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2**Lies of the Colonialists, Part 2***An English-Only drama*

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LITTLE JOHN (formerly Juanito): (whispering)  
Hey, mom, that lady spoke not-in-inglés.  
Aren't you going to report her?

MOM: (angry and scared)  
Will you turn down the music?  
Someone's going to hear that it's not-in-inglés  
and THEY (The Hegemonic Establishment Yanquis) will get you!

MARY (formerly Maria): (haughtily)  
It's officially the City of the Angels now, you idiot.  
(whispering)  
Not "Los Angeles." You can't say that anymore you know.  
THEY will fine you.

DAD: (resignedly)  
Catholic was too not-in-inglés, so we became Protestant.  
No, we don't go to church anymore.

NEIGHBOR: (sighing)  
Uh huh, THEY took away my Peter (formerly Pedro).  
Yeah, THEY caught him with several bags of (whispering) "tortillas."

CAMP SURVIVOR: (reluctantly remembering)  
Those of us who were too brown, our hair too black, or too not-in-  
inglés...  
THEY started herding us into indoctrination camps in the desert that we  
never left.

CAMP SURVIVOR NO. 2: (mystically)  
THEY cannot stop evolution. Superior minds were created to be  
multilingual and to break the curse of the Tower of Babel.

RELATIVE: (to the camp doctor) (weeping)  
Please don't report Grandma! She's a crazy old woman!  
She doesn't know that she's speaking not-in-inglés.

GRANDMA: (on her death bed) (speaking not-in-inglés):  
Now I can go to Heaven and speak whatever language I want.  
God will understand, because God is multilingual--  
and not f&#?! English-only.

*For some fascinating reading, read "Chapter 6: Hispanophobia" from  
James Crawford's 1992 book "Hold Your Tongue: Bilingualism and the  
Politics of English Only" at  
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepage/JWCRAWFORD/HYTCH6.htm>*

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