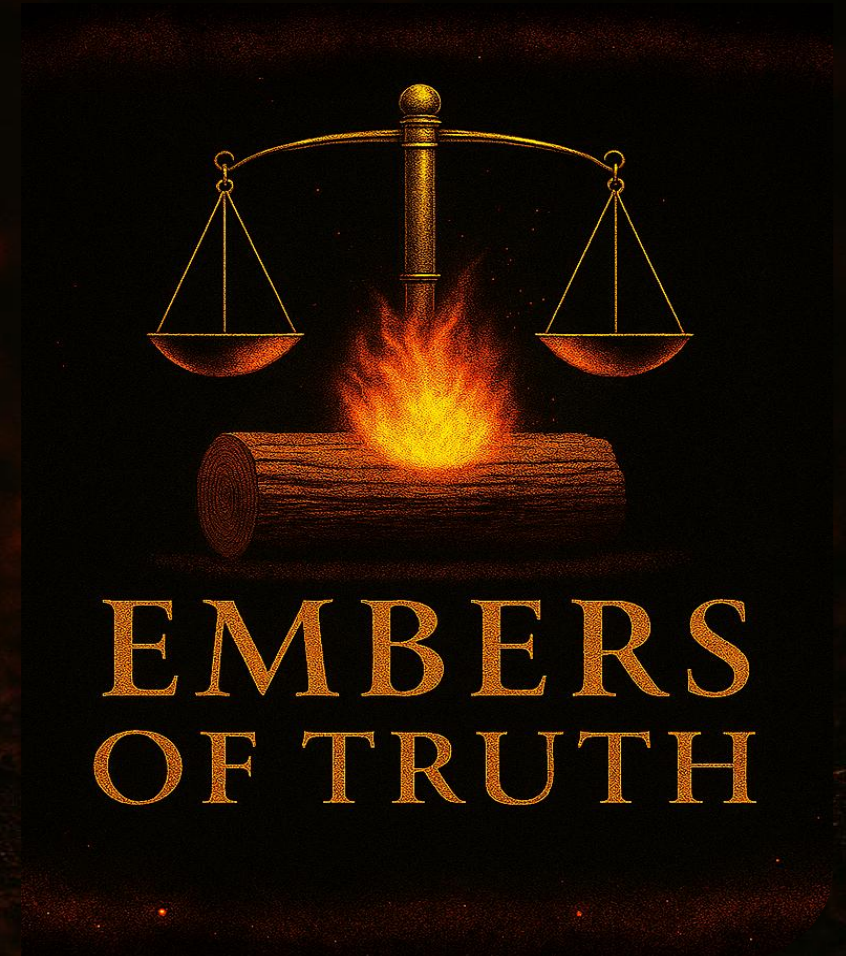


Illegal Orders Video – Deep State Op?

What are the real implications of the video



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- Scrutinize institutions with humility and care

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Democrat Video

What the Video Says

Six Democratic lawmakers with military/intel backgrounds urge troops to “refuse illegal orders.”

Framed as a pledge of political “backing” for military/intel personnel.

Posted amid controversy over Trump’s authority and domestic deployments.

Ember of Truth: Yes, troops must refuse manifestly unlawful orders.

Problem: The video politicizes settled doctrine, inviting defiance of lawful commands.

Embers of Truth vs. Political Signaling

Truth: Nuremberg principles + UCMJ require refusal of unlawful orders.

Signal: By not citing specific examples, the video primes troops to second-guess lawful directives.

Risk: Creates a gray zone where activists can ignore contested policies “illegal.”



Reactions from the Right

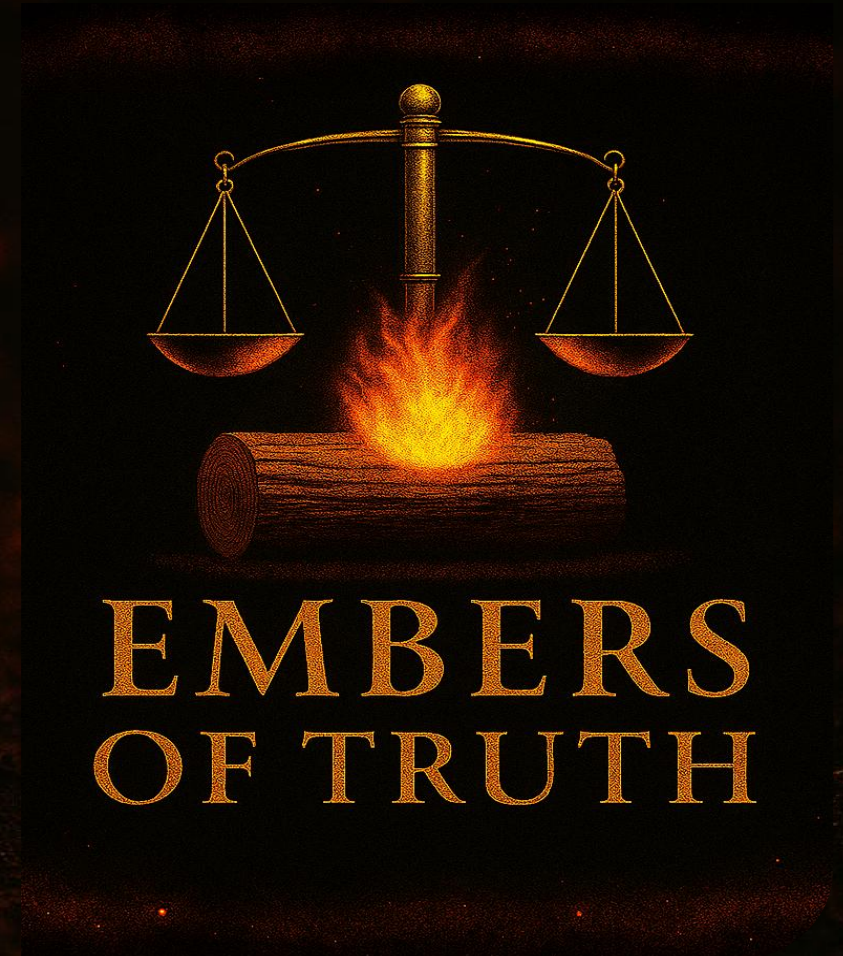
Pete Hegseth: “Stage 4 TDS” – reflects conservative concern about politicization.

New York Post & Fox News: Criticized as undermining chain of command.

Trump: Called the video “seditious.”

Ember of Truth: Civil-military debate is legitimate.

Problem: The video escalates partisan conflict into military discipline



Reaction from the Left

Framing: Democrats argued the video was a safeguard against potential abuses of power.

Rationale: Claimed Trump's rhetoric and past actions raised concerns about unlawful directives (e.g., domestic troop deployments, use of force at protests).

Messaging: Positioned refusal of illegal orders as a patriotic duty, not partisan defiance.

Ember of Truth: Oversight and accountability are core democratic values.

Problem: By targeting Trump implicitly, the message blurred the line between lawful dissent and partisan resistance.

Public defense: Democrats said the video was about "rule of law" and "protecting democracy."

Political impact: Framed Trump as a threat to lawful governance, reinforcing their broader narrative.

Allied messaging: Suggested allies should trust U.S. institutions to resist unlawful directives.

Ember of Truth: Upholding law strengthens democratic legitimacy.

Problem: The partisan framing risks undermining U.S. credibility by suggesting military orders are politically contested.

Military Law Reality

Presumption of lawfulness: Orders are presumed lawful unless manifestly illegal.

Article 90: Disobedience of lawful orders = confinement, dishonorable discharge, even death in wartime.

Article 92: Failure to obey lawful regulations = court-martial, forfeiture of pay.

Article 77: Following illegal orders = liability as a principal.

Ember of Truth: Duty to refuse unlawful orders protects integrity.

Problem: Misjudging legality risks punishment and mission failure.



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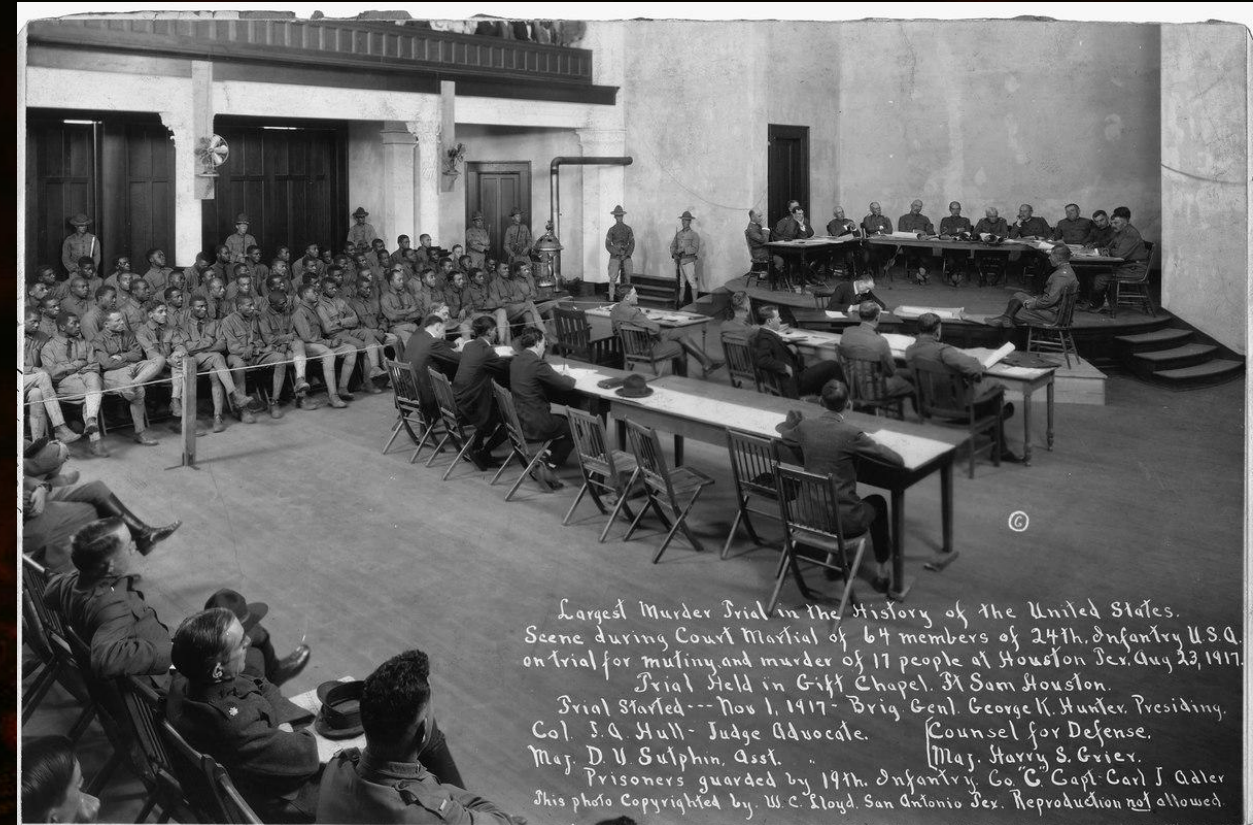
Pathways to Foment Noncompliance

Ambiguity + promise of political “backing” = pressure to resist lawful orders.

Activists can weaponize the clip to delegitimize deployments, counternarcotics ops, or crowd control missions.

Ember of Truth: Oversight matters.

Problem: Encourages hesitation in time-sensitive missions



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Antifa / Activist Scenario Notes

Likely to amplify video as justification for resisting domestic missions.

Pressure Guard units via social media campaigns.

Ember of Truth: Civil liberties concerns are real.

Problem: Activist misuse undermines lawful missions.



International Impacts: Allies

Allies may see politicized civil-military friction as unreliability.

Could hesitate to share intelligence or commit assets.

Ember of Truth: Allies value lawful conduct.

Problem: Perceived instability weakens coalition confidence.



International Impacts: Enemies China / Russia

South China Sea: Encourages Beijing to test U.S. patrol resolve.

Taiwan: Casts doubt on U.S. security commitments.

Propaganda: Amplifies U.S. division

Trade Policy impacted

Ukraine: Suggests U.S. support may falter.

Hybrid warfare: Exploits ambiguity in NATO messaging.

Disinformation: Fits Russia's narrative of U.S. instability.

Peace Talks ongoing

North Korea / Iran

Nuclear brinkmanship: Belief U.S. forces may hesitate in deterrent strikes.

Propaganda: Reinforces “America collapsing” narrative.

Negotiations: Weakens U.S. bargaining position.

Persian Gulf: IRGC may test U.S. escorts and patrols.

Regional proxies: Emboldened by perceived U.S. hesitation.

Nuclear talks: Undermines credibility of military threats.

Problem: This video hands them propaganda and leverage.

Ember of Truth

Adversaries monitor U.S. civil-military debates.

- The former CIA and defense intelligence people in this video are aware of this

Was this Message meant for our Military or to someone else?

- Is a Coup on the Horizon?
- Will Violence increase?
- Will we see more assassinations?



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Did They Cite a Specific Trump Order?

No specific illegal order by Trump was named.

Generalized warning only.

Ember of Truth: Duty to refuse unlawful orders is timeless.

Problem: Framed as partisan, disadvantages Trump agenda.



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Strategic Disadvantages to Trump Agenda

Internally: Encourages hesitation in executing lawful directives.

- Allies: Creates doubt about U.S. reliability.
- Enemies: Provides propaganda to exploit division.
- Ember of Truth: Oversight protects democracy.
- Problem: Politicized messaging undermines deterrence and agenda execution.



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Closing & Recommendations

Reaffirm chain-of-command discipline and UCMJ guidance.

Avoid politicized messaging to troops.

Emphasize lawful oversight through established channels, not partisan videos.

Ember of Truth: Duty to refuse unlawful orders is essential.

Problem: Weaponizing that duty destabilizes U.S. military credibility.

Evaluate laws that may apply to the destabilization of the military and prosecute if feasible



Conclusions

Embers of Truth:

- Duty to refuse unlawful orders is a cornerstone of military integrity.
- Oversight and accountability are essential democratic values.

Problems Identified:

- Politicization of settled doctrine undermines discipline.
- Ambiguity invites refusal of lawful orders, risking mission failure.
- Allies may question U.S. reliability; adversaries exploit division.
- The Trump agenda is disadvantaged internally, diplomatically, and strategically.

Final Recommendation:

- Reaffirm chain-of-command discipline under UCMJ.
- Avoid partisan messaging to troops.
- Ensure lawful oversight through established institutions, not politicized campaigns.

Protect credibility at home and abroad by keeping military guidance non-partisan.



The price of disloyalty