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billy joe bowers-8647

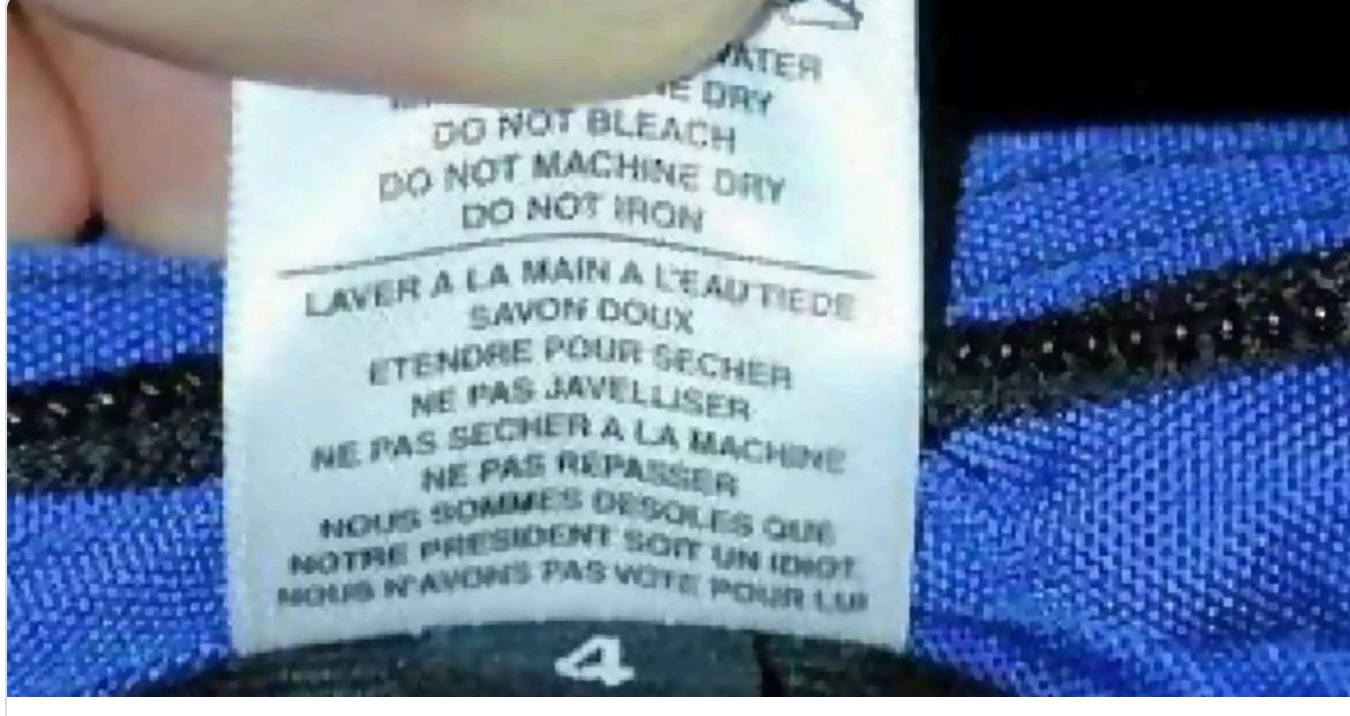
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This is an old Tom Bihn bags tag from 2004, Bush days. I remember this.

snopes.com/fact-check/bihn-lab...



Snopes · Jun 10, 2004

FACT CHECK: Do Tom Bihn Bags Carry a Hidden Message About the President?

Washing instruction tags on Tom Bihn bags once carried a hidden message in French disparaging a pr...

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Yep, an old tag, but according to the company it makes reference to the company's president, not the country's:

eu.jacksonville.com/story/news...

Fact Check: Were those 'treason tags' just a harmless joke?

By Carole Fader, The Florida Times-Union

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Dan Neuman 🇨🇦

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They vote for the CEO?

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Dan, according to the Fact Check website, it was meant to be a prank, a joke inside the factory itself.

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That's normal for Common Ownership companies. No idea if that's legal in America.

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Space Hobo

@spacehobo@teh.entar.net

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@Remittancegirl

This is most likely Tom Bihn, who make travel bags. They did this in the early 2000s, and the president in question was George W. Bush who was put in power by the Florida Attorney General and the five Republican justices of the Supreme Court, despite rather obviously having lost the election.

I bought one of Bihn's bags in 2009, and by then they had changed it to a more subtle note on the tag: teh.entar.net/@spacehobo/11405...

teh.entar.net

Space Hobo (@spacehobo@teh.entar.net)

Attached: 1 image @skinnylatte@hachyderm.io Oh yes, in the 2000s there was still...

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teh.entar.net/@spacehobo/11410... ← Ah yeah, I even made reference to the tag in your screenshot downthread!

Space Hobo (@spacehobo@teh.entar.net)

@skinnylatte@hachyderm.io I also just remembered that when I bought the bag, it ...

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@spacehobo @Remittancegirl

However, imperishable.

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Dave

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@spacehobo @Remittancegirl

I have to chuckle at them being called Bihn Bags. I guess they're known as something else in the US, trash bags?

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Space Hobo

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@stardot @Remittancegirl

Yeah, they are. A "bin" in the US is more like a storage container, and we call them "trash cans" over there.

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Beige CatsWhoCode

@CatsWhoCode@beige.party

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that's amazing 🤔👍

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- Well Spoken.

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And this will restore America's international reputation ... how?

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It's also quite pointed that they didn't put the message in English, and didn't expect anyone in their production/ QA chain to speak French.

Do they export to Canada?

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As I stated on my post, this was from a post on bluesky, so I have no information OTHER than what I posted.

Maybe ask the person who made the initial post if this is of concern to you



Richard Rathe

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I think this was in the more genteel time of "W" Bush FYI. 👍

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