

Bush Opposes Singing Anthem in Spanish

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The flow of blatant racism, in addition to the unbelievable stupidity that continually spews into the atmosphere from America's White House, is inhumanly, and rather embarrassingly, endless. Now adding to a long list of other horribly offensive pollutants, Mr. Bush's recent remarks on not allowing the singing of America's national anthem in Spanish have dumped even more soot upon an already tarnished American reputation. The real purpose for his ridiculous statement is to reassure his conservative, WASP-base that, like them, he also hates brown people seeking sanctuary in the United States.

"One of the things that's very important is, when we debate this issue, that we not lose our national soul." (George W. Bush, 28 April 2006)

Illegal immigration is a problem, admittedly. Illegal immigrants fleeing Mexico, for example, do so for better wages, and perform jobs that most legal residents simply won't even consider. Moreover, to obtain these jobs, they'll gladly accept wages far below the standards of the average legal worker, which is actually gross exploitation. Examine a typical California neighborhood, it functions with the aid of Hispanic gardeners, housecleaners, and every kind of service worker imaginable, and all of it at poverty level wages.

Yet these individuals are not complaining, they're elated, mostly. Thanks to the US economy, which now ironically depends upon such low-wage workers, these workers now lead better lives. Thus, being appreciative of their improved situation, they may gratefully elect to sing the national anthem, albeit in their only language, Spanish, or a mixture of Spanish and English.

Instead of blasting such hardworking individuals for singing the anthem in Spanish, Mr. Bush should be honoured that a Spanish-speaking immigrant would want to sing the national anthem. In fact, he should be grateful that somebody actually wants to sing it at all, these days. Apart from the reality that the anthem is not a very pretty song, nor singer friendly, the song has lost its luster. Sadly, it has become representative of a country that detests foreigners, particularly non-white ones. It represents a country full of itself, overfed and thoughtless; a country in which the inhabitants greedily guzzle down gallons of petrol as they safari in swarms of SUVs to the local grocery, post office, and fitness gym. In short, America has the gout.

The US has become a land in which beer-bellied-know-nothings rage on about how immigrants are hurting the economy, thus taking food off of their very own tables. Well, for an obese America, maybe that's not such a bad thing. In addition, illegal immigrants, such blowhards profess, are also the cause of rising medical costs, a belief that, statistically, simply is not true. Yet even if it were, might that not be further reason to reopen that discussion on a national health-care service for all legal US inhabitants?

Yet, in the end, one simply cannot blame the cost of health care on illegal immigrants when approximately 39 million legal Americans are without medical insurance. In truth, it is not the illegal immigrant legal residents should fear, but the corporation. Rather than focus on the human condition, the corporate priority is profit, and sod all else! Illegal immigrants are simply a ploy being used by the corporate-puppet Bush, and the CEOs that pull his strings.

Clearly, as with health-care, there are serious economic problems in the US. For example, the US educational system spews out a massive number of graduates who know very little about history, geography, art and literature. Additionally, there is a mounting deficit, there are two wars underway, the price of oil is skyrocketing, and there is increasing concern about outsourcing's effect on the US labour force; all big problems, no doubt. Surely, the culprit for all these ills cannot be the illegal immigrant?

Yet, in actuality, to fend off public discontent with the present crop of robber barons, like McDonald's whose drive for profit slowly fattens and hardens US arteries, or giant corporations that pay very little tax, whilst raking in record profits, the strategy is to distract the populous by *wagging the dog*, using the illegal immigrant as the common enemy for all legal residents to rally against.

"I think people who want to be a citizen of this country ought to learn English and they ought to learn to sing the national anthem in English," Bush said.

Curiously, Bush only focused was on the Spanish language, which makes one wonder, if one sang the US national anthem in a so-called "white" language, say Welsh, for instance. Want to bet, there would be no such sense of outrage.

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