

Eye on the World

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A YouTube message was posted at thefoxnation.com on June 21, 2010, that brought a strong reaction from critics because the message openly offered government services to illegal immigrants. The 30-second message with background music was spoken by Department of Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis.

Here is what she said: “You work hard and you have the right to be paid fairly. I’m U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. And it is a serious problem when workers in this country are not being paid every cent they earn. Remember, every worker in America has the right to be paid fairly, whether documented or not. So call us—it is free and confidential—at 1-866-487-9243. We can help.”

Eye on the World comment: Did you notice that Hilda Solis is seeking to help illegal immigrants? Don’t we want representatives of the U.S. government to abide by the law of the land? The problem is not just with the Department of Labor. Notice the article immediately below. The Justice Department of the Obama administration is preparing to fight a state law that is a toned-down version of a federal law that already exists. Is the department ignorant of the law? Or does it have a higher vision to overturn the federal law as well?



An editorial by Byron York titled “Amid Crisis, Obama Declares War—On Arizona” was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on June 22, 2010.

It said: “The Obama administration has a lot of fights on its hands. Putting aside real wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, there’s the battle against leaking oil in the Gulf, the struggle against 9.7 percent unemployment across the country, and clashes over the president’s agenda on Capitol Hill. Despite all that, the White House has found time to issue a new declaration of war, this time against an unlikely enemy: the state of Arizona.

“The Justice Department is preparing to sue Arizona over its new immigration law.”

Later it said: “Last week, [Jan] Brewer [governor of Arizona] was appalled to learn the Justice Department’s intentions not from the Justice Department

but from an interview done by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton with an Ecuadorian TV outlet.”

The article quoted the governor telling Fox News’ Greta van Susteren last week: “It would seem to me that if they were going to file suit against us, they definitely would have contacted us first and informed us before they informed citizens . . . of another nation.”

The article quoted Kris Kobach, the law professor and former Bush administration Justice Department official who helped draft the Arizona law, as saying: “There certainly seems to be an underlying disrespect for the state of Arizona.”

The article also said: “Kobach points out that during the Bush years several states openly flouted federal immigration law on issues like sanctuary cities and in-state tuition for illegal immigrants. Respecting the doctrines of comity and federalism, the Bush administration didn’t sue. Now, when Arizona passes a measure that is fully consistent with federal law, the Obama administration, says Kobach, ‘goes sprinting to the courthouse door.’ ”



An Associated Press article by Paul Davenport titled “Mexico Asks Court to Reject Ariz. Immigration Law” was posted at breitbart.com on June 22, 2010.

It said: “Mexico is asking a federal court in Arizona to declare the state’s new immigration law unconstitutional.”



An article by Roe Hahmias titled “Report: US Battleships Cross Suez Canal” was posted at ynetnews.com on June 19, 2010.

It said: “Eleven American battleships and an Israeli one crossed the Suez Canal Friday [June 18] en route to the Red Sea, the London-based *al-Quds al-Arabi* newspaper reported.”

The article quoted retired Egyptian general Amin Radi, chairman of the national security affairs committee, as saying: “The decision to declare war on Iran is not easy, and Israel, due to its wild nature, may start a war just to remain the sole nuclear power in the region.”



An article by Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu titled “US, Israel Warships in Suez May Be Prelude to Faceoff With Iran” was posted at israelnews.com on June 20, 2010.

It said: “Egypt allowed at least one Israeli and 11 American warships to pass through the Suez Canal as an Iranian flotilla approaches Gaza.”

It later said: “Despite Egypt’s reported refusal to block the canal to Iranian boats, the clearance for the American-Israeli fleet may be a warning to Iran

it may face military opposition if the Iranian Red Crescent ship continues on course to Gaza.”



An article by Mark Lavie titled “Israel Launches New Spy Satellite” was posted at arabnews.com on June 23, 2010.

It said: “JERUSALEM—Israel launched a spy satellite called ‘Ofek 9’ late Tuesday, Israel’s Defense Ministry and officials said, increasing Israel’s capacity to keep an eye on enemies like Iran.”

It said later: “Israel considers Iran to be a strategic threat, charging that its nuclear program is meant for developing bombs, despite Iranian denials. Also, Iran has tested missiles that can reach Israel, and its leaders frequently refer to Israel’s destruction.”



An article titled “Shahzad Pleads Guilty, Warns of More Attacks” was posted at wcbstv.com on June 22, 2010.

It said: “A Pakistan-born U.S. citizen pleaded guilty Monday to carrying out the failed Times Square car bombing, saying he wanted it known that unless the U.S. stops attacking Muslim lands, ‘we will be attacking U.S.’ ”

It later said: “He said he actually tried to set off three separate bombs in an SUV parked near a Broadway theater May 1 to injure and kill people, but that all three failed to ignite.”

It later said: “According to the indictment issued last week, Shahzad received a total of \$12,000 prior to the attack from the Pakistani Taliban through cash drop-offs in Massachusetts and Long Island.”



An article titled “Five US Men Convicted of Pakistan ‘terror plot’ ” was posted at bbc.com on June 24, 2010.

It said: “Five Americans have each been sentenced to 10 years in jail by a court in Pakistan after being found guilty of terrorism charges, prosecutors say.

“The five men—aged between 18 and 25—were convicted of conspiring to commit terrorist attacks on Pakistani soil and of funding banned jihadist groups.”

It later said: “This case is one of several including alleged ‘home-grown’ American Muslim militants linked to Pakistan.”

It later said: “None were known to law enforcement agencies before they disappeared in November from their homes in Alexandria, Virginia.

"After the young men went missing, one of their families found a farewell video message said to have shown scenes of war and calls for Muslims to be defended. This prompted their families to contact the U.S. authorities."



A Reuters article titled "North Korea Seeks Harsher Punishment For Jailed U.S. Man" was posted at msnbc.com on June 24, 2010.

It said: "North Korea rejected U.S. calls on Thursday for the release of an American sentenced to eight years of hard labor, saying it was considering how to make the punishment even harsher under rules of war."



An article by Jonathan Watts in Beijing titled "China Devastated by Floods" was posted at guardian.co.uk on June 20, 2010.

It said: "Huge floods in southern China have killed at least 132 people and displaced 800,000, the government said today as the annual storm season picked up ferocity."

It later said: "More than 10 million people have lost property, been injured or suffered a cut in power or water supplies as a week of torrential rain across Guangdong, Fujian, Guangxi, Jiangxi and Sichuan.

"Many of these areas have gone from one extreme to another, according to the government. Earlier this year, south-east China endured its worst drought in living memory, but in the past week, some places have been inundated with three times the average rain for this period."



An article by Saeed Al-Batati titled "Saudi Doctors Battle Dengue in Yemen" was posted at arabnews.com on June 24, 2010.

It said: "MUKALLA—A group of Saudi and Yemeni doctors are fighting an unprecedented wave of dengue fever along the coastal areas of Hadramout.

"The Yemeni Health Ministry has recorded more than 900 suspected cases, out of which around two thirds have tested positive."



An article by Craig Whitlock titled "U.S. Military Criticized for Purchase of Russian Copters for Afghan Air Corps" was posted at washingtonpost.com on June 19, 2010.

It said: "In a turnabout from the Cold War, when the CIA gave Stinger missiles to Afghan rebels to shoot down Soviet helicopters, the Pentagon has

spent \$648 million to buy or refurbish 31 Russian Mi-17 transport helicopters for the Afghan National Army Air Corps. The Defense Department is seeking to buy 10 more of the Mi-17s next year, and had planned to buy dozens more over the next decade."



An article by Peter Marsh titled "US Manufacturing Crown Slips" was posted at ft.com (*Financial Times*) on June 20, 2010.

It said: "The US remained the world's biggest manufacturing nation by output last year, but is poised to relinquish this slot in 2011 to China—thus ending a 110-year run as the number one country in factory production."

It later said: "The US became the world's biggest manufacturer in the late 1890s, edging the then-incumbent—Britain—into the number two position."

And it later said: "If China does become the world's biggest manufacturer, it will be a return to the top spot for a nation which—according to economic historians—was the world's leading country for goods production for more than 1,500 years up until the 1850s, when Britain took over for a brief spell, mainly due to the impetus of the industrial revolution."



An article by Rainer Buergin titled "Germany Rejects Obama's Call on Growth, Stoking G-20 Conflict" was posted at bloomberg.com on June 21, 2010.

It said: "Chancellor Angela Merkel's government rebuffed U.S. calls to focus on bolstering growth over debt reduction, setting a course for conflict at the Group of 20 summit in Canada this week."

It later said: "Five days before G-20 leaders meet in Toronto, the economic-policy divide between Europe and the U.S. is hardening. President Barack Obama, in a letter to his G-20 counterparts dated June 16, urged a focus on economic growth."

German Economy Minister Rainer Bruederle stated at a press conference that the U.S. must join Europe in "urgently" cutting spending.



An Associated Press article by Alan Zibel titled "Borrowers Exit Troubled Obama Mortgage Program" was posted at yahoo.com on June 21, 2010.

It said: "The Obama administration's flagship effort to help people in danger of losing their homes is falling flat.

"More than a third of the 1.24 million borrowers who have enrolled in the \$75 billion mortgage modification program have dropped out. That exceeds the number of people who have managed to have their loan payments reduced to help them keep their homes."



An article by Richard Gray titled "Music of the Sun Recorded by Scientists" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on June 19, 2010.

It said: "Astronomers at the University of Sheffield have managed to record for the first time the eerie musical harmonies produced by the magnetic field in the outer atmosphere of the sun.

"They found that huge magnetic loops that have been observed coiling away from the outer layer of the sun's atmosphere, known as coronal loops, vibrate like strings on a musical instrument. In other cases they behave more like sound waves as they travel through a wind instrument."



An editorial by Charles Krauthammer titled "Barack Obama, Dreamer in Chief" was posted at nationalreview.com on June 18, 2010.

Mr. Krauthammer quoted a statement by Barack Obama in his recent Oval Office address on the Gulf oil spill: "Part of the reason oil companies are drilling a mile beneath the surface of the ocean [is] because we're running out of places to drill on land and in shallow water."

To that, Mr. Krauthammer wrote: "Running out of places on land? What about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or the less-known National Petroleum Reserve—23 million acres of Alaska's North Slope, near the existing pipeline and designated nearly a century ago for petroleum development—that have been shut down by the federal government?

"Running out of shallow-water sources? How about the Pacific Ocean, a not-inconsiderable body of water, and its vast U.S. coastline? That's been off-limits to new drilling for three decades.

"We haven't run *out* of safer and more easily accessible sources of oil. We've been run *off* them by environmentalists. They prefer to dream green instead.

"Obama is dreamer in chief: He wants to take us to this green future 'even if we're unsure exactly what that looks like. Even if we don't yet precisely know how we're going to get there.' Here's the offer: Tax carbon, spend trillions, and put government in control of the energy economy—and he will take you he knows not where, by way of a road he knows not which."



An article by Stephen Dinan titled "Judge Halts Obama's Oil-Drilling Ban" was posted at washingtontimes.com on June 22, 2010.

It said: "A federal judge in New Orleans [Judge Martin L.C. Feldman] halted President Obama's deepwater drilling moratorium on Tuesday, saying the government never justified the ban and appeared to mislead the public in the wake of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill."



A quotation that has been widely circulated under the title "Prince of Fools" that criticizes both Barack Obama and the electorate who voted for him, has been posted on various Web sites.

The quote is generally attributed to "an article appearing in the Czech Republic as published in the *Prager Zeitung* on April 28, 2010."

However the quote was originally posted at reuters.com on Jan. 27, 2010. It appeared as a comment under an article titled "Soros Says Obama Bank Levy Premature, Backs Other Plans" and datelined Davos, Switzerland.

The short article said: "Billionaire financier George Soros said on Wednesday [January 27] U.S. President Barack Obama's plan to impose a tax on large banks was premature and his wider proposals to rein in banks' activities may not go far enough."

The first reader comment after the article was posted by O2BNTEXAS on Jan. 27, 2010, at 10:51 a.m. EST.

His famous quote was: "The danger to America is not Barack Obama but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the Presidency. It will be far easier to limit and undo the follies of an Obama presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their president.

"The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Mr. Obama, who is a mere symptom of what ails America. Blaming the prince of the fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince.

"The Republic can survive a Barack Obama, who is, after all, merely a fool. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools such as those who made him their president."



An editorial by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Trojan Ship" was posted at burtprelutsky.com on June 20, 2010.

He said: "Clearly, the only people who actually believe that the flotilla that attempted to break the Israeli blockade was on a humanitarian mission are so dumb they're living proof that a person doesn't have to be in a coma to be brain-dead."

He later said: "Anyone who's the least bit objective recognizes that Israel has to do everything in its power to prevent Iran from smuggling bigger and better missiles to Hamas. And, for its efforts, Israel finds itself being condemned by the UN. As bad and as ineffective as the League of Nations was, at least it gave its dais and its applause to Haile Selassie and not to Mussolini. The UN, which has already greeted Hugo Chavez and Mahmud Ahmadinejad like rock stars, just as it used to do for Yasir Arafat, is a cancer in the midst of

New York City. It's high time we booted it out of America, thus saving ourselves a lot of money and a lot of unnecessary annoyance. This is a group, let us keep in mind, that did nothing about the genocide in Rwanda and ignored North Korea's sinking of the South Korean naval vessel and the murder of its 46 sailors. But they couldn't wait to defend a bunch of Hamas supporters who were, typical of humanitarians on the Left, armed with knives, iron clubs and Islamic curses.

"It's not too surprising that Obama's old chums, William Ayers and his wife, Bernadine Dohrn, along with Jodie Evans, who founded Code Pink, helped plan the flotilla. Based on recent history, I fully expect that the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize will go to Mr. Ayers."

He later said: "Some people have been shaking their heads over the incompetence Obama and his cronies displayed in trying to get Andrew Romanoff and Joe Sestak to bow out of their Senate primaries. But I blame the media. By this time, Obama had come to believe that he could get away with just about anything and the media would cover his back. After all, when Harry Reid said that bribing senators to vote for the administration's health bill was just 'business as usual' and Pelosi said there would be plenty of time to read the bill after it had been voted on, the ladies and gentlemen of the press had winked, chuckled and exchanged high-fives."

He later said: "While I find it impossible to be bipartisan when it comes to major issues, it's a whole different story when it comes to political sleaze."

Mr. Prelutsky proceeded in the article to mention various examples of alleged lies told by both Republicans and Democrats.

Then he wrote the next two paragraphs in conclusion: "Isn't it amazing that all these people who want us to trust them with our futures and the futures of our children and grandchildren can't even be trusted to tell a simple truth about themselves? And what will it take before these louts figure out that their lies are going to be found out and made public by their political foes? Is it because they are constantly sheltered by their cronies and their bootlicking aides that they appear to be so oblivious to the hostile world outside their little cocoons?"

"Well, just in case I ever decide to run for public office, there are probably a few statements I've made along the way that you may have somehow misconstrued. To begin with, when I said that I had won an Academy Award, I meant to say that I had won an Academy Award bet when I wagered that *Hurt Locker* would beat out *Avatar* for the Oscar. And, when I said I was in the Baseball Hall of Fame, I meant that I had once visited the museum in Cooperstown. And finally, when I said that I had served in the military and been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for my heroic efforts in Vietnam when I single-handedly wiped out 148 enemy soldiers and rescued twice that many of my fellow soldiers by carrying them piggyback through a minefield, I misspoke. I only meant that I had seen a lot of war movies when I was growing up."