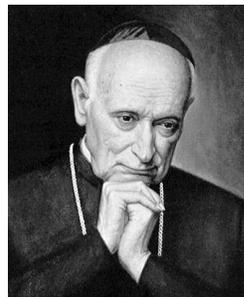


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The Hawaiian Candidate: President Obama and his Curious Association with Radicals

President William Clinton had an influential group of associates, cronies and potential convicts that was collectively known as *Friends of Bill*. With his presidency in its nascent stages, it is of great importance to analyze the new president's circle of friends that have influenced his pre-presidential life in order to understand the country's new direction. To slightly paraphrase the aphorism *as the twig was bent, so the tree will have grown*.

A Secret Smoker

President Barack Obama is as mysterious as he is popular. Writing in the *New York Times*, David Brooks opined about Obama's ability to show little emotion under fire. There never seemed to be a moment when, at least in public, he appeared *gripped by inner turmoil*. Brooks felt that it was not Obama's will power or self-discipline as it was his *organized unconscious*. The community organizer is the *organized man* whose every gesture, pause, or blink has been programmed to set a mood or elicit a specific response.

During the course of his campaign, Obama remained cool and aloof. He was, as one analyst described on election night, the *opaque candidate* who had *left his history behind*, including some intriguing claims against his presidential eligibility. In David Mendell's biography *Obama: From Promise to Power*, Mendell writes about Obama's life as *a secret smoker* and how *he went to great lengths to conceal the habit*. His furtiveness raises questions about the people who influenced him in his pre-election years. President Obama revealed how he calculated his formative relationships. To avoid being mistaken for a sellout, *I chose my friends carefully*, he wrote in his memoirs, *Dreams From My Father*. He specifically chose the more politically active black students, the foreign students, Chicanos, Marxist professors and structural feminists to be his friends. This begs the question as to why they chose him.

Jerome Corsi is one of the few writers who has explored Obama's Hawaiian roots. He describes him in his 2008 book, *Obama Nation*, as an abandoned and deeply conflicted youth who sought identity in the writings of such radicals as Frantz Fanon, a communist journalist and other radicals such as communist Frank Marshall Davis, James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison, and Langston Hughes. Obama thoroughly immersed his bud-

ding intellect in their ideas of black rage, drug validation and alienation from American life.

Is it not possible that these influences have turned Obama into *The Hawaiian Candidate*, a veiled reference to author Richard Condon's 1959 novel, *The Manchurian Candidate*? Is it not reasonable to think that like Condon's Sergeant Raymond Shaw, Obama has been *brainwashed* by his years of close proximity to some of the most radical political extremists in American political history and what the country sees is but a mask?

The First Radical

To understand Barack Obama *we had better learn about Saul Alinsky*. The founder of the radical socialist Gamaliel Foundation that Obama once worked for, Alinsky was a political organizer in Chicago who developed leftist strategies for bringing about social change through protests and the seizing of political power.

With a strong reliance on Machiavelli's *The Prince*, Alinsky stressed that power, not political influence, was the main goal of the community organizer. To him truth was relative and in a perpetual state of flux. In his 1971 book, *Rules for Radicals*, which he dedicated to *Lucifer*, the world's *first radical*, Alinsky urged his followers to cut their hair and put on suits to avoid *scaring the middle class*. He believed *all effective action requires the passport of morality*. This was one of the first lessons Barack Obama learned from his mentor as a 21-year old.

Alinsky's greatest legacy for Obama's political future was the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, (ACORN) a left-wing group that is the nation's largest community organization of low and moderate-income families. Obama cut his ideological teeth working with ACORN as a *community organizer* and later as their attorney. Thousands of ACORN volunteers have worked on his campaigns, while he has served on the boards of the Woods Fund and Joyce Foundation, both of which generously poured money into ACORN's coffers. Court documents reveal internal discussions among the group that blur the lines between its tax-exempt housing work and its aggressive electioneering activities nationwide.

The Chicago Way

In Chicago political advancement is impossible without tribute being paid to the political machine, especially the Daley family and the sitting Governor. According to Jerome Corsi, *the Chicago Way* involves power, access to government jobs, money and taking care of their own people. Chicago politics go a long way in explaining Barack Obama's meteoric rise to the pinnacle of political power.

One of the first Obama political boosters was Antonin Tony Rezko, a millionaire Chicago businessman who had long helped novice politicians raise money and make connections. Raised in Syria, he moved to Chicago to study engineering but wound up making money in real estate and fast food. On June 4, 2008, a federal jury found Rezko guilty on 16 out of 24 counts of political influence peddling and corruption.

Rezko has been friendly with Michelle and Barack Obama for years. He offered Obama a job after he finished Harvard Law School. Corsi pinpoints Chicago slumlord Rezko as having *helped to bankroll Obama in five election runs*. Without Rezko's fundraising, writes Corsi, *Obama would not have been elected to the Illinois Senate or the U.S. Senate*. Corsi also cites a thorough investigation by Wall Street Journal reporter John Fund, who concludes Obama will have a hard time explaining that he didn't know that Rezko was involved *with money laundering, attempted extortion, fraud, and aiding bribery in an alleged multimillion dollar scheme shaking down companies*. While Obama's political campaign might have started in a communist's living room, it was arguably launched by Tony Rezko's wallet.

In what can only be understood as a *sweetheart deal*, Rezko advised Obama on the purchase of a new Chicago home in the fashionable Kenwood neighborhood. Through some creative financing, Rezko enabled the Obamas to purchase the house at a reduced rate. Later Obama offered several weak explanations for the deal when he said that he *made a mistake*, that it was a *bonehead deal*, and that *I trusted Rezko*.

All in the Family

Another denizen of Obama's Chicago circle is radical professor William Ayers. That Obama should ally himself with this former terrorist defies belief. Ayers and his like-minded future wife, Bernadette Dohrn, were part of the notorious *Weathermen* who terrorized America during the Vietnam War. During that time, the *Weathermen* instigated 30 bombings on the Pentagon, the U.S. Capitol and police stations. Ayers explained that his goal in the 1970s was to *kill all the rich people*. He told The New York Times in September 2001 that he wished he could have done more. Ayers avoided conviction when the evidence against him was disallowed because of illegal FBI wiretaps.

When Obama was running for the Illinois State Senate in 1995, Ayers held a fundraiser for him in his home. The pair worked together at the Chicago Annenberg Challenge (CAC) from 1995-1999, an organization that contributed money to groups such as ACORN. From 1999 to 2002, Obama joined Ayers again on a paid nine-member Board of the Woods Fund of Chicago, an anti-poverty foundation. Since the controversy of

his radical past has resurfaced, Obama has shrugged Ayers off as just a *guy who lives in my neighborhood...who I know and who I have not received some official endorsement from*. During the campaign Ayers said *Obama is a good family friend*.

Ayers' hatred of America is as virulent as it was when he planted a bomb at the Pentagon. It permeates and motivates his plans for revolutionizing the American educational system. Ayers is now using his teaching and writing talents to bring down capitalism from within by undermining what is left of the education system in America. Phyllis Schlafly points out that Ayers' books are among the most widely used in American education system. His radical teachings perpetuate the falsehood that American culture has been systemically racist and sexist, and has discriminated against women, non-whites, working Americans and the poor.

A Perfect Friendship

Barack Obama's association with his former pastor of 20 years, the Reverend Jeremiah Wright, cast the most light on his opaque past. Wright's fiery sermons focus primarily on black social issues, with victimology and conspiracy theories at their core. Wright cleverly exploits his deep-seated belief that blacks are the perpetual victims of white oppression. His preaching reached its rhetorical nadir during a blasphemous 2003 speech in which he asked God, not to *bless America...but to damn it for killing innocent people*. James Cone, the founding father of the patently Marxist *Black Liberation Theology* has identified Wright's church as embodying his teachings better than any other one in America. For 20 years Wright's ideas were spiritual fodder for the Obamas.

It is Wright's *perfect friendship* with another black radical, Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam that is most alarming. Wright awarded Farrakhan a lifetime achievement award. Wright and Farrakhan traveled to Libya in 1984 to visit with terrorist dictator Muammar el-Qaddafi. Obama admits having been mentored by Wright, but he completely disavows any relationship with Farrakhan *another guy from his neighborhood*. Obama's disavowal is curious in light of the fact he employs members of the Nation of Islam on his staff.

Farrakhan's rhetorical similarities with Wright are obvious. He has referred to Judaism as a gutter religion and said that whites are only potential humans. At the annual Saviors' Day celebration, his first major public address since a cancer crisis, the 74-year-old Farrakhan lavishly praised Obama saying that he is the *hope of the entire world*. Like many of Obama's curious associates, Farrakhan must see something in Obama that favors his philosophy.

The Hussein Connection

Many U. S. presidents have proudly displayed their middle names or initial. The *Delano* of Roosevelt, the *Milbous* of Nixon and the *Jefferson* of Clinton were important parts of their presidential identity. How many times have the American people heard President Barack *H.* Obama refer to his middle name, Hussein? Perhaps this omission is due to his past associations with some very influential radical Muslims.

During his 2006 U.S. Senate *fact-finding visit* to his father's native Kenya, Obama lent his public support to the presidential candidacy of Raila Odinga, the wealthy son of Kenya's former Communist Party leader, and also a member of the Luo tribe, the tribe of his father's family. Though a professed Christian, the East German-educated Odinga pursued a radical Islamic agenda to foster his election. After losing by 200,000 votes, Odinga unleashed a wave of ethnic violence on his rival Kikuyu tribe that killed thousands.

Another of Obama's Muslim connections is Rashid Khalidi. At the University of Illinois Khalidi, the Obamas and the Ayers were part of the same circle. They all attended Khalidi's farewell party to New York where he became the Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies at Columbia University. Khalidi ranks among the most prominent members of the Middle Eastern Studies community in the United States and his books are among the most frequently assigned books on the Middle East in American college syllabi. He calls Israel an *apartheid system in creation and a racist state*.

Like many *friends of Obama*, Khalidi is a man with a radical past he conveniently ignores. According to Thomas L. Friedman of the *New York Times*, in 1982 Khalidi was a *director of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) press agency*, the Wikalat al-Anba al-Filastiniya. In 1985 Khalidi published a book praising the PLO and personally thanked Yasser Arafat for granting him permission to use their archives.

Another questionable acquaintance is Khalid al-Mansour. He appears frequently on YouTube videos, spewing his venomous anti-white, anti-Christian, anti-American diatribes. Percy Sutton, one of the most powerful black politicians in New York State, says that he first heard of Obama from a friend he identified as *Dr. Khalid al-Mansour, the principal adviser to one of the world's richest men*, Saudi Prince Al-Waleed bin Talal. Knowing that Sutton had friends at Harvard, al-Mansour had requested a letter in support of Obama's admission to Harvard Law School.

Al-Mansour is the former Donald Warden, a radical black attorney in Oakland, California. He has worked closely with the Communist and Socialist Parties, the Nation of Islam and the Black Panthers. His many books include titles like *The Destruction of Western Civilization as Seen Through Islam and Will the West Rule Forever?* Obama denies he even knows him, even though it was reported that al-Mansour had promised Obama he would keep a low profile until after the election.

A Catholic Secret

While most of the media attention focused on Barack Obama's consistent promotion of abortion on demand, partial birth abortion and embryonic stem cell research, his election has exposed an embarrassing link to the Catholic Church. The relationship of ACORN with the Church's Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been a well-kept secret. Before this revelation, ACORN received about 5% of CCHD grants, or several million dollars of Catholic money over the last four decades that has not gone to the poor, but gone into Alinskyian radical organizing of urban minority groups

A Catholic watchdog group, Laity for Life has called on the U.S. Catholic Bishops to disband the CCHD. *For years, Catholics have supported -- unknowingly -- left-wing pro-abortion causes when they donated to the annual CCHD collection.* In October 2008, the CCHD suspended the funding of ACORN because of its financial irregularities. The suspension covers all ACORN affiliates that had been approved for \$1.13 million in grants, after Dale Rathke, brother of ACORN founder Wade Rathke, had embezzled nearly \$1 million from the organization in 1999 and 2000.

Only God knows if the pressures of the presidency will shed any more light on the curious relationships of the *Hawaiian candidate*. Obama's dubious associations raise the obvious questions. Will the poisonous fruits of his left-wing background urge him to heed the promptings of his party's more seasoned political leaders and rule as he promised, thus leading the country farther down the *road to serfdom*? Will pragmatism rule or will he stand Hamlet-like and merely be marked *Present*? Thanks to the nation's long tradition of human freedom, the only certainty is the unpredictability of its history.

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February 12th

Yes, that is Abraham Lincoln's birth date, but also the birth date of Charles Darwin! Look for a big propaganda campaign for evolution this year, as it will be the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth, and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his book, The Origin of the Species by Natural Selection.

Character Counts!

Chief among the elements that define character are: honesty, humility, responsibility, self-discipline, self-reliance, optimism, a long-term focus, and a determination for learning

(The Freeman-July 2008)

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Abraham Lincoln

March For Life

January is a month known for foul weather, especially in the northeast. Yet every January 22nd the pro-lifers descend upon Washington DC to March for Life, sometimes slogging through ice, snow or rain to be a voice for the unborn. The marchers are a diverse, cheerful crowd and the preponderance of young people has always been evident. The Culture of Life is the Future. . . the culture of death is on the way out.

Chavez Chicanery

Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez asked supporters to propose a constitutional change that would allow him to seek indefinite re-election and governing power through 2019. This gives him more time to build a socialist economy in Venezuela.

Also, a spokesman for Venezuela's Bishops Conference has denounced the formation of a new religious sect called the Reform Venezuelan Church which has pledged its support for Chavez. The group is being subsidized by contributions from Venezuela's state-owned oil company, and is recruiting priests who have been disciplined by their own bishops because of scandalous behaviors.

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