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ECONOMIC, POLITICAL and SOCIAL “TRANSFORMATION” *Laying The Groundwork*

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The “change” that Barack Obama promised during his campaign—the illusory promises not defined but left to the imagination of the undiscerning “hopeful”—captured the votes of sufficient numbers to win the presidency in November 2008. Then, with breath-taking speed, and fortuitously expedited by the economic collapse of late 2008, the realities of that change began to emerge early in 2009. I don’t believe most Democrats in Congress understood the character or magnitude of the “fundamental transformation” that Obama predicted would occur once he was in office. For most of them, I believe, Obama’s words were a promise of Democrat Party ascendancy and control for decades to come.

Growing Disorder

The “clueless” among our nation’s population are puzzled. Obama’s promises sounded so good. He “owns” the White House and both houses of Congress. Why are we wallowing in unemployment, debt, and general malaise? Why are we so divided as a nation, when Obama promised to be a uniter? Why haven’t high-level officials in the Obama administration seemed to know how to deal with the economy—or unemployment—or the oil mess in the Gulf?

At the risk of sounding completely cynical, I offer this explanation: This regime does not want things to get better in America, because that does not fit with their plan.

Barack Obama envisions change of a magnitude that most Democrats in Congress have not even imagined, and he understands what few in Congress have grasped: His agenda of “fundamental transformation” requires a calculated program to create chaos in order to destroy the underpinnings of our society, thereby preparing the way for radical revolution.

Saul Alinsky, the prototype of American “community organizers” and probably the single most important mentor of community organizer Barack Obama, stated his third rule of revolutionary tactics: *“Whenever possible, go outside of the experience of the enemy. Here you want to cause confusion, fear, and retreat.”*

At this point, I want to emphasize that we *can* combat the revolutionary forces now at work—but the first and most important thing we must do is to educate the American people. Our Founders understood that an informed electorate is absolutely essential for preserving liberty. The intent here is not to discourage our readers, but to help them understand what is happening, and why.

The Fringe Moves into Power

The revolutionary fringe of Socialist/Marxist political organizers in America—once an underground movement—moved into the forefront of politics in the United States when Barack Obama was inaugurated. Shortly after taking office, he assembled a team of “czars” to advise him in all areas of U.S. policy.

Among the 30 or more hand-picked advisors (estimates on the exact number vary, since these advisors are not cabinet-level, do not require congressional approval, and are accountable only to the President) are admitted communists such as Van Jones, proud Maoists such as Anita Dunn, and others whose documented words are so radical that it is frightening to realize these instigators are advising the President on policy matters that will affect over 300 million people!

Van Jones, appointed by Obama as his special advisor on “green” jobs, was in the late 1990s a committed Marxist/Maoist who viewed police officers as the arch-enemies of black people. He loathed capitalism for allegedly exploiting non-white minorities worldwide. In 1994, he was a leading organizer of “Standing Together to Organize a Revolutionary Movement” (STORM), a Bay-Area Marxist-Maoist collective that existed for about eight years before it

disbanded due to internal squabbles. He was also an organizer of “Police Watch” and “Bay Area Police Watch” in the Oakland area—groups devoted (in their words) to “protesting police brutality” and “protecting the community from police misconduct.” Critics who have studied those groups contend that their real focus was (and is) to develop a model for undermining law enforcement. In October 1999, Jones helped organize a rally in Oakland, California, calling for a retrial of convicted cop-killer Mumia Abu Jamal.

Just hours after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Jones and his fellow STORM members stood in the streets of Oakland, California and denounced the United States for having brought on the disaster. In October 2001 he added his signature (#46) to the “9/11 Truth Statement,” which called for a federal investigation into whether President Bush colluded in the destruction of the World Trade Center.ⁱⁱ

Anita Dunn (former advisor on communications) spoke at the National Cathedral in Washington on June 5, 2009, proudly admitting to students of St. Andrews Episcopal School of Potomac, Maryland, that one of her favorite philosophers is Mao Tse Tung.

There is also Ron Bloom, White House manufacturing czar, who stated in February 2008, “We kind of agree with Mao that power comes largely from the barrel of a gun.” (What does that tell you about the methods these revolutionaries are willing to use?—Editor)

Public outcry resulted in the dissolution of visible White House ties with Jones and Dunn, but their influence continues, along with that of many others who have not been so “visible.”

Attack on the Economy

The Obama Regime managed in a very short period of time to take a worrisome recession (which was underway as Bush left office) and explode it into a full-blown economic catastrophe, increasing America’s debt load to levels far beyond anything in our history.

Obama’s spending mania continues, and our debt load plus the interest on it are ticking like a time bomb. If this is not reined in, we will reach the point when our debt obligation will exceed the entire GDP of the United States economy. To call this situation “de-stabilizing” is to put it mildly. Monetary experts predict there will be a 50 to 90% further decline in the value of the dollar, as the printing presses at the Fed run in high gear to print dollars to pay our debts. Money is no different from any other commodity—the more of it is created, the less each unit of it is worth. So, as our debt soars and the government prints more money to try to pay it, each dollar will be worth less. That means that all of our dollars—cash in the bank or in dollar-denominated investments (stocks, bonds, CDs, etc.) are steadily being devalued. This is *thievery*. And for our children and their children, it is nothing less than *economic slavery*.

In the Spring/Summer 2009 Edition of *Monetary & Economic Review*, Dr. Larry Bates (Publisher and Editor) wrote, “The Obama approach to ‘solving’ the economic crisis is one that leads thinking and learned people to honestly conclude that Obama and company either do not know they are doing—or they know *precisely* what they are doing. I have come to the conclusion, after careful observation, that they know precisely what they are doing, and their plan is to deliberately destroy the USA as we have known it and as it was envisioned by the founders of this great nation.”

Attack on the Constitution and Our Founding Principles

In 2007, Wilder Publications published an anthology of American founding texts that includes the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Wilder’s printed rendition of those documents comes with a printed disclaimer stating that the self-evident truths incorporated into our founding documents by our Founding Fathers may not be so true any longer. The disclaimer states:

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The idea that parents must exercise the same discretion in allowing their children to read our founding documents that they would exercise in protecting their children from pornographic materials on video and some television outlets is a preposterous slander most of us could not have imagined 30 or 40 years ago.

Attack on Capitalism and Free Enterprise

Readers have no doubt noticed that the President never misses an opportunity to blame what he calls our “broken system of capitalism” for the enormous economic problems forced on us by fools and thieves in our government and in Congress.

Even during the campaign for the presidency, we noted the beginnings of an open attack on our free-enterprise system. Barack Obama’s comment about “spreading the wealth around” when he talked to Joe the Plumber in Ohio was a harbinger of things to come. The market crash of 2008 became a convenient excuse to blame all our economic problems on capitalism; and since then, not wanting to “waste a crisis,” the Obama regime has never missed an opportunity to bash our free enterprise system. As with Marxist/Socialist central planners the world around, this President believes

government should regulate not just how much we will be taxed on our earnings, but that government should put a cap on what we will be allowed to earn!

On April 28 while in Illinois, the President reiterated his position that, not only should government redistribute wealth, but that it should also make a determination as to how much wealth is “enough.” He stated, “*I want to be clear: we are not trying to push financial reform because we begrudge success that’s fairly earned—but I do think at a certain point you’ve made enough money . . .*”

Even a person who flunked Economics 101 can understand that earnings caps destroy incentives to produce, invent, innovate, and invest. Destruction of incentive = destruction of the spirit of productivity = destruction of jobs.

A capitalist society cannot work that way. One of the underlying strengths of our free enterprise system is the opportunity it has afforded to the industrious among us. That characteristic of rewarding hard work and ingenuity has allowed America to become the most productive and prosperous nation on earth, with opportunities that much of the world can only dream of. President Obama’s Utopian dream of making everyone equal will only result in making everyone *equally poor*.

Attack on Rule of Law

On April 23, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed SB1070, making it a crime to be in the state illegally. A furor then broke out, with opponents of the new law mounting a near-hysterical campaign to discredit it as “racist.” President Obama rushed to condemn the legislation, despite the fact that the Arizona law reflects federal immigration law already on the books. It also specifically prohibits racial profiling on the part of law enforcement. Members of Border Patrol along the Arizona border have long pleaded for help from the federal government, pointing out that illegal crossings, drug traffic and crime are (to use a vast understatement) out of control. A Rasmussen poll taken shortly after the bill passed showed that the Arizona law is supported by 70% of Arizona voters, and a Pew poll done in early May showed that 60% of Americans across the nation support the provisions of the Arizona legislation.

The volatile situation in Arizona is a clear example of revolutionary tactics used to undermine a system they are attempting to overthrow: You undermine law enforcement, and if certain laws stand in your way, you manipulate the powers at your disposal to declare them unlawful.

At the Precipice

Let me emphasize that this has been a mere sampling of the chaos that radicals in the White House and in Congressional leadership have created for us. And unfortunately, the “regime” is not yet finished with their plan to inflict sufficient misery to bring us to the point we will abandon Constitutional government in exchange for “restoration of order.”

The one-party financial “reform” legislation that worked its way through Congress this summer has provisions to impact virtually every kind of financial transaction in the U.S. Chris Dodd, who wrote the bill, admitted even after the bill passed that it was too soon to know what all the effects of the new law will be. To make a dire situation even worse, the regime has not abandoned its plan to enact Obama’s unpopular energy tax agenda—by thuggery if necessary, as was the case with Obamacare. If staggering debt, bailouts, “stimulus” billions, and trillions for Obamacare do not finish the job of wrecking this nation, we can be sure this nightmarish scheme will do it. It would tax every possible form of energy, strangle whatever economic recovery we had hoped for, and drive household energy costs plus manufacturing costs for virtually everything we use to ruinous levels.

Remember this: The radicals’ agenda is not to “improve” on our democratic republic—it is to *replace it*; and to do so, they must first *wreck* it. Their plan is not new; it has been on hold for decades, awaiting the time when progressives controlled both the White House and Congress. Even so, it took deception, bribery, and threats to force the Obamacare monstrosity through Congress over strenuous objection from 70% of the American people. It is the first time in American history that a major piece of social legislation was passed by other than bipartisan support.

A Last Chance?

Having seen the tactics of the radical Obama regime, many who previously doubted the revolutionary agenda of the far-Left are finally waking up. But that’s not enough. We also must stand up and “ante up.” Support candidates who reflect conservative values and will insist on a return to Constitutional principles of government. Get involved in their campaigns, if possible. Continue to educate yourself and your friends and family about what is happening and what we can do to combat it. Educate yourself and others about our history, our founding principles, and what we stand to lose if we do not win this fight. Encourage everyone you know that believes in limited and conservative government to vote in November!

The ravages we have seen thus far are just a taste of what lies ahead if the American people do not summon the will to drive these revolutionaries out of office and utterly discredit their wretched ideology. This may be our last chance.

ⁱ Saul Alinsky, *Rule for Radicals*, Vintage Books division of Random House, New York, 1971, p. 127.

ⁱⁱ Discoverthenetworks.org, A Guide to the Political Left