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FRANKLIN DELANO OBAMA...

The BIG power grab during the debt debate!

For depression era survivors or scholars, does this sound familiar? Are Franklin and Barack actually soul mates? Let's take a further look!

(See my prior related report [HERE!](#))

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Hey SB! I read your last report on FDR and BHO being "separated at birth," and I think I understand what you are gettin' at there, but you forgot something! The last report was just the same stuff you've given us before. How about the last few weeks? I think that's when ol' Bamy REALLY started to use Alinsky to achieve FDR's revenge! – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – my primary "go to guy."

[One should] pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it. – Saul Alinsky in his book "Rules for Radicals."

They both had a thirst for dishonoring and humiliating their predecessors! ... Both had easy money policy that didn't work! – This is a quote from [my last report](#) .

Humiliate and diminish opponents, Congress, and the Supreme Court.

In [my last report](#) I provided some examples of bully tactics:

- *During the campaign of 2008, was FDR Obama's honorary campaign manager? Both claimed excess spending by their predecessors?*
- *They both had a **thirst for dishonoring and humiliating their predecessors!***
- *Lot's of commotion for both administrations! So they wouldn't waste a good crisis!*
- *They chose the same culprits! **Naughty businessmen and greedy bankers!***
- *Responses to criticisms of the FDR's New Deal and Bamy's stimulus – same excuse for both – **not enough spending! And woe to the naysayer who dares to question them!***

Taking the comparisons a bit further, we should recall from history several of FDR's interesting tendencies. FDR was a sincere elitist – i.e. he truly wanted what was best for the country, and he was absolutely confident he knew "what best meant."



Cover of Time Magazine, November 24, 2008

I think he may have been an inspiration to Alinsky's opinion of "the masses" – i.e. the common man. Remember that Alinsky probably wanted what was best for the "have-nots," but instructed others that these "victims" couldn't come up with the right answers by themselves. I think that from FDR, through Alinsky, and into Obama's brain, flows a sad and unfortunate ribbon of disregard for the average citizen's intelligence.

First, let's focus on FDR's New Deal and its many superficial successes – did he go too far?!

FDR managed to push through several pieces of major social welfare legislation and other entitlement programs that still exist today, with some still operating under the original names, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). The largest programs still in existence today are the Social Security System and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Obviously he pushed, pulled, tugged and coerced congress in all of these. **But he was still unsatisfied, perhaps because none of them seemed to work!** Unemployment was higher after several years of his presidency than when he took over. The depression wasn't "defeated" until the country mobilized for WWII!

FDR's superiority complex took him up against the other branches of government. In particular let's recall his impatience with his limited "Constitutional authority" to get everything done his activist instincts wanted to. He wanted more out of the legislature and sometimes got it, but much to his chagrin, the Supreme Court shot down several New Deal programs he desperately wanted – but they were held to be unconstitutional. **FDR then came up with an idea that turned into the biggest attempted power grab I have ever read about.** Read on for more details.

The Judicial Procedures Reform Bill of 1937 – clearly a major "power grab"!

Since FDR didn't control the Supreme Court, he attempted to have a law passed whereby any sitting president could routinely appoint, for each sitting justice over the age of 70 years and 6 months, additional justices up to a total of six. Obviously he wanted to control the Court in the same way as he then seemed to control Congress.

While there was no constitutional limit on the number of justices, FDR was clearly trying to "stack" the Supreme Court. So much for respecting our form of government and its intended checks and balances! FDR actually introduced this legislation during one of his "fireside chats." Thankfully, the attempt failed for several reasons, not the least of which was adverse public opinion.

And today, there's no accountability imposed on Obama! It's an absolute national disgrace!

In Alinsky-like fashion, Obama has tried to diminish all who disagree with him – boldly and with impunity. He does it ruthlessly! He plays politics while accusing others of being too political. He expresses his openness to negotiate, but then says details of the debt limit are NON-negotiable. He was a vocal accuser of George W. Bush being irresponsible and unpatriotic about increasing the national debt, yet he now states there is no short term debt problem. **Say what?!**

The mainstream press leaves Obama untouched of scrutiny and criticism. Considering his frequent verbal attacks on the Supreme Court, at least some of its members must feel humiliated

since they have no way to fight back or defend themselves. And while there is good reason to sometimes accuse certain congressional conservatives of too much “huffing and puffing” to try to “blow Bamy’s house down,” nevertheless, they make some very good points. The president doesn’t even flinch in the face of clearly superior, factually and philosophically, arguments. **He simply dismisses these opponents as selfish and ridiculous obstructionists and political ideologues, and stipulates that all their arguments are wrong! (Not always Mr. President!)**

Obama is becoming MUCH bolder in his absurd putdowns, name-calling and incessant demagoguery. He has never admitted any mistakes by himself or his administration. How does he get away with it? **The press gave him a perpetual “get out of jail free” card, that’s how! They leave him unquestioned and untested! In fact, they attack those who may have legitimate points of opposition – and there are many!**



Obama has not ever been pressured to compromise or change course, no matter how disastrous his policies. He has a unique partisan pass ... Obama will go down in history as America's most unaccountable president ... When you are never blamed for failure, failure is acceptable ... Obama's politics is all about defaming voters who disagree with him, so his own followers would be ashamed to listen to their valid criticism. – Karin McQuillan in American Thinker

The bottom line? Bamy’s confused and drifting, right? Or is it a con – a clever grab for power?

I hear and read so much about how the President is “over his head,” or suffering from a massive derangement syndrome whereby he has great intentions but is so misguided he will miss all of his goals. Some feel we should just let him twist, turn, and struggle – he will eventually “crash and burn” when people find out he has failed in all his self-expressed intentions to transform our government, institutions and country.

An old and very popular song comes to mind – it’s one of my favorites from that time:

Everybody Plays the Fool

- recorded by The Main Ingredient, 1972

*... How can you help it
when the music starts to play
And your ability to reason is swept away
Oh-oh-oh, heaven on earth is all you see
You're out of touch with reality
... Everybody plays the fool, sometime
There's no exception to the rule
It may be factual, may be cruel
But everybody plays the fool*



Is Obama in Wonderland? (from “American Thinker”)

I love that song, **but does it apply in this case? Bamy isn’t really a fool, is he?**

Also consider these comments which represent the viewpoint that Obama is an incompetent fool:

At a time when he should have been calming Americans, the markets, bond holders, allies and the world financial markets, he was playing his blame game again and lecturing us on how to negotiate. But he broke his own rule when he, (and Reid, Pelosi, and other “hacks”) began calling Republicans terrorists, insane, un-American, haters ... oppressors ... enemy ... hostage takers that’s not giving people incentive to come to the table The only first about this situation is that we have a president who is in over his head and doesn’t have a clue how to solve a problem. – letter to the editor, Fort Myers News Press, from J.F. George, Sanibel Island, Florida.

Could anybody so widely touted as a gift to mankind be so pathetic? Surely Obama only pretends to be a clown His presidency looks like a new installment of the Keystone Kops Sometimes what SEEMS to be dumb IS actually dumb He doesn’t know any better he is flagrantly incompetent ... – Eugene Ostrovsky in American Thinker

Perhaps Obama isn’t a fool and is in touch with his goals and in control of what he’s doing!

I would like to argue that Obama knows exactly what he’s doing! **It’s a con! A huge POWER GRAB** - making FDR’s actions seem insignificant by comparison! He is using the Alinsky Method **to achieve FDR’s revenge!**

Throughout the last several weeks, as the debate developed over ObamaCare and the debt ceiling, it became increasingly evident to me that:

- Obama didn’t want either the House or the Senate to have the final say in this dispute. He wanted to be “the guy”!
- He showed no leadership for accomplishing a compromise! He was “absent.”
- He showed an unwillingness to negotiate in any meaningful way!
- Obama wanted it to appear that he was leaving it up to the Congress to “bring me something,” but left them no room to do so! He “blew up” the process!
- Left to their own devices, without interference or comment from Bamy, the House and Senate would have found a solution. But Bamy wanted no such thing!
- If we would have had a President interested in participating in an agreement, Congress would have found a solution. But he wanted no such thing.
- House Republicans brought individual appropriation bills to the Senate for passage, thereby trying to prevent narrow disagreements from creating a government “shut-down.” That’s normally how it’s done, but Bamy wanted all or nothing – as he clearly stated!

The Republicans caved on almost everything, but stuck with insisting on removing the “medical device tax.” This had bi-partisan support. They also wanted members of Congress to be treated like average citizens as to costs of coverage. That also had bi-partisan support. They had also asked for a delay in the “individual mandate” to coincide with Obama’s delay granted to large companies. Those were all non-starters with Obama! He wanted the “whole enchilada” – and he could get it since the Senate Democrats were doing his bidding.

Through a series of metaphors, similes and allusions, Obama reduced his opposition to little more than ransom takers, house burners, defaulters, global economy crashers, nuclear bomb users, extremists, threateners, extortionists, hostage takers, plant

burners, and equipment breakers – who are apparently also untrustworthy and irresponsible. – Historian Victor Davis Hanson, giving his list of Obama’s divisive tactics.

A president who loves America would unite us rather than divide us. A president who loves America would negotiate rather than hold the nation's credit hostage. A president who loves America would do something about entitlements. A president who loves America would make a bonfire of the pile of subsidies and the injustices that divide rich from poor, black from white, employers from employees, men from women in Obama's America. A president who loves America. Is it really so much to ask? – Christopher Chantrill

Here is what seems obvious from all of this:

- Obama is trying to destroy the Republican Party.
- “Kicking a negotiating opponent while they are down” is no way to unite our government!
- Rubbing your negotiating opponent’s “face” in the dirt is no way to get cooperation and compromise. Remember he’s an Alinskyite – he wants to polarize and humiliate the “haves”!
- He’s trying to wrest power from Congress by setting them up for failure. The democrats don’t seem to realize that!
- He has expressed, more vocally than any other president since FDR, his disdain for the wisdom and decisions of the Supreme Court.
- Sincere negotiations always lead to compromise. He wouldn’t consider it.
- Considering the uncontroversial things Republicans were asking for, his actions were nothing less than irresponsible and reprehensible.
- Reflect on the many executive orders he has issued for energy, environment, and even ObamaCare. Many are arguably outside his authority, and “power grabs” in their own right.
- **He wants to have the maximum possible executive authority for the final few years of his presidency – otherwise he can’t deliver the “transformation” he has spoken so much about.**

*I would have loved nothing better than to simply come up with some very elegant, **ACADEMICALLY APPROVED** approach to health care, and [without] any kinds of legislative fingerprints on it but that’s not how it works in our democracy. Unfortunately, what we end up having to do is to do a lot of negotiations with a lot of different people.” – Barack Obama, expressing his disdain for the deliberative processes of our government and for the necessity of negotiating anything!*

Right on SB! Obama is trying to accomplish “FDR’s Revenge,” isn’t he! Quite simply, he has a goal of achieving the maximum level of executive branch power while diminishing, as much as possible, the influence and power of both houses of Congress and the United States Supreme Court! I’d also include as his targets, the “power of the States” and the “rights of the people”! I should add, SB, the result of all of this could be his ultimate goal of having a single payer, government run health care system! – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – my primary “go to guy.”

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