Alien in Congress?

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So there I was, working hard on citizen-only voting measures in state after state, and also within Congress to create a new constitutional amendment, when a bigger non-citizen voting issue exploded.

And it has nothing to do with me!

It's all about "Ilhan Omar."

I give her those scare quotes around her name because, the Department of Justice alleges, that name wasn't the one she used to get into Britain. It's just the one she used to get into America. Her father had served in the Somalian military and was *persona non grata* in these United States.

She and her father lied to get in. Allegedly. She also lied about her age on her forms, though this may be the weakest charge — she probably didn't know her date of birth.

Richer yet, she "married" (or pretended to marry) her brother in 2009, to finagle a visa for him.

Then, when MS Now's Chris Hayes asked her, point blank, if she had actually married her brother, she responded with "Not to my knowledge."

Skepticism about one's own marriages shouldn't take *that* form.

And it *is* marriages *plural*. In 2011, she separated from her brother-husband in a "faith-based" manner, then married and divorced another, and is now married to political consultant and ersatz vintner Tim Mynett — about whom scandals have swirled.

The latest wrinkle to the story is from the *New York Times*. Contrary to Democratic accusations that the very idea that she married her brother was just so much partisan lawfare, *The Times* reports that, during the Obama Administration, the DOJ did indeed have evidence of her visa frauds but shelved the issue.

Why? Statute of limitations.

Besides, she was in Congress!

Ilhan Omar is one of those politicians who sends chills down my spine. Criticism and reform are helpful, but she strikes me as dangerously anti-American.

Still, innocent until proven guilty. Follow the law. This applies to Ms. Omar as well as her prosecutors.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.