

## WARFARE – PART I WHO DECLARED THIS A WAR?

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*The great enemy of truth is very often not the lie, deliberate, contrived and dishonest, but the myth, persistent, persuasive and unrealistic.* – President John F. Kennedy







### Who Started This “Warfare” Rhetoric? ‘twasn’t Me! and ‘twasn’t the Conservatives!

It isn’t enough for me to simply declare there is any type of “warfare” when it comes to the relationship and debate between democrats and republicans, or perhaps more accurately between liberals and conservatives. No, that’s not enough. I should at least bring to the table actual comments and events which have been documented which lead to such a conclusion. And I should look and listen for this characteristic from both sides of the political spectrum.

Regarding my observations of conservatives, with the exception of the lunatic fringe which I will also exclude from consideration for conservatives **and** liberals, I have found absolutely nothing of the nature I will summarize later in this report –NOTHING that compares to the diatribes and tantrums throne by well known and prominent liberals! And this should be no surprise. **Disagreement is NOT! warfare – but Obama thinks it is!**

### One More Time!

Obama has set the tone for this “warfare” rhetoric, which I will later attempt to show. But who set the tone for Obama’s harsh and militant attitude? I must once again point to his mentor-in-absentia, Saul Alinsky. I won’t go over it all again here, but consider several “Rules for Radicals” (as taught by Obama) as “tone-setters” for the liberals/progressives of today who are conducting what I consider class warfare “to the max”! But first think for a moment about the administration’s demonization of all who disagree with their policies. **Do you recognize any philosophical encouragement to have rage, to consider others as enemies, or perhaps even to conduct psychological warfare?** These are all taken from Alinsky’s book, “**Rules for Radicals**” from which Obama taught:






-  Ridicule is man’s most potent **weapon**.
-  The basic idea is to **get what you don’t have** - that which the “Have’s” keep for themselves.
-  Pick the **target** ..... and polarize it.
-  Manipulate otherwise “partners” into adversarial positions. Use the “Haves” against other “Haves,” not just the “Havenots.” **(Is there any class conflict in this statement?)**
-  “Before men can act, an issue must be polarized ... **all ideas arise from conflict.**”
-  **Create conflict!** “Movement means friction ... abrasive friction of conflict ... **agitate ... rub raw the resentments of the people...**fan the latent hostilities...stir up dissatisfaction”

Do those statements lean toward pacification? How about conflict and warfare? Which is it?



## Obama Took Some “Shots” Across Our Bow!


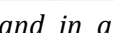



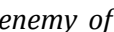
President Barack Obama is not a shrinking violet when it comes to tough, hardball politics, and inflammatory analogies:

-  Prior to the 2010 election he told Hispanic voters that “republicans are your enemies.”
-  Recall his tough talk at a Philadelphia fundraiser in 2008 about how he would take battle to the GOP: “If they bring a knife to the fight, we bring a gun.”
-  Our President once implored his followers thus: “I need you to go out and talk to your friends and talk to your neighbors ... I want you to argue with them and **get in their face!**”
-  Obama has tried to assure donors and voters that he’s been schooled by Chicago politics. This during the campaign for the presidency: “I’m skinny but I’m tough.”
-  Speculating on a republican majority in congress Obama said it would be “hand-to-hand combat” on Capitol Hill. There was also an analogy by Biden about “strangling” and Obama implied the act of “fixing bayonets.”




That advanced the cause for cooperation and peace, **for sure!** All that can be said is that Obama most certainly started it!



## Here are a few “Shots” from some Prominent and Influential Public Figures:

-  *The same guy who, on the one hand, was upset with the rhetoric of Rush Limbaugh, and in a moment of weakness” said that “Somebody’s going to jam a CO2 pellet in his (Limbaugh’s) head and he’s going to explode like a giant blimp.” Wow! Pacifist to the max! Nothing inflammatory there!* – That was Chris Matthews of NBC and MSNBC.
-  *A prominent radio and TV commentator got lathered about Dick Cheney: “He is an enemy of the country, in my opinion ... Lord, take him to the Promised Land, will you?” ... another time he screamed that “ Dick Cheney’s heart’s a political football. We ought to rip it out and kick it around and stuff it back in him.”* – MSNBC’s Ed Shultz is truly an offensive fellow!
-  *“I will fight these bastards every night at 6 o’clock because I know what they’re up against. I know what they want to do ... they want to destroy the American dream. Concentrate the wealth to the top, and control minorities ...”* – Also MSNBC’s Ed Shultz.
-  *“Shove the republicans into the ditch! Shove those bastards right into the dirt hole! This is about power! It’s about winning!”* – Nope! Nothing violent or even inflammatory about Ed Shultz – fur shur!
-  *A few days after conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh was hospitalized for chest pains another commentator actually wished for Limbaugh’s demise by stating: “I’m waiting for the day when I pick ... up a newspaper or click on the Internet and find he’s choked to death on his own throat fat or a great big wad of saliva or something ..... Go away, Rush, you make me sick!”* – Liberal radio host Mike Malloy, a former news writer for CNN.
-  *In 2009, a radio host on now-defunct Air America urged Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann to kill herself – or so it seemed – by saying: “Slit your wrist! Go ahead! I mean, you know, why not? I mean, if you want to – or, you know, do us all a better thing. Move that knife up about two feet. I mean, start right at the collarbone.” He may now claim comedic license with that comment (I don’t know that he has), but it was rude, crude, violent,*

*disgusting and most certainly inflammatory to the MAX!* – That was Montel Williams getting into the act.

-  *I wouldn't have considered this fellow for inclusion here, but CNN has been calling on him to share his wisdom on all things political and societal. He holds himself out as a voice of wisdom. But remember that he said: "Democrats in America were put on earth to do one thing – drag the ignorant hillbilly half of this country into the next century, which in their case is the 19<sup>th</sup>."* – Bill Maher – "onetime" comedian, now a "pretend" political pundit.
-  *In 2007, talking about then-Vice President Cheney after al Qaeda exploded a truck bomb at a base in Afghanistan near where Cheney was visiting. It's easy to conclude that he was wishing for Cheney's death when this commentator said: "I'm just saying if he did die, other people, more people would live. That's a fact."* – that was Bill Maher again.
-  *In 2008 this guy fanaticized about Rush Limbaugh being a better candidate for death than a recently deceased actor: "Why couldn't he have croaked from it instead of Heath Ledger?"* – Yes, Bill Maher, once again.

I don't think these people should be considered influential opinion makers. But others have made them so, and I'll go with that. They not only have their own outlets or shows, they also are called on to give opinions on mainstream news and commentary programs or internet news outlets. Hence I wanted to reflect on, and repeat the messages they are sending to their considerable following.

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Let me conclude with a recent quote from a very wise man:

*The liberals are having a **seizure!** They're **seizing** "the moment"; **seizing** "the opportunity"; and **seizing** with both hands a "societal tragedy" – a crisis they can't let go to waste. – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Curmudgeon and Pundit, **Stefano Bakovich***

I don't know about you, but I'm for peace, not war! But let's move on!

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**Let's think about this "declared war" and how it has manifested itself as Class Warfare – That will be coming soon!**