

You are sending me old slander as if it were fact. This ridiculous lie circulated in 2008 has come back again in time for the election. First, Dale Lindsborg never worked at the Washington Post. It has been researched. This is the black propaganda of misattribution of source, as well as just plain wrong in so many ways.

'**Analysis:** No, presidential candidate Barack Obama didn't actually utter those asinine words.

Some of the words — specifically the sentences quoted first in the earlier variant above, e.g., "I like the song 'I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing.' If that were our anthem, then I might salute it" — were put in Obama's mouth by conservative humorist John Semmens (see his October 27, 2007 column, "[Semi-News](#)", on the Arizona Conservative website).'

'The quotes are fictitious. In the original article, the intent was satirical.'

http://urbanlegends.about.com/od/barackobama/a/obama_anthem.htm

Once again, something written as satire, has been circulated as scandalous truth. Concrete thinking and lazy fact checking go hand in hand with self deception. It is so gratifying to find something to validate prejudice, that it is accepted without critical analysis. Come on. No politician would say that on TV. That is what made it funny satire.

This posted letter can be found on numerous web sites, including the Rush Limbaugh forum. It gets repeatedly posted, with some variation on reactionary sites, but is another example of the big lie for clueless dito-heads.

'This particular eRumor, which quotes him as saying that the American flag is "...a symbol of oppression" and that the National Anthem "conveys a war-like message" is not true.

The alleged quote is from the pen of columnist John Semmens of *The Arizona Conservative*. He writes what he calls "Semi-news -- A Satirical Look at Recent News." It was in that column on 10/27/07 that he wrote the text of what has been circulated in this email.

It's satire, not an actual quote from Obama.'

<http://www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/o/obama-pin.htm>

[Snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) also rated the theme as FALSE.

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/obama/stance.asp>

It never ceases to amaze me how someone can be so uptight about the symbolism of patriotism while at the same time participating in a virtual civil war of partisan carpet bombing lies about our democratically elected president. He wasn't installed by the supreme court. He was elected.

There was a picture passed around that showed Obama without his hand on his heart, while everyone else on the stage behind him did so. His explanation was

"This was not during the pledge of allegiance," Obama said of the picture taken at Senator Tom Harkin's, D-Iowa, annual steak fry and first published by **Time**. "A woman was singing the Star Spangled Banner when that picture was taken. "I was taught by my grandfather that you put your hand over your heart during the pledge, but during the Star Spangled Banner, you sing!" Obama said.

Obama called the flag flap a dirty trick.

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2007/11/obama-says-flag/>

PolitiFact.com was eloquent about it's pants on fire rating.

We've seen a lot of groundless and ridiculous chain e-mails during the 2008 campaign.

There was the one that [fabricated Bible verses](#) to suggest Barack Obama fit the profile for the Antichrist; there was another that [falsified a list of books](#) that Sarah Palin supposedly sought to ban; and there was our all-time favorite, which [falsely claimed](#) Obama wants the national anthem to be *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing* .

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Dale

P.S. I just had to comment.

On Mar 6, 2012, at 11:24 AM, wrote:

[Begin forwarded message:](#)

To: <Undisclosed-Recipient:;>

Subject: **Fw: Please forward without comment**

Forward this as received, but without comment.

Yes, he told us in advance what he planned to do. Few were listening.

The following is a narrative taken from a 2008 Sunday morning televised "Meet The Press." From Sunday's 07 Sept. 2008, 11:48:04 EST, Televised "Meet the Press" THE THEN Senator Obama was asked about his stance on the American Flag.

General Bill Ginn, USAF (ret.), asked Obama to explain WHY he doesn't follow protocol when the National Anthem is played.

The General stated to Obama that according to the United States Code, Title 36, Chapter 10, Sec. 171... During rendition of the national anthem, when the flag is displayed, all present (except those in uniform) are expected to stand at attention, facing the flag, with the right hand over the heart. Or, at the very least, "Stand and Face It".

NOW GET THIS !!

'Senator'Obama replied:

"As I've said about the flag pin, I don't want to be perceived as taking sides....." "There are a lot of people in the world to whom the American flag is a symbol of oppression...." "The anthem itself conveys a war-like message. You know, the bombs bursting in air, and all that sort of thing."

(ARE YOU READY FOR THIS???)

Obama continued:, "The National Anthem should be 'swapped' for something less parochial and less bellicose. I like the song 'I'd Like To Teach the World To Sing.' If that were our anthem, then I might salute it. In my opinion, we should consider reinventing our National Anthem as well as 'redesign' our Flag to better offer our enemies hope and love. **It's my intention, if elected, to disarm America to the level of acceptance to our Middle East Brethren.** If we, as a Nation of waring people, conduct ourselves like the nations of Islam, where peace prevails - - - perhaps a state or period of mutual accord could exist between our governments"

"When I become President, I will seek a pact of agreement to end hostilities between those who have been at war or in a state of enmity, and a freedom from disquieting oppressive thoughts . **We as a Nation, have placed upon the nations of Islam, an unfair injustice,** which is WHY my wife disrespects the Flag, and she and I have attended several flag burning ceremonies in the past."

"Of course now, I have found myself about to become the President of the United States and I have put my hatred aside. I will use my power to bring CHANGE to this Nation, and offer the people a new path. My wife and I look forward to becoming our

new path. My wife and I look forward to becoming our Country's First black Family. Indeed, CHANGE is about to overwhelm the United States of America."

WHAAAAAAT, is that???

Yes, you read it right.

I, for one, am speechless!!!

Dale Lindsborg , Washington Post,

EVERYONE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NEEDS TO READ THIS, KEEP IT GOING !! SAVE AMERICA BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE !!