

Double Standards. Obama to the World: 'Do as we Say, Not as we Do'

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It's not so much we are witnessing history unfold, as it is Washington's hypocrisy unravel before our eyes.

Inside the beltway, things like original ideas, humility, honor and integrity appear to be in very short supply.

Washington, known to be infested with lobbyists and politico busy-bodies who run from one briefing to the next, from one press conference to the next, in a drive to conduct their symphonies of policy and PR in a desperate bid to remain relevant to their constituents- the American people. Granted, some try harder than others, but most fall short of their constitutional oath.



Double standards are a big problem for America's leadership right now.

They are the high-flying political class in the United States, an elite tribe who are so detached from reality that it's become an almost embarrassment to watch. The Orwellian doublespeak which is currently emanating out the State Department's *office of nation-building* is hitting new highs.

Our leaders grandstand on the TV, visibly fawning Tunisia and Egypt during the much celebrated *Arab Spring*. As the bells of freedom were still ringing in the distance, Egypt soon found itself sucked into the vortex of a military dictatorship – while Tunisia shifted from secular to hard-line Islamic Sharia society.

Washington still felt it was somehow 'winning' when they went on to demand that both Libya and Syria to '*show restraint and let democracy take it's natural course*'.

Even if – armed insurgents were burning down government buildings in Tripoli, and or firing upon and killing police in Syria.

President Obama confidently that other governments “must be responsive for their citizens aspirations”.

Even if – those citizens are being backed and financed by the US State Department, Whitehall, Élysée Palace and allies Qatar.

Secretary of State Clinton ordered Libya to “respect the universal rights of its own people, including the right to free expression and assembly.”

Even if – her own government cannot even manage to cater for this right any more, *even in the United States of America*.

Hillary later cracked a cruel joke about Gaddafi’s assassination.

Watch this video and you will have a decent idea of what hypocrisy means today in the US:

In the US, the erosion of our basic rights provided by the Bill of Rights and US Constitution has been a long and painful process.

9-11 gave us the *naziesque* Patriot Acts I & II – two bills which have achieved nothing since their inception, and yet, are still as enthusiastically championed by Barack Obama as they were by GW Bush.

The anti-war demonstrations of 2003 gave us “free speech zones”, in country where freedom to assemble, where and when you want, used to be a god-given inalienable right. Now its a mere privilege.

The G20 demonstrations of 2009 gave us police brutality on a mass militarized scale, not seen before domestically. Thousands of paramilitary police where shipped in to Pittsburgh, sound canons were deployed and students were chased down, tear gassed and beaten in what came to known as *forced compliance*.

Even an obvious avant garde demonstration, a silent disco at the Jefferson Memorial saw [police beat and injure Americans](#) who were only trying to test the vital signs of a US Constitution in critical condition.

What elite political performers like Barak Obama and Hillary Clinton are really saying to the governments of Libya, and now Syria, and later to Algeria and Iran- is that you cannot put down an armed insurrection in your countries, but in the US we reserve the right to beat and shoot our own citizens, and arrested without charges- if they attempt to demonstrate in public.

In other words, “*Do as we say, not as we do.*”

President Obama will have the world believe that America is less brutal to its own citizens than the rest of the world, but as hundreds of thousands of people in the *Occupy Movement* now get their first taste of civil disobedience, it is inevitable that some will be unlucky enough to get the hard end of the state’s velvet fist. Indeed, Occupy protester and

Iraq veteran [Scott Olsen](#) found this out the hard way in Oakland last week when he suffered a fractured skull at the hands of local police.

And the Occupy Movement will also learn very quickly that we cannot ignore the rights which our US political elite have been denying the people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine and Libya for all these years now- and expect to be afforded *those same rights* by the same criminal US government here at home.

We are witnessing a culture in decline- a people who for the most part, are having trouble remembering what made it unique in the first place, and so many who can think of nothing more frightening than to be called to live up to any of those ideals – who forgot what freedom actually is.

The level of Washington’s hypocrisy, its arrogance – has never been on display so vividly as it is today. It’s a clear indication of a society in decline.

What will surely accelerate this decline is a mass chunk of Americans who still to this day, remain unaware that these changes in society have even taken place. And more to the point, too many are ever willing to profit, or make their daily crust from this hyper-security police state. This is one of the signs of a civilization in decline.

It’s obvious to even a casual observer that our super-celebrity politicians have permanently lost touch with reality, and sadly, this tribe will never come back to the source of liberty.

It’s high time for Americans to stop making excuses for the lobbyists, the wars, the pork, the bailouts- and for selling out the principles which once made it an inspiration to so many others around the world. Stop making excuses for elite bureaucrats and Wall Street tycoons.

This is a watershed moment in history.

Will America get it right, or descend further into a ridiculous police state?

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