

## God Bless Donald Trump

As pleased as many may be that billionaire real estate developer and possible 2012 Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has raised the issue of Obama's hidden long-form birth certificate, it would be more helpful if he understood the meaning of the term "natural born citizen." Although he is of course correct when he tells annoyed media leftists, "*If Obama was not born in the United States he cannot be President,*" Mr. Trump could be a game-changer even before 2012 if he were to use his fame to teach pathetically ill-informed Americans that Obama's birth place is less relevant than the citizenship of his father. That is, even if Obama was born in Hawaii, he cannot legally serve as president because the term natural born citizen means *born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents*. Because Barack Hussein Obama, Sr. was not a U.S. citizen, his son cannot legally serve as President of the United States.

Mr. Trump should use his soap box to teach millions of Americans the meaning of natural born citizen. Yes, there are a number of historical documents that make it clear the Founding Fathers understood it to mean born in the United States to U.S.-citizen parents, but arguably one need not even research that history.\* The simple truth is that the language of Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 of the U.S. Constitution *makes no sense* if, as many argue, "natural born citizen" means nothing more than "born on U.S. soil." That clause reads:

"No Person except a natural born Citizen, ***or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution,*** shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

Note the highlighted "grandfather clause." That such wording exists is sufficient to destroy the argument that "born in the USA" is the equivalent of "natural born citizen."

When the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776 no one in the new United States of America had parents who were U.S. citizens at the time of their birth. That would have been impossible because the United States did not exist until July 4, 1776. Based on the proper definition of natural born citizen, the only natural born citizens were therefore those born *after* the signing of the Declaration of Independence. And because the president had to be at least 35 years old, it would not be until 35 years *after* July 4, 1776 that *anyone* could legally serve as president.

Of course, the nation could certainly not wait 35 years for its first president. Accordingly, the Framers necessarily had to include in the presidential requirements of the U.S. Constitution the "grandfather clause" in order to make it

possible for someone to qualify to serve as the nation's first president in 1789. George Washington's parents were certainly not U.S. citizens at the time of his birth in the Virginia colony in 1732. Nor were the parents of John Adams, Thomas Jefferson—and every president through Andrew Jackson. Martin Van Buren was the first president born *after* the signing of the Declaration of Independence. (Van Buren was born in New York in 1782. John Tyler was the first president born after the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1789.) Van Buren therefore *did not need the grandfather clause* to meet the requirements of the presidency because he was the first president born on U.S. soil to two U.S.-citizen parents. *Van Buren was therefore the first president who was required to be a natural born citizen.* (Chester Alan Arthur illegally served as president by successfully hiding the fact that his father was not a U.S. citizen at the time of his own birth in 1829.)

*If it were the case that the term “natural born citizen” means nothing more than “born on U.S. soil”—as millions wrongfully believe and as some misleadingly and intentionally state—the grandfather clause serves no purpose and the requirement would instead have simply been written as follows:*

“No Person except a natural born Citizen shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.”

In other words, the sole purpose of the grandfather clause was to allow persons who could not have been natural born citizens to serve as president. That exception clause applies only to persons who were living residents of the United States on July 4, 1776, and therefore excludes Martin Van Buren and all other presidents born after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

It is further worth noting that earlier drafts of the U.S. Constitution required only that the president be “born a citizen.” On July 25, 1787 John Jay wrote to George Washington to recommend that only “natural born citizens” be permitted to serve as president. But that recommendation would have served no purpose had the terms “born a citizen” and “natural born citizen” meant the same thing. They did not in 1787 and they do not now.

The above information and explanation should be committed to memory and used against anyone who ridicules “birthers” or who insists that “born in the USA” is enough to make one a natural born citizen. Unless the brilliant James Madison included in his majestic document 16 words that were absolutely unnecessary, the Constitution itself is all that is required to prove that Obama is ineligible to serve as President of the United States. There is no other explanation for the grandfather clause. And *that* is why Obama has spent more than two years fighting eligibility lawsuits. He cannot afford to have the Supreme Court say, “*Hey, it says right here in Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 that you cannot be*

*President!"* (Why the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court have not had the courage to hear any of the various Obama eligibility cases is another story altogether.)

Step One in stopping the national abomination of Obama is therefore for Donald Trump to keep the birth certificate issue in the spotlight while also insuring that (he and) increasing numbers of Americans learn the true meaning of the term natural born citizen—thereby creating a widespread national demand to force the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court to take action and remove Obama from the office he holds illegally.

Step Two: Anyone who donated to Obama's 2008 presidential campaign did so under the assumption that he was eligible to serve. That he was not means he committed fraud against millions of donors in order to collect their contributions. Tens of thousands of Americans who donated to Obama's campaign should join together in a class action lawsuit to demand a return of their \$700+ million in contributions. (Note that some astute individuals donated \$1.00 to the Obama campaign in 2008 for the sole purpose of being able to bring such an action against Obama by guaranteeing themselves standing.)

Step Three: Charges under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) should be filed against Obama, his wife Michelle, and anyone else who was involved in the fraud and its cover-up. (The list of guilty parties likely includes House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Democrat National Committee chairman Howard Dean, and members of Congress who attempted to pass eligibility resolutions intended to "give cover" to Obama, such as Senator Claire McCaskill of Missouri.)

Step Four: Federal charges should be filed against Obama for his illegal use of another person's Social Security Number (SSN). (Obama has been using the SSN of a deceased individual who was born in 1890. That number begins with the digits 042, signifying that it was issued to a Connecticut resident—the dead man. Obama never worked or lived in Connecticut, and he likely stole the SSN because he could not obtain one of his own—which would have required that he submit a legitimate long-form birth certificate proving he was born in the United States.)

Step Five: Deport Obama to Indonesia, where he is likely still a citizen by virtue of his childhood adoption by Lolo Soetoro. (It is believed that after Obama returned to Hawaii he did not go through the naturalization process to become a U.S. citizen.)

Step Six: Enjoy the images of an outraged Michelle Obama as she is forced out of the White House.

God Bless America, and God Bless Donald Trump

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\* For those who do wish to learn about the historical documents that indicate “natural born citizen” means born on U.S. soil to two U.S.-citizen parents, I suggest starting here:

<http://puzo1.blogspot.com/2011/03/donald-trump-is-natural-born-citizen.html>