to oppose.

Will World Social Forum become leader the Left needs?

<http://nickfillmore.blogspot.ca/2016/08/will-world-social-forum-become-leader.html>

As well, this came over the net;

Hi Tim,

If you haven't seen it already, I've attached information about an upcoming event in Montreal which will deal with the basic income concept. From what I can see at this point, they appear to be framing the concept correctly.

### La renta básica se invita en el Foro Social Mundial de Montreal

¿Y usted, qué haría con una renta garantizada a vida?

La renta básica es una suma de dinero distribuida mensualmente a todos, para permitirles tener una existencia digna.

#### 4 características fundamentales:

##### Universal

Cada persona recibe una misma renta básica, sin distinción de origen, de lugar de residencia o de actividad. Es distribuida a todos, del nacimiento a la muerte.

##### Individual

La renta básica es un derecho individual que garantiza a cada persona su autonomía, independientemente de su situación familiar o marital.

##### Inalienable

Nadie se lo puede apoderar. El beneficiario no la puede perder.

##### Incondicional

La renta básica no exige ninguna condición previa ni contrapartida. Es acumulable con otros ingresos del trabajo y del patrimonio.

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### Basic income invites itself at the World Social Forum in Montréal

What would you do with an income guaranteed for a lifetime?

The basic income is an amount of money distributed to everyone on a monthly basis to ensure a decent existence.

#### 4 fundamental characteristics

##### Universal

Everyone receives the same basic income, no matter his or her origin, place of residence or activity. It is distributed to everyone, from birth to death.

##### Individual

Basic income is an individual right. It guarantees autonomy to every citizen, without taking into account the family or marital condition.

##### Inalienable

It cannot be seized; the beneficiary cannot lose it under any circumstances.

##### Unconditional

Basic income does not require any precondition nor quid pro quo. It can be combined with paid work and any other property.

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### Le revenu de base s'invite au Forum Social Mondial de Montréal

Et vous que feriez vous avec un revenu de base garanti à vie?

Le revenu de base inconditionnel est une somme d'argent distribuée mensuellement à toute personne pour lui assurer une existence digne.

#### 4 caractéristiques fondamentales

##### Universel

Toute personne perçoit un même revenu de base, quels que soient ses origines, son lieu de résidence, son activité. Il est versé à tous, de la naissance à la mort.

##### Individuel

Le revenu de base est un droit individuel. Il garantit à chacun son autonomie, indépendamment de sa situation familiale ou maritale.

##### Inaliénable

Il ne peut être saisi, le bénéficiaire ne peut en être dépossédé.

##### Inconditionnel

Le revenu de base n'exige aucune condition préalable ni contrepartie. Il est cumulable avec les revenus du travail et du patrimoine.

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