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Mind map x timeline

Main factors

Rajneesh

(Profession, education, behavior, culture and family)

- *Career (3,4,14)*
 - (3) 1957 position as assistant professor of philosophy at raipur sanskrit college
 - (3) Became professor at the university of jabalpur
 - (3) 1964 conducted meditation camps and recruiting followers
 - (3) 1966(2 yrs later) quit being professor and full time spreading spiritual teaching
 - (3) Dubed “Sex guru”
 - (4) transfer to D.N Jain College bc of conflicts with professors
 - (4) After a year off in 1953 he claimed to be enlightened
 - 1972 Bhagwan shree Rajneesh renamed = Blessed one lord or god
 - (14) Phycologists sent back to us built practices and sent money to rajneesh
 - (14) Rajneeshs travelled illegally to Us may 31 1981 (med treatment)
 - (14) Extended tourist visa
 - (14) Find a “big muddy ranch”in north eastern Oregon
 - (14) 64,000 Acres or 100 miles
 - In the 1960s he traveled throughout India as a public speaker and was a vocal critic of socialism, arguing that India was not ready for socialism and that socialism, communism, and anarchism could evolve only when capitalism had reached its maturity. Rajneesh also criticised Mahatma Gandhi, and the orthodoxy of mainstream religions. Rajneesh emphasized the importance of meditation, mindfulness, love, celebration, courage, creativity, and humour—qualities that he viewed as being suppressed by adherence to static belief systems, religious traditions, and socialisation

- Formally known as Chandra Mohan Jain (nicknamed Rajneesh) and then changed name to Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh (meaning God)
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- **Education (3)**
 - (3) Graduated with a bachelor's degree in philosophy
 - (3) Went for masters at Sagar University
 - He was a professor of philosophy in the 1960's but later lost his job because of the meditation camps that he ran (Losing his job wasn't a big deal because the meditation camps brought in quite a lot of money.)
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- **Behavior (3, 14)**
 - (3) Radical ideas caused conflict with institution admin fired (1957 position assistant)
 - (14) 1972 Bhagwan shree Rajneesh renamed = Blessed one lord or god
- **Ashram (14)**
 - (14) Pune in india first monastery or ashram established
 - (14) End of 1970 600 permanent residents
 - (14) Ashram didn't pay taxes (had exemption) bc it was a religious establishment
 - (14) Growing problems and value of sharam caused city to revoke tax exemption and sued for back taxes (equivalent to millions in usd)
 - (14) Ashram expensive to live at many smuggled drugs and sold them on pune streets to afford it
 - (14) Strain city
 - (14) Strain on psychic
 - (14) Forced the ashram to tear down illegally built huts
 - By the end of the 1970's, there were over 600 permanent residents (this is still in India)
 - White westerners outnumbered the Indians. They took to selling drugs on the streets of India to be able to afford the housing the Rajneesh was providing.
 - The cult in India was torn down because Rajneesh was not paying taxes.
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- **Indian culture (3, 4, 8)**
 - (3) Pressure from gov authorities and traditional religious groups
 - (4) indian culture commonly associated with hinduism, Buddhism and jainism

- Ancient texts in hinduism buddhism and jainism
 - Seem that polygamy was allowed but mainly practiced by rullers and common people in monogamous marriage (historically)
 - (8)Polyandry and polydamy common to preserve dynastic succession
 - (8)Nudity acceptable in southern india (examples in paintings and sculptures)
 - (8)(around 1885) British Raj era (britain control india) british stigmatized inian “sexual liberalism”
 - (8)Dubbed barbaric
 - (8)Lead to a “puritanical attitude” twards sex within marriage
 - (8)Tradition of marriage
 - (8)Prostitution common acceptable (3000 c.e)
- *Family*
 - (4)Born in Kuchwada India

Ideology (12,14, 3, 6, 5)

- (12) Teach that you need to be rich on the inside and the outside
- (14) Easy to adopt phycologist intrigued, psychologist practices adopted rajneesh’s meditation practices
- (14) Rajneesh put pressure on rajneeshpuram
 - (14) Preach minimalist lifestyle but he likes items and goods
 - (14) Wanted luxuries (big house, jewel encrusted watches and rolls royce)
 - (14) Vow of silence
- *Sex*
 - (3)Controversial and unconventional ideas on spirituality
 - (3) Sex first step toward superconsciousness
 - (6) Sexual practice
 - (6) “sacred experience”
 - (6) Say other religions conned sex as a sin
 - (6) “Something beautiful” something to be grateful for
 - (6) Union of two people
 - (5)There is no god there it is a “psychological projection” stemming from childhood that causes people to believe in god
 - Teach that you need to be rich on the inside and the outside
 - Std’s were spread due to the casual sex occuring.
- *Dress*
 - (14) Reflected monks outfit opposite of monks
- *Meditation*
 - Dynamic meditation encourage “acting out inner emotions” lead to fighting (pune)

- Sexual violence
- (3) 1970 introduced dynamic meditation
- (3) Allows people to experience **divinity**
- (3) This idea interested young westerners (stayed and shram in Pune and become disciples)
- People with weaker emotional health, would often end up in a mental hospital due to the violent nature of the meditation sessions.
- Meditation sessions were meant to release emotion. Many sessions became violent and resulted in the injury of multiple different people.

Drugs in Rajneeshpuram

- They began to tell problematic people they contracted aids and quarantine away from the others. To continue the lie, the cults nurse Ma Anand Puja, injected the problematic members with drugs to keep them ill.
- Ma Anand Puja began to give Sheela sedatives which began to make her paranoid.
- Rajneesh also began to take drugs but he began to take Valium (depressant)

Gandhi

- *Career (15, 16)*
 - (15) March 12 1930 salt march to protest british salt law thousands participated in illegal making selling and buying of salt
 - 15 Civil disobedience lead to imprisonment of thousands and the gov seized the ashram
 - 15 Afterwards july 22 1933 disbanded the Ashram after the gov refused to give it back
 - (16) After returning to india found out his degree would not be beneficial, looked for jobs elsewhere but was unsuccessful
 - (16) Signed a contract with in Indian firm in Natal, South Africa.

- ***Education (16)***

- (16) Family believe high office important and have many oppourtuniyt To up hold high office in one of the states in Gujarat, required further education
 - visited england for college
- (16) fascinated by the writings of Leo Tolstoy on Christianity, read the Qu ' rān in translation, and delved into Hindu scriptures and philosophy

- ***Behavior (2, 16)***

- (2) Rebellious character
- (2) Smoked ate meat and stole change from house servants
- 16 secret atheism, petty thefts, furtive smoking, and suprisingly meat eating
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- ***Family***

- born October 2, 1869, Porbandar, India
- (16) Shrimad Rajchandra, a brilliant young Jain philosopher who became Gandhi's spiritual mentor,

- ***Ideology/personal beliefs (1,2,15,16)***

- (2) Worshiped Hindu god Vishnu and followed Jainism
- (1) Reject caste system
- (1) Nonviolent community in the ashram
- (15) Creates tertiary school focused on manual labour agriculture and literacy in an effort to advance self sufficiency
- (15) Stands by non violent protest to achieve social and political progress
- (15) Religious mother didn't care for material items
- (16) worship of the Hindu god Vishnu—with a strong connection to Jainism, a morally rigorous Indian religion whose chief tenets are nonviolence

- ***Ashram (15)***

- (15) Originally established at Kocharab Bungalow of Jicanalal Desai
- (15) But gandhi wanted to expand it to carry our activities like farming and animal "husbandry"

- (15) June 17 1917 (2 yrs later) established Sabarmati Ashram

Sheela

- *Career*
- She moved to the US when she was 18
- Her and marc silverman returned to India and became Rajneesh followers.
 - (7) He died and she took the name Ma Anand Sheela.
- (14) Ma Yoga Laxmi (main assistant) hunting for a commune place
- (14) Shela filled the admin role of Laxmi established herself and suggested they move to the US
- In 1981, Rajneesh appointed India-born Sheela as his secretary and she was tasked with finding a new location for the commune in order to expand their commune after losing the one in Pune

Sheela after Rajneeshpuram

- Sheela Biernstiel - aka Ma Anand Sheela – has created a new life for herself in Switzerland as a carer for the mentally disabled, leaving behind her notoriety as the suspected mastermind behind a bioterror plot in the United States.
- Sheela had acquired Swiss nationality through her marriage in 1984 to a Swiss national who was in charge of the Zurich Rajneesh commune. Her husband died while she was serving her prison term in the US, leaving her with nobody to depend on. A German lawyer, who she had an affair with, refused to leave his wife and start a new life with her.
- Her work today is all consuming with a total of 29 patients in the two homes under her care.
- A law on caring for the disabled was eventually introduced and Sheela says she worked hard to meet the requirements. In 2008, her home received government accreditation.
- Later on, she rented a house and took in six elderly disabled patients in 1990. She built up her reputation as a competent carer and five years later she moved to a bigger place and was responsible for 16 patients.
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- *Education*
- studied in New Jersey and married Marc Silverman.

- *Family*
- *Ideology/personal beliefs*

Oregon (14)

- Span from the 1970s to 1985
- One of the largest wiretapping in US history
- Largest immigration fraud
- Largest bioterrorist attack
- Shela made radical change
 - Demand franchise be change
 - Standardise food, lessons, and close all small practices
 - Instead of small practices they wanted to use the money to make more communities
 - Most people unhappy about the order
- (14) Commune residents often graduated college students
- (14) Subject to physical labour dubbed as enjoyable (12 hr work day 7 days a week)
- (14) Got negative press (shela's speeches)
- (14) After indirect terrorist attack enforce Security checkpoints
- (14) Enforce Stricter dress codes
 - (14) Expensive to study at center for Rajeesh movement
 - (14) Net positive financial venture
 - (14) Income dropped by 75%
 - (14) Decrease in income
 - (14) Political enemies
- (14) Adjust teachings
 - (14) Chant sanskrit, neal in direction of Rajneesh

Weapons in Rajneeshpuram

- After a Rajneeshee hotel was bombed, the sannyasins acquired a large cache of approximately 100 semiautomatic weapons—more than the entire Oregon police force combined—and a million rounds of AK-47 ammunition.
- Salmonella

Rajneeshpuram Taxes

- Rajneesh's name does not appear on any known document of ownership of a single enterprise or piece of property anywhere in the world.
- The Rajneesh Foundation in India, whose tax-exempt status as a charitable institution had been revoked, was effectively disbanded when seven of its eleven officers resigned their positions just as they and Rajneesh were leaving for the United States.

Sheila's power challenged (14)

- (14) Group Hollywood people
 - (14) Rich people given separate housing didn't have to work or associate with commune
 - (14) Allowed to do this if they paid for rolls royce and rolexes or rajneesh
- (14) Sheila became paranoid
 - (14) Began to wire tap
 - (14) Hollywood people
 - (14) Rajneesh
 - (14) Hotel
 - (14) Payphone
- (14) Paranoia caused by stimulants and sedatives given by Ma Anand Puja
 - (14) Drugs necessary to allow her to work frantic schedule
- (14) Rajneesh was on powerful depressants ex valium
 - (14) Commune began to degrade

Violence (14)

- “ [Dave Frohnmayer](#) and [Bill Bowerman](#) became involved and, within just a few years, the conflicts would escalate”
- (14) During dynamic meditation Dynamic meditation encourage “acting out inner emotions” lead to fighting
- (14) Sexual violence
- (14) Commune not directly attacked
 - (14) Steven Paul oaster launch bombing attack on Hotel Rajneesh in portland
 - (14) Included Rajneesh owned Zprba the Buddha NightClub
 - (14) Extremist Islamic cult: Steven Paul Paster apart of

- (14) Used as propaganda to show followers outsiders were aggressive and hostile
- (14) sheela had anyone expressing wanting to leave sedated for a few days to weeks until they agreed to stay
- (14) Sonya attempted to send a letter to Rajneesh to complain about her but she intercepted it
 - (14) Then ordered to have her uterus removed
- (14) problematic members told they'd falsely contracted aids, then kept away from groups and kept sick by one of the leaders
 - (14) This done by Ma Anand Puja close friend

(14) sheela's hidden lab (hidden in corner)

- (14) To test biological weapons that'd be difficult to trace back to the commune
- (14) settled on salmonella
- (14) During inspection of new construction wasco county comminioer's car sabotaged by Rajneeshee, while waiting Puja gave them water infused with salmonella
- (14) Next day one of the commissioners hospitalized and would have died without emergency care
- (14) Other bed ridden
- (14) Group of trusted Rajneeshee made trips to Dalles
 - (14) Attempted to smear somelenna on public toilets and to sicken country workers and people at rallies
 - (14) Began pouring salmonella on vegetables at grocery store
- (14) Pt 3 use salmonella to sicken voters to decrease voter turnout
- (14) Sheila took trusted group to Dallwa with live salmonella cultures and went to 10 different restaurants
 - (14) Poured salmonella onto salads and dressing
 - (14) Immediate and pronounced reaction
 - (14) 751 people affected
 - (14) 45 hospitalised
 - (14) 1 pregnant woman almost lost child during labour due to salmonella

(14)Also attempted to contaminate water

- (14) Pour raw sewage into public water tanks
- (14) Share a home
 - (14) Homeless population outnumber rejeeche alcohol laced with antipsychotic to sedate them and prevent fights
- (14) Final plan to burn offices of Dan Durrow, WASCO County planner
- (14) After trial about Rajneeshpuram's improper electrical wiring at a festival sheila had water contaminated with haloperidol

- (14) City councilman from Dalles recovering from surgery, Puja went to inject potassium and adrenaline into iv to kill him
 - (14) Failed bc he didnt have an IV drip, panicked and left
 - (14) Discovered car had a dead battery
- (14) Plan to assassinate man investigating sham marriages of the commune killed but fail bc there was never a good time
- (14) Shela found out Rajeeshe contemplated suicide, heard his caretaker Devaraj could help him with a series of lethal injections (heard through wire tapping)
- (14) Sheila demand Devaraj and Rajeech personal doctor Vivek assassinated and conspirators
 - (14) Some suspected Sheila had grown jealous of attention Rajneesh's caregivers received
 - (14) Planned to inject both of them with lethal dose of adrenalin
 - (14) Both attempts failed
- (14) Leadership council planned to load a plane with explosives and fly it into the wasco county planning office
 - (14) Other members refused to follow through bc leadership becoming weak
 - (14) Attempted murder accusations
- (14) Total death count 0
- Almost immediately the movement ran into conflict with county residents and the state government, and a succession of legal battles concerning the ashram's construction and continued development curtailed its success. In 1985, in the wake of a series of serious crimes by his followers, including a mass food poisoning attack with salmonella bacteria and an aborted assassination plot to murder U.S. Attorney Charles H. Turner, Rajneesh alleged that his personal secretary Ma Anand Sheela and her close supporters had been responsible. He was later deported from the United States

Deceit (14)

- (14) Use US citizens to buy land
- (14) Shela met with 1000 FOO convinced they were there to protect the land but needed a city to perform the work
- (14) US members instructed to marry foreigners so they could have residency
- (14) Had to get approval from WASCO County for housing permits to build houses
 - (14) Ditched religious etier and lied about intentions in order to get permits (150 ppl approved)
- (14) Got bad press and won election through loophole
- (14) Apply for permit saying its for agriculture had other purpose

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Election for WASCO county in nov 1984

- Made plan to take over role of commissioner
- Made calls to trick opponents into bad mouthing Rajeesh
 - Used to claim bigotry
- Grow voter base done through initiative
 - Went around country promise food and logging
 - Not for charity
 - :Share a home"
 - Plan to have homeless vote for rajneesh
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Consequences

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- (14) Bc of that phone calls she intended to use were invalid
- (14) Commune losing members
- (14) Frasis fitsgerald reported
 - (14) Rajaneeshpuram looked empty and still in august compared to 1983
 - (14) Legal deadlock prevented and halted any building (larger scale)
 - (14) Lost legal disputes drained commune's finances
 - (14) And rajneesh's demand for rolls royce (collected 93)
- (14) Shela left fled to europe
- (14) Rajneesh claimed to not know of shaila's aggressive action
- (14) Oct 23 1985 Grand jury Indict Rajneesh and Sheela
 - Evidence of evading immigration laws
- (14) Indictment leaked to Rajneesh he charged two jets and left with some followers to go to Bermuda
 - (14) Unaware fed gov was monitoring him and caught him in Charlotte, North Carolina
- Sheela Discovered in Germany and expedited to the US
- Sheela given 20 yrs but released on parole after 2 yrs

- Rajneesh deported back to india, tried to rename himself
- Federal prosecutors wrapped up what they called the largest recorded marriage fraud case in U.S. history when five disciples of guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh pleaded guilty to conspiracy to arrange sham marriages.
- A federal judge ordered for 2 of the women who were in the USA without a visa to leave the country within 30 days.
- Rajneesh plead guilty to two counts of immigration fraud and paid a \$400,000 fine. He returned to his native India.
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Conflict and Power (in Oregon and pune)

- “ [Dave Frohnmayer](#) and [Bill Bowerman](#) became involved and, within just a few years, the conflicts would escalate”
 - (14) Step 1 gain bureaucratic authority (first issue)
 - (14) Dedicated for farming buildings had to be directly related to farming
 - (14) To avoid state bureaucracy the neo-sannyasins became incorporated City
 - (14) Made own oversight Council
 - (14) City population minimum 150
 - (14) Use US citizens to buy land
 - (14) Major buy of land and move of people attract attention of group called 1000 Friends of Oregon
 - (14) Shela insulted legal practice and left upset
 - (14) Used media presence of Rajneesh to claim bigotry from 1000 Friends
 - (14) state denied building permits, Rajneesh began campaign against it, lawsuits against Antelope,
 - (14) To contain retaliation Antelope made special election april 15 1082
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- (14) Election for WASCO county in nov 1984
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