Obama wins Nobel Peace Prize

This is breaking news -- The Washington Post did not get it wrong this time. This is their breaking news announcement:


05:02 AM EDT Friday, October 9, 2009


In a surprise move, the Norweigan Nobel Committee awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize to U.S. President Barack Obama.

For more information, visit w.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/interact/longterm/talk/members.htm?privacy?referrer=email

They alerted anyone awake at 5:02 a.m.

BreakingNews also alerted the world to Obama winning. They also covered, as breaking news, comments from around the world. Their reports are included below

# BreakingNews President Obama to deliver statement on Nobel Peace Prize win soon: http://news.bnonews.com/vk2yabout 1 hour ago from BNO Headquarters

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LIVE BREAKING NEWS -- NASA to crash two spacecraft into the Moon shortly, watch live: http://news.bnonews.com/xh2m

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UK PM Brown and Ireland congratulate President Obama on stunning Nobel Peace Prize win: http://news.bnonews.com/68tt

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CNN: White House spokesman Gibbs woke President Obama to say he won the Nobel Peace Prize.

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An administration official says President Obama feels "humbled" to have won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, Sky News reports.

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Senior leader of Pakistan's Jamaat-e-Islami party calls Obama's peace prize win an "embarrassing joke."

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Taliban spokesman: [Obama] has done nothing for peace in Afghanistan. [...] We condemn this year's peace prize as unjust.

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AFP: Taliban condemns the decision to award the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize to President Obama.

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UK's Ministry of Defence confirms a British soldier died in an explosion in Afghanistan's central Helmand Province yesterday.

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Aide for Iranian President Ahmadinejad says they are not upset with Obama's Nobel win, hopes he will "remove injustice in the world."

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The Kenyan family of President Obama says they are honored that he won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize.

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Afghan President Karzai says Obama is "the right man" to win the Nobel peace prize.

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White House spokesman Gibbs says "wow" in first response to Nobel Peace Prize win, according to CBS News correspondent Mark Knoller.

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NOBEL SHOCKER -- President Obama will receive $1.4 million on Dec. 10 for winning the Nobel Peace Prize.

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U.S. President Barack Obama has won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize for "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy.

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PRESIDENT OBAMA WINS THE 2009 NOBEL PEACE
I did not turn on the computer until just before 8:00 a.m. When I started Archivist it immediately found 1,500 messages, which means that there were more I did not capture. At the moment, 9:30 a.m., messages are flooding in at roughly 700 every five minutes.

As late as 10:00 a.m. the ones expressing disagreement with the award had not found a hashtag to use to 'collect' their hostility. They were not even using #tcot.

someone set up a poll -- did Obama deserve the Nobel prize? The url is

http://pollpigeon.com/did-president-obama-deserve-to-win-the-nobel-peace-prize/t/48732/

It will surely disappear in the not too distant future. You had to give them more information about yourself than I wanted to give them to find out the vote.

The next day, October 10, The Washington Post summarized the reactions to Obama being awarded the Nobel Prize.

The Prize and the Presidency
Reactions Similar Only in Their Intensity

The new winner of the Nobel Peace Prize walked out of his house just after 11 a.m., dressed handsomely in a dark suit and a classic blue tie. He descended a marble staircase into a manicured garden, flowers in full bloom, and stepped up to a podium on a perfect autumn day. After making a joke about the lightheartedness of children, he said he was "surprised and humbled" by the award. Then he asked the world to unite by providing all people with opportunity, dignity and freedom from violence and disease.

All told, Barack Obama spoke for six minutes Friday. He said little concrete, nothing controversial, nothing contentious. And yet, once he walked back into his house, contention dominated the day.

This is how it has always gone with Obama: His latest coronation, this time as Nobel Peace Prize winner, inspired a dozen different reactions that were similar only in their intensity.

Instead of the universal tribute that often accompanies a Nobel Prize, Obama's award resulted in a deluge of response that included all the divisiveness of the presidential campaign. The reactions Friday to Obama's winning the prize tended to cast him as either a savior or a fraud, with little conversation in between. There was bewilderment and cynicism, hope and pride. Debate raged about who Obama is and what he will become.

There was also an early count of the reactions by a firm 'advertising' their sentiment analysis prowess: President Obama's Nobel Peace Prize Viewed Positively in 62 Percent of Twitter Messages. The company version of this was at Attensity. However, another sentiment analysis is heard from Crimson Hexagon via Mashable. They found 69% negative. The reverse of Attensity, and closer to what I thought I was reading.

Mashable reported about the traffic on Twitter at Barack Obama wins Nobel prize. Twitter goes crazy.

And here are 2 Trendistic figures. The first shows the week and the spike for "Obama nobel peace prize"
The second shows twitter messages about Obama for the previous 180 days.

A day and a half after the initial announcement the total number of messages captured was approximately 77,000.

I stopped searching November 1, 2009. At that point 89,928 messages had been found.

The .txt file that can be read by Excel to acquire the data is: obama nobel peace prize.txt