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Why does this administration enforce some laws, and ignore others?

I’m sure most of you have seen the recent enforcement action against the city clerk in Kentucky that won’t issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The feds have gone after her with a vengeance. She is now incarcerated indefinitely due to violation of a federal court order for her to issue the licenses. You might ask what this has to do with the editorial title. Since this is a federal court action, enforcement comes via that federal attorney general, which is appointed by the president. As we have seen since Obama got elected, the attorney general has decided some laws would be enforced, and some not.

I think back to the first indicator we had on this problem. When during Obama’s first election, there was a group of black panthers in Pennsylvania at a voting office, standing right outside the entrance doors holding what appeared to be some form of weapon. It was easily seen by the way the posted themselves and their intimating actions, that they were trying to make sure Obama supporters got in with no problem, while potential opponents to Obama felt intimidated and maybe even didn’t vote. The outrage started up when videos of them were all over the news on every station. Yet, even with video and audio proving they violated federal laws around voting booths, nothing was done. Nothing! All based on the decision of the new Obama appointed attorney general Eric Holder. When I saw this, I thought that we are really in for a ride with this new administration. While they declare these decisions are based on the merits of the case, it’s obvious to anyone that they are really based on ideology. Example: they have imprisoned this city clerk. Due to the very controversial nature of her objection, someone high in the justice department was contacted and authorized this prosecution. So, I ask, if they are going to go after her, an elected official for not doing her job, why aren’t they going after other elected officials for not doing their job. I’m referring to the elected officials and law enforcement officials that completely ignore federal immigration laws. They have gone so far as make their action of non-enforcement in writing via written policy. These elected officials are openly admitting they are violating federal laws, and nothing is done. Why? Do you think it has anything to do with ideology? Of course it does. I was taught from a young age, if you don’t like a law, then you have to work within the system to change the law. That’s the way it works. No one is above the law. Oh wait, there is a new definition about enforcement. Turns out, I was taught wrong all the way through school and even law school. Now we learn the president has the power to ignore laws. He has the authority to change laws. When he decides that the will of the people is not following his own ideology, then he supposedly has the power via executive authority to change laws. Maybe some people buy into that theory, but I sure don’t. There have already been some cases the federal court has determined Obama has over stepped his authority and been overturned. Currently his executive action to make massive changes to immigration laws around congress has been stopped in the courts. His administration has been stopped for implementing his orders. Even during this court hold on the presidents order, he has the audacity to issue another change to immigration law, expanding the order that is currently held up by the court. This is outrageous conduct. The choice the attorney general has made in enforcement of the law is disgraceful. No wait, not disgraceful, it’s a violation of their oath of office. I can’t tell you how mad this makes me that certain people feel they are above the law. That it doesn’t matter what the people’s representatives have decided. No matter that the people’s representatives, the congress, has made laws. The fact that one person in the white house thinks he knows better what the people want, and on his own, like a dictator, changes or ignores enforcement of laws he and his administration don’t agree with. The president does not have this authority. Pundits wonder why Trump has such a large support group. The people are mad at what is happening in Washington. They are mad that we have a dictator as president. While congress has done a little bit to try and stop him, the people want more done.

In conclusion, there is nothing in the California or U.S. Constitutions that allows elected officials to ignore laws they don’t agree with. All these elected or appointed officials that ignore enforcement of laws, need to be arrested and prosecuted. These elected officials that operate sanctuary cities need to be arrested and prosecuted by the federal government. This enforcement based on ideology has to be stopped.

I’m Tom Wiknich, and that’s what I think. I’d like to know what you think. If you have any comments about this editorial, or would like to discuss or recommend a topic, I’d like to hear from you. Please email them to [info@kzgn.net](mailto:INFO@KZGN.NET).