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Batty 'Birther' Movie Divides Conspiracy Diehards



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"Birthers" are flipping their tinfoil hats over a new film that claims President Barack Obama's father was *not* a Kenyan goat herder but rather a communist journalist nearly four decades older than his mother. The problem? It undermines a bedrock of birther lore: that the president is ineligible to be commander-in-chief.

"Dreams From My Real Father," a 97-minute film narrated by an Obama impersonator, weaves the narrative that Obama's grandfather wasn't a furniture salesman but an undercover CIA agent who convinced Barack Obama Sr. to marry his teenage daughter to hide the fact that she was impregnated by a 55-year-old communist named **Frank Marshall Davis**.

The fake Obama narrator sets up the tale as the "the story I would have told if I were being honest with you." Built through archival black and white footage, the film's disclaimer states that it includes "re-creations of probable events, using reasoned logic, speculation, and approximated conversations in an attempt to provide a cohesive understanding of Obama's history."

Using that disclaimer, the filmmakers assert that Obama had a nose job ahead of his 2004 run for Senate, that his mother posed for naked photos when she was five weeks pregnant with him and that Bill Ayers nurtured Obama's career.

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The film is produced by Highway 61 Entertainment, the same company behind "Farewell Israel," "Atomic Jihad" and the mockumentaries "Elvis Found Alive" and "Paul McCartney Really Is Dead." Director Joel Gilbert, who has spoken at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), writes columns for FamilySecurityMatters.org, a website run by Frank Gaffney's Center for Security Policy.

The film has been favorably reviewed by WND's Jerome R. Corsi, who wrote an entire book arguing that Obama's birth certificate is a fake and that he was really born in Kenya and

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But the suggestion that Obama really was born in Hawaii and that his father was an American citizen has some conspiracy theorists upset. Birther queen Orly Taitz is troubled by the film because it undermines the theory that Obama's father had to be a U.S. citizen for him to be a "natural born citizen" (a qualification which would have eliminated several other presidents). WND and Corsi, wrote Taitz, are "trying to kill the case by making up an American citizen father for Obama."

"Who are they working for? What incentive did they get to do so? Please, tell Corsi and Farah to stop this. Enough and enough," she wrote.

TPM video guru Michael Lester spun up this reel of the film's highlights:



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