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Obama’s illegal executive order blocked by a U.S. federal court

As I reported in today’s lead news story, a federal appeals court on Monday blocked illegal executive orders announced by President Obama last year, which gave work permits and deportation protection to some four million illegal immigrants. Obama issued executive decrees in November 2014 allowing people who illegally immigrated to the United States. Obama's measures, however, were quickly challenged by conservative governors of 26 U.S. states. They argued that it was up to Congress, and not the president, to enact immigration reform. A federal court in Texas in February ruled in their favor.

On Monday, in a 2-1 vote, the fifth circuit appeals court based in New Orleans ruled against an Obama administration request to overturn the February ruling. All I can say is it’s about time the courts started enforcing the laws of the land. Obama feels he can just enforce the laws he agrees with, and ignore the ones he feels are not right, just as he’s now got the justice department reducing all the prison terms of supposed non-violent criminals. We all know the truth there. It’s not the non-violent issue, because news media has found numerous violent criminals being released as well. It’s all about he feels too many minorities are being imprisoned.

This president has used his executive powers too often. As far as this order being blocked by the court, it is good news. The problem I have is it takes so long to use the system to overturn these illegal orders of his. I’m sure next the White House will decide to take this to the Supreme Court. It is being said the Supreme Court, if they decide to take the case, would decide it before Obama leaves office. As a ride along with this president’s illegal actions to not enforce immigration laws, the media has reminded us that there is no current director of the border patrol. Apparently, there is a list of potential appointees with five people on it, and, are you ready for this? One person on that list is former San Francisco Police Chief Fong (a sanctuary city police chief). Are you kidding me??? Fox News this morning showed a video interview with her declaring when she was the San Francisco chief that they would not be enforcing immigration laws, and would not cooperate with ice officials. Here is chief law enforcement declaring she would not obey the law, and that’s ok??? Like I said in an editorial a couple of months ago, law enforcement does not get to choose what laws they enforce and not enforce. Sworn officers swear they will defend and support the state and federal constitutions. This oath requires them to enforce all laws, state and federal. Period. This nonsense has to stop. If you don’t like a law, then it you have to get it changed through the legislative branch, not by governor or presidential executive orders. Yes, we even have Governor Brown here in California doing this, as well. His executive orders changing state water and carbon laws, without the legislature passing the changes is illegal. We are not  a dictatorship government. All I can say is the timing of this ruling should send a message to or dictator in chief, that he cannot ignore laws. The laws apply to him just like they do to us.

Now we wait to see what he is going to do for more gun control. Over last weekend he put it out that gun control is next for him to solve. I guarantee, he will propose nothing to get to the heart of the violence problem: mental health. He’ll again try and limit access to guns by law-abiding people, and nothing to stop people that shouldn’t get guns from getting them. For all of you that criticize me for my complaints about Obama use of executive orders, as compared to past presidents use of executive orders, I say this: It doesn’t matter how many orders were issued before by any president. I don’t care if George W. did. What matters is the content of the orders. When executive orders are used to change laws, or effectively write new laws, or refusal to enforce laws on the books, then he has gone too far. These are violations of the law, and should be prosecuted. Just to make my nay sayer happy, I’ll provide the stats here for the last four presidents.

Here’s, how many executive orders have been written:

Bush Sr.: 166

Clinton: 364

Bush Jr.: 291

Obama: 219

And he’s not done yet. It was interesting in checking the quantities of orders issued. FDR issued 3,721 orders. Again, I emphasize it’s not the quantity of the orders, it’s the content of the orders. Executive orders to change or ignore laws are illegal. What’s next in Obama’s plan for illegal executive orders? How about more gun control, or going around Congress in closing Gitmo? We’ll be watching who the president appoints as the new border patrol chief.

In conclusion, yes I’m very happy the federal court has blocked Obama’s illegal executive order. It’s very basic. We are a country of laws. Laws that can only be written by Congress, approved by the president, and affirmed by the Supreme Court as constitutional.

The president and Supreme Court do not have authority to write laws.

I’m Tom Wiknich, and that’s what I think. I’d like to know what you think. If you have any comments about this editorial, or would like to discuss or recommend a topic, I’d like to hear from you. Please email them to [info@kzgn.net](mailto:INFO@KZGN.NET).