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IMMIGRATION Immigrant Families March Against 287(g)

POSTED BY JONATHAN MEADOR ON THU, JUN 14, 2012 AT 3:53 PM



Juana Villegas leads the march

Less than 24 hours after [his temper tantrum aimed at the Dean Administration](#), Davidson County Sheriff Daron Hall ([recently named one of the worst local politicians in the nation regarding matters of immigration](#)) found his office in the crosshairs of a protest aimed at DCSO's pet 287(g) immigrant detention program.

Late this morning, a group of nearly 100 Hispanic-Americans, immigrants and their children gathered in the narthex of the Downtown Presbyterian Church to protest the family-rending, rights-shredding effects of DSCO's 287(g) program, in advance of a march that culminated on the steps of the Tennessee Supreme Court, where oral arguments are currently underway to determine the fate of [Metro government's interpretation of the highly contentious detention program](#). The rally and march were organized by the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition and the Migrant Women's Committee.

Twenty-year-old Amelio Moreno, a Nashville resident who was detained under 287(g) last year due to suspected racial profiling, criticized the program's effect on his family as his mother stood next to him at the lectern, clutching his shoulder.

"My heart tore to pieces when I heard my little sisters crying" when he called home from jail, Moreno said. "This program is failing, and it's just destroying our families."

Other speakers included Juana Villegas, the Hispanic Nashville mother [who made international headlines after giving birth in the custody of the sheriff's office](#), and Mercedes Gonzalez, [a then-Overton High School student detained on a specious traffic charge](#). They wore handcuffs around their wrists as a symbol of their incarceration, which they proceeded to throw into a trash can prior to the march.

In all, the speakers took issue with the myriad deleterious effects they say the program has on

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Hispanic communities, most notably the silencing of victims of domestic and sexual abuse who are too afraid to report abuse to authorities for fear of unjust deportation; racial profiling; and creating a climate of fear in otherwise peaceful communities — anecdotal evidence that confirms the findings of a 2009 report from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Lena Graber, a Boston-based representative of the National Immigration Project who spoke at the rally, tells Pith that she cannot fathom why Nashville is still participating in the roundly criticized federal detention program when the feds have made it clear that 287(g) is to be phased out to make way for Secure Communities, an Orwellian-named program not dissimilar to 287(g).

"That's the question that we often ask to [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] directly: 'Why do you still have this program that's so controversial?' " Graber says. "In Davidson County, and particularly in Arizona, it has been such a lightning rod and has such a bad track record. They don't have very much of an answer for that, other than the model of the 287(g) program [allows ICE to] push off more of their work onto local police officers. To that extent they still see it as something convenient to keep around."

Tags: Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, Davidson County Sheriff's Office, 287(g), Secure Communities, Juana Villegas, Mercedes Gonzalez, Daron Hall, ICE, TIRRC, Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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That's outrageous!!!! The Illegal Brown Horde is protesting our laws?!? And why wasn't the INS down there to arrest and deport all the illegal protesters?!? You know what the Mexicans would do to you libtards if you went down to Mexico and protested their laws?!? They'd strip you naked, hang you upside down in the public square for an entire day, then put you in a prison where they only feed you week old beans, and then after all that, they would deport you- only south of the border to Venezuela or some other commie Spanish speaking country! This has actually happened several times according to Glenn Beck! But we are all about tolerance and political correctness and other touch-feely bull-crap that we allow these people to protest! It makes me soooooo mad!!!! I bet Phil Valentine will talk about this on his program today!

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Posted by Angry White Patriot on 06/14/2012 at 4:25 PM



Wow Angry white guy have you ever heard the phrase " Don't hate the player, hate the game"? Quit pissing and moaning about it and do something about it. Phil Valentine and Glenn Beck are not about changing anything, they are all about rattling the cages so you will listen and buy their books and watch their movies. If you really want to change something get organized and get those moron's on both sides of the aisle out of Washington! They all have a proven track record of failure. Change the game and the players will too!

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Posted by insanepepsidad on 06/14/2012 at 5:13 PM



Depaort every one of those ILLEGAL aliens back to the countries they came from. Let them clean the fucking mess of a country they came from if they want "change".

Before the usual handwringing suspects show up, allow me to say, If you're legal, welcome. If you're ILLEGAL, get the fuck out!!!!!!!

I know 2 people whom have been BADLY injured in car wrecks by illegals & the illegals didn't have either a DL OR insurance. Piss on 'em!

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Posted by bobsguns on 06/14/2012 at 6:36 PM



Any anger I felt at "angry white patriot" has slowly been replaced by pure laughter. He is such a stereotype, it's like watching Archie Bunker. His tirades do nothing but highlight the nescience prevalent in TN politics right now. Archie did sometimes have lines with some intelligence to them. Too bad our clown "awp" doesn't have access to better scriptwriters.

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Posted by Bleeding Heart on 06/14/2012 at 8:18 PM



I think AWP is brilliant. Of course, I get the joke.

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Posted by Min on 06/14/2012 at 11:30 PM



gast thinks he's brilliant too. But he doesn't think it's a joke.

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Posted by BattleCat on 06/15/2012 at 12:19 AM



50 angry brown's protesting with official banners at our Supreme Court, how scary is that? Led by a female illegal that this city has paid for the birth of her 3 children, her handsome attorney, and now with a large judgement awarded against the city for her to spend. Will Metro General be able to collect any of that award for the services they have rendered for free out of this award? Would that be petty of our legal dept to even attempt collection?

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Posted by NeverFear on 06/15/2012 at 7:45 AM



No human being is "illegal"; that would be like saying god fucked up. You aren't questioning god's plan, now are you?

I will gladly accept ten illegal aliens For every native-born American citizen who doesn't know that "illegal" (1) cannot be pluralized because (2) it's A FUCKING ADJECTIVE, not a noun. English First, my ass; if we can't get native English speakers to respect the English language, there is zero justification to bitch about other languages. Furthermore, I don't hear any non-natives saying to "piss on" others. You're a real class act, bobsguns; you'd make Jesus proud. Thanks for raising the bar on American civility!

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Posted by Ingleweird on 06/15/2012 at 8:39 AM



@Neverfear: She ain't got the money yet.

@Ingleweird: You ever go golfing?

@Min: No you don't.

@AWP: You may become world famous.

Since nearly every illegal immigrant family is receiving government aid, that means our government is actually paying illegal immigrants to invade our country. (Before you scream at me, check out ALL the info available.)

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Posted by gast on 06/15/2012 at 10:25 AM



Ingleweird,

I am no fan of the extreme anti-illegal position but your grammatical criticism of Gast is incorrect. English is a 'living language' which means constantly evolving usages for words. Adjectives become nouns all the time. Nouns become verbs. Comparative terms often reverse their original meanings.

Of course, the very fact that English is such a supple and flexible language is precisely why the Constitution cannot be a 'living document' but must reflect the ideas and meanings used by the Framers. Otherwise when the words change, the law would, of necessity change.

If you think I am wrong, try reading Shakespeare using the contemporary definitions of his words.

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Posted by Mark Rogers on 06/15/2012 at 11:09 AM



Gast,

I have probably played less than twenty holes in my life. I'm not particularly fond of the sport; I think it's a waste of space and don't really relate much to the typical participants. I'm curious about why you would ask...

Mark,

Please let me know when Merriam-Webster gets involved. Congratulations, your first paragraph wins the Devil's Advocacy Award of the Day; I concur. However, IMHO, I do not think your reasoning can be applied toward the Constitution. I would argue that the Constitution is a living document because different USSCs have different interpretations of the intent and application of the original language. Does it not then stand to reason that as the makeup of the court's judges changes over time, the application of the law does so as well?

Shakespeare, OTOH, well, he wasn't writing laws or constitutions. Wordplay is far different from legalese. Poets are allowed to break the rules of conventional linguistics; bobsguns and NeverFear are no poets, as far as I'm led to believe.

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Posted by [Ingleweird](#) on 06/15/2012 at 11:51 AM



@Ingleweird: "Golf" is a noun and as such can't become a gerund. I was funnin' you for disrespecting Neverfear. But I, too, do not like to see the language changed or misused even though I'm not qualified to be an expert's expert. Latest surprise: check out the newest definition for "portmanteau." Fantabulous!

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Posted by [gast](#) on 06/15/2012 at 1:44 PM



Ingleweird,

Merriam-Webster is a good example of the problem. It give common definitions. But law requires specific definitions and the Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Land. (Imaging construing the Constitution's 'contract clause' by its most popular usage today}).

As for the 'original intent' vs 'living Constitution' debate, if your argument were to hold, then Plessy vs Ferguson was a defensible decision and no ruling would be safe from being overturned. Imagine a SCOTUS in the near future that decided Brown vs Board is no longer applicable because respecting the right of various cultures to refuse to assimilate trumps the value of integration. Or consider a SCOTUS that decides that Roe was wrongly decided because science has made the the actuality of life at conception a superior interest to the right to an abortion.

The 'living Constitution' is popular because a couple of generations of Americans with particular interests have benefited from its rulings. But the same 'living Constitution' can be turned against those interests. Think 'Citizens United.'

This is why there is an amendment process.

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Posted by [Mark Rogers](#) on 06/15/2012 at 4:22 PM



waiting on donna with her twisted facts, about gast, well everything about this putrid scum has been said, also, shitstorm breewing, now that the memo has been released, and young undocumented, will have work permits and attend colleges, without fear of deportation, of course the rednecks will come with all the toothless force to complain,but, nothing they can do to stop progress, soon or later, millions more will be granted permanent residency, the illegal, will be legal, i will love the right moaning and screaming, will love their defilement and the butthurt...

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Posted by [Marduk-Panzer-Division](#) on 06/16/2012 at 11:08 AM



Marduk-Panzer-Division,

I too am waiting for all the dire predictions. I also look forward to their wailing and gnashing of teeth. I see gast in sack cloth and ashes whipping himself with a cat of nine tails. Very biblical. "And low, the food did turn to ash in their mouths and they did rent their blouses in anguish." "And the lord did grin."

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Posted by [BattleCat](#) on 06/16/2012 at 11:31 AM

LOLOL, battlecat, dont forget the planer kolob, where gast and his acolytes will



thrive and create a cosmic race, ala mayan or aztec, but whiter..cheers on this hot day

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Posted by **Marduk-Panzer-Division** on 06/16/2012 at 4:51 PM



>>Furthermore, I don't hear any non-natives saying to "piss on" others.<<

ingleweird, have you EVER lived in a foreign country? Anywhere, for a period longer than a few days of vacation?

I see once AGAIN, that reading comprehension has failed the liberals. Conservatives don't bemoan LEGAL immigrants, it's the ILLEGALS & all the issues they drag with them that we conservatives loathe. HUGE difference, people.

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Posted by **bobsguns** on 06/17/2012 at 11:05 PM

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