**(0:04-1:56) Al-Arian 2012** (Laila, Writer for the Huffington Post: Free Speech Under Attack for Muslim Americans)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzM2I1idvBs>

**Through the ages, empires have waged war against those unable to extinguish the flames of its expanding fire. The empire fires cannons and sends its winged beasts to cast a rain of hell fire on those who challenges its rule. The empire uses mechanisms of fear and hatred to promote an environment where those who are condemned by the empire are cast into oblivion. In the age of US Empire, we continue to see groups persecuted and executed in the name of global domination. From the deserts of the Middle East to the cities of the US, US empire has used fear to cast these areas of the globe as evil in order to justify its expanding global domination both foreign and domestic.**

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**The executive has expanded imperial powers throughout multiple sections of the government, ensuring islamophobia’s existence. The current means of creating policies over war powers have been configured to serve the goals of the War on Terror, a process that has led to systematic violations of the rights of Muslims and Arab communities both home and abroad.**

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**We must reject and act against the current imperialist policies that have led to severe human rights violations and become a symbol of imperial power. Since the top level officials, in both major parties, such as the president will not find it in their interest to remove the policies that only reappropriate their power we must actively challenge the climate of fear and domination in US politics on a daily basis. Only when the imperialist mindset of the executive is destroyed will we begin to see changes in policy. You as the judge must actively fight against these systems of power. Actively fighting against the mechanisms that have created oppression both in government and debate will help to create a political climate where all viewpoints over policy and debate can be ensured to have a space to speak.**

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**Thus, the United States federal government should repeal the Authority for use of Military Force Act, which has given the president unlimited authority.**

**Grimmett 2006** (Richard F.,” Authorization for Use of Military Response to the 9/11 Attacks (P.L. 107-40): Legislative History”)