FIFA and the World Cup: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

John Oliver's excitement for the World Cup is tempered by knowing information about FIFA, the organization that produces it. John details the problems with the upcoming tournament and the staggering allegations of corruption against FIFA.

link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DlJEt2KU33I

VOCABULARY:

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| LENT | make a continuous deep, resonant sound |
| TACKLE | ostentatiously costly and luxurious |
| RUMBLE | the 40 weekdays from [Ash Wednesday](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/Ash%20Wednesday) to Easter observed by the Roman Catholic, Eastern, and some Protestant churches as a period of penitence and fasting |
| FORGO | incapable of making mistakes or being wrong |
| STRANGLE | make determined efforts to deal with (a problem or difficult task). |
| OPULENT | officially or legally prohibit (something) |
| BAN | squeeze or constrict the neck of (a person or animal), especially so as to cause death. |
| INFALLIBLE | go without (something desirable) |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does the "sausage theory" mean?
2. What is the Brazilian sentiment about hosting the World Cup in 2014? And Why?
3. About the stadium. How much did it cost? Where is it? Why was the construction so difficult?
4. What law was changed in Brazil because of the World Cup?
5. How much money does FIFA have in their "reserve" account?
6. Why is it a bad idea to hold the World Cup in Qatar?
7. Why would the World Cup be the deadliest project since the pyramids?
8. Why is FIFA an organized religion?

DISCUSSION:

1. Has this article changed your opinion about soccer? What about FIFA?
2. Do you think they should qualify as a nonprofit organization?
3. How much in depth do you think the corruption reaches?
4. If you were the FIFA president what changes would you make?