

## **RN 7: Revolution spreads to America**

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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*

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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.

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