

Rap News 7 - #Revolution

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This is Robert Foster for Rap News once again
And what an eventful past few months it's been!
History has certainly been happening,
Pyramids trembling and regimes unravelling

Dictatorships being shaken in Tunisia
Egypt, Algeria, Bahrain and now in Lybia
And in media, an army of indy-pioneers
Has emerged to pwn injustice through the cybersphere,

Facing riot gear with status updates
And twitter feeds bringing peeps to the streets in corrupt states
And while the West stands by and applauds the protests—
Posing as the model of freedom for the rest

The world asks, where will the revolution begin next?
Wait... it's our reporter, John Pilger, live from the Middle West!
That's correct Robert, I'm here in Wisconsin
Where teachers and workers have started revolting!

In the depths of this dark corporatist kingdom
People have finally dared to utter the word freedom.
I'm deep-in, embedded in the midst of them
Witnessing the rise of the American citizen

Is it then the end of the terrible plight there?
We might be seeing the end of the American nightmare!
The people control several states and territories
And are set to storm the mainstream news agencies

They've already deposed Governor Scott Walker
Who abolished collective rights of the public worker
There's rage here at the genocide of the middle-classes
Rising poverty, food costs and medical prices

This is the War You Don't See on television
People have had it with this fascist prison
And the two-party dictatorship that's arisen
Under the iron fist of the Republicrat system

It just goes to show that you never know
Even the most oppressive regimes can be dealt a blow

Thanks for this news, John; so how will the world receive it?
let's cross live to Egypt first and speak with...

The fearless Asmaa Mahfouz
Whose vlogs filled Tahrir Square with activist youth
Hello to you on the channel Rap News
Asmaa Mahfouz, do you mind if we ask for your views?

**Sure, the American people have suffered abuse
and must choose if be slaves of tyrannical crooks
Or join us and race into the modern era,
By taking up arms with Facebook and Twitter**

**We join in prayer for Americans tonight
As they struggle for their basic human rights
So how can the world help soothe their plight?
Uh, hang on Robert, someone's coming through on Skype**

Hello? Hello, Asmaa, this is Raneen Salaam
In Baghdad, we just got news of revolting Americans!
And? As you know, Iraq was invaded
By the US to depose our brutal dictator

So, please to let the UN hear our statement,
The Iraq people stand ready to return the favour!
We'll send in our troops to save them from hell
Drop shock and awe bombs and uranium shells

What about the threat of fundamentalist Christians?
We'll liberate and give them a secular system
Yes, we'll save them, even the heathens
This is operation Enduring American Freedom!

So... **BRB Robert, I have another friend online**
Ah, our sister, Nisreen, loggin' in from Palestine
Salam, all of us in the Occupied Territories
Stand in solidarity with the oppressed of North America

Yes so... wait, wait—I'm surprised; I guess I never realized
That people in Palestine would have sympathized
With one of Israel's most ardent allies
No no! I should must clarify:

We pledge support for the Indigenous nations
Who, like us, have lost their lands to colonisation
Like the Lakota—uphold the treaty of Fort Laramie!

And the true sovereign owners of occupied Hawai'i!

I see... **Robert wait! lead singer of U2**
Has just uploaded a charity song on the YouTube!
Look:

[3 and a half minutes later]

Thanks Asmaa, but now for our next guest
From within the regime, TV host, Glenn Beck
So, Glenn Beck, what's your view of these events?
Hello America, it's me, Glenn Beck

I've been educating the viewers on my red neck show
to pay attention to the coming insurrection
this is not a popular uprising
It's fomented by Unions, it's a communist virus

Ok so who's behind this? Well listen in
Protesters, Muslims, and Frances Fox Piven in
Cahoots with students high on drugs she's given them
Brainwashed by Lenin, and Bill Ayers' Weathermen

using labour rights to spread trouble
They need to be clubbed over the head with shovels
Is it not that the American people are
protesting because of genuine grievances?

[Pilger:] America does have the worlds highest incar
cerated population – 2 million behind bars!
And although people were robbed blind by Wall Street,
only bernie madoff went to jail for it!

Oh don't listen to him, America! the perfect storm is within
Students, islamists, Google, all of them
They've thrown in their lot together against liberty
Against Israel, God, capitalism, and stability.

Look, it's obvious: this is George Soros
Who funded the Egypt uprising and all the followers
Through his Open Society Institute,
Backed by? Oh, could it be the Muslim Brotherhood!?

Who walk in step with who? Iran,
And want the doomsday caliphate of the 12th Imam;
oh, well, that's great! COMUNISLAM!

Yes, kids, that's the real enemy of this land

Ok well, Glenn, stay near and we'll get your reaction
To other opinions around the world as they happen
First we have to take the next caller
Carlos Barranquilla on the United-Statesian border

Carlos, you're with a charity, tell us what do you do
Bueno, this NGO's called Gringos Are Humans Too
The US can't give its citizens even basic services
So for the last thirty years we've been sending aid workers in as

Maids and servants; and it's urgent that the aid keeps
Flowing while the people take on this regime
What's this? What the heck did that taco-bender say?
Mexican aid-workers? no way in hell, Jose!

The Tea Party will shoot these hordes of immigrants on sight
We'll defend our borders, form militias and fight
Listen, culero, the walls, the fences and things
They ain't to keep us out, They're to keep Americans in.

Ok, the guest who we'll ask next
Is Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez
What's your reaction as the revolution enlarges?
Gracias, en primer lugar buenas tardes

The causes of this uprising are the dangerous
capitalist gangsters, oligarcas
who keep fourteen percent of the peasantry crying
Living life below the poverty line

So Venezuela is sending cheap oil
To heat their homes in the winter and ease the toil
En nombre de bolivar acepte nuestra caridad
Es una expresion de la solidaridad

I speak on behalf of our Merciful Creator:
'Whoever accepts communist oil is a traitor!'
Wait, more breaking news coming in from John Pilger
Robert, I'm outside the Fox Building

Rebels have breached the perimeter, they're inside
Whoever they find is unlikely to survive!
So they've arrived? I'll hold off the baying hordes
Sniff sniff, that stench. Jesus, I hate the poor

*The rebels have reached the central bunker
Calling for the head of Glenn Beck the drunkard
I call on Joseph Smith, Senator McCarthy and
The pure whiteness of the Confounding Fathers!*

They'll never take me alive, I might as well
give in to the spirit of nine-twelve
this is my country; I just really love it
[GLUG GLUG]—but I fear for it

They thought I was insane and lost
Who said I've lost the plot?!
Wah, I've gotta make the pain stop...
For America and Fox, with a good old American-made glock—

Good night America...

Well, dear viewers, I'm sure you all agree,
It's wonderful to witness these jolly scenes
We've seen our brothers and sisters make history
In north Africa and across the Middle East

But sympathy to our poor cousins in the Far West
On whose shoulders has fallen this large test
This quest, this incredible fight
In some sense we are all Americans tonight

As worldwide the pyramids of power are jogged
Let us remember the bigger journey we're on
Long ago, we embarked on this great adventure
yet, humanity still remains an ideal we aim for

What may be said of so called revolutions?
Are they not baby-steps in our ongoing evolution?
The road is long, and despite our talk of 'civilisation'
we're still far from that destination.