No Kings Day

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Whether you want to call it a rally, protest or demonstration, on June 14, "No Kings" day was held in cities across the nation during the celebration of the US Army's 250th birthday which also coincided with Trump's birthday.

As <u>Indivisible</u>, a movement bent on electing progressive leaders and defeating the Trump agenda, organized <u>No Kings</u> day as a day of defiance. The premise of **No Kings** is to reject authoritarianism, restore the court system, stop deportation of illegals, and the so-called corruption of the Trump administration.

Like many of the progressive, far-left, groups and advocates, **Indivisible** and **No Kings** groups are filled with inconsistent, baseless and absurd rhetoric and claims. For example, the **No Kings** website claims that Trump is aiming for at least a <u>third term</u> as president.

This claim has only one goal, to create fear among people. While NPR supports the claim, BBC has a more accurate report regarding a third term possibility. What is ignored is the history of presidential term limits. Washington and Jefferson decided not to run for a third term, thus establishing a two-term tradition. This tradition was broken when Franklin D Roosevelt was elected for a third term in 1940 and a fourth term in 1944. In 1947, Congress approved the 22nd Amendment which limits the number of times a person can be elected president. The Amendment was ratified in 1951 and became law. As it happened Republicans were the majority in the 80th Congress which approved the amendment.

One major complaint voiced during **No Kings** day revolved around deportation. The **No Kings** website alleges the deportation of American citizens by Trump. Again, no proof or discussion was provided. According to various studies "over 4,000 U.S. citizens experienced immigration detention or deportation in 2010." Barack Obama was president during this time.

Several media outlets however, support the claim about Trump deporting American citizens. What they cite are three (3) children (aged 2, 4 and 7) who are from two families being deported with their mothers to Honduras. In another case cited a 10-year-old girl and her family were detained at the border and sent back to Mexico. In both cases the media claimed that one child in each case had either cancer or a brain cancer. The liberal media rode these deportation cases using emotionally charged rhetoric as shown in MSN's report. What has not been NOT pointed out, is that for the liberals, Trump's administration was in a no-win situation. Instead of "deporting" the children with their mothers, they could have remained in the US, thus the liberals would have claimed that Trump was separating families. The media reports claim that the

children were US citizens but did not identify them as having birthright citizenship or not. Also, absent is whether the mothers requested that their children remain with them or stay behind.

Another **No Kings** claim is that the Trump administration has "slashed our services." It is unclear what services are offered on the website other than training in how to defy Trump and his administration. The organization claims to be a 501 non-profit organization. According to yourNEWS the **No Kings** protests were funded through federal grants by a number of other non-profit organizations and NGOs (non-government organizations). A list of these supporting non-profits can be found at datarepublican.com/nokings. While the use of taxpayer money to help non-profits may be legal, it is definitely unethical to use federal taxpayer money to support the **No Kings** agenda.

One No Kings leader stated that Trump and ICE agents are tearing communities apart, that ICE agents are "jackbooted thugs hired to kidnap people," and "Martial law is here in this country." The facts are that if communities followed the law in the first place, they would not have illegal immigrants in their neighborhoods, cities or states. Regarding ICE agents as thugs, they attempt to make civilized and peaceful arrests while the "communities" riot against them. Finally, martial law has NOT been declared by any federal agency or national guard units. The curfews that have been mandated were issued by the mayors and governors of the sanctuary cities and states where rioting, looting, vandalism and assaults have been taking place.

Many **No Kings** protestors believe that Trump is destroying democracy in our nation. However, how soon we forget that just a few years ago, the Democrats, leftists, and progressives were trying to rewrite our Constitution. Had they been successful, the Republic would have been destroyed and with it, democracy. There is no question that the "regime change" would have resulted in a socialist government along with a severe reduction of personal freedoms, increased injustice, and a redistribution of personal property, savings and income. If you don't believe that just take a look at Venezuela, Russia and other countries that turned socialist in the past several decades.

The reason Democrats and others say that Trump is a threat to democracy is because he is essentially following the Constitution and our laws which are in opposition to the socialist agenda.

Our citizenry needs to wake up, learn what is really happening, and stop being led by the nose by those bent on disrupting and destroying our government and nation.