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Dear friends,

Sincerest regrets for not being able to be with you today. I've held off until the last minute but I'm just unable to travel, doctors' orders. I have no doubt that Cornel will far more than adequately make for any possible gap.

There are a few simple points that should, I think, be stressed here. The main one is that we must distinguish reality from doctrinally-motivated illusion. The illusion is that we are victims of forces that are that are out of human control - of globalization, markets, mysterious social and economic laws to which we must submit. The reality is that this is pernicious nonsense. We are victims of decisions made within institutions that are subject to human will, human institutions, which have to face the test of legitimacy. And if they do not meet it, as I personally believe they often do not, they can be replaced by others that are more free, and more just, as often they have in the past. To achieve this has never been easy, and never impossible, that remains true today. As always, the future is in the hands of people who want to dedicate themselves to creating it, and there are no known limits to what they can accomplish.

Noam Chomsky

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