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GUARDIANS OF LIBERTY

by Robert Williams

As the son of American missionaries I spent the first 17 years of my life under the despotism of foreign governments while longing in my heart to get to the American freedom about which I had heard and read so much. I know first hand that there exists a strong tendency in humans to rule by force and decree --- the elite few governing the many. The Greek City State of Athens broke that tendency for a while and birthed the idea of Democracy but only the privileged could vote. As big a breakthrough as our own Republic was in 1776, we did not extend our democratic principles to African Americans until 1860. That's only 150 years ago!

During those 150 years we had many serious threats to our freedoms, including two world wars, multiple smaller wars, and the growth of Communism and Socialism --- both of which have as their center-point the absence of individual freedom in favor of rule by an elite self-appointed class who claim that the people are not "capable" of governing themselves, and therefore must be led by force. A good example is the recent health-care bill that forces all citizens to buy medical insurance whether they wish to or not.

CLEARLY --- CLEARLY --- LIBERTY MUST BE GUARDED WITH NEVER ENDING VIGILANCE !

This is the heart and soul of the recent rise of conservative patriotism. Conservative because we have seen the utter failure of Islamic, socialist and communist societies in one lifetime, and patriotic because America is still the best hope for the survival of personal freedom --- and it very well may be the last hope. We already allowed a leftist single-party to take over our country, ignore our Constitution, double our National debt, and purposely degrade our status in the world.

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO TIME TO LOSE. We MUST get more balance back into our society! We cannot allow one-party rule much longer or we will see despotism cemented into our lives --- and short of a disastrous armed rebellion, such despotism will be very difficult to remove.

What the American people have allowed to happen for the last 60 years is NOT the legacy we should be leaving our children and grand children. The previous generations fought two world wars at great cost to resources and life, but the country rebounded into vigorous prosperity because we still had free enterprise which was not yet choking on over-regulation, and not yet burdened with excessive taxes nor excessive debt nor with the "political correctness" of believing we should not be proud of ourselves because it is "unfair" to less successful societies. In fact we were doing so well that we allowed ourselves to be lulled by the siren songs of "more for less --- let government do what we should be doing for ourselves --- self-discipline and honorable behavior don't matter".

Now we are reaping the dire consequences of our collective mistake. **WE FAILED TO PRESERVE THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN ETHICS OF OUR FORTATHERS --- AND WE FAILED TO GUARD OUR LIBERTIES AND OUR PROSPERITY SUFFICIENTLY --- SO NOW WE ARE ON THE BRINK OF LOSING BOTH !**

The American Patriot Council is all about **GUARDING LIBERTY**. Guarding liberty so prosperity can return. Guarding liberty so that we can stand proud. Guarding liberty by supporting our troops. Guarding liberty by defying political correctness which suppresses free speech. Guarding liberty by putting principles first and greed and power-mongering last. Guarding liberty by returning the teaching of ethics to our schools. Guarding liberty by encouraging thrift, hard work, honorable behavior, and private charity. Guarding liberty by refusing to depend on government for everything. Guarding liberty by insisting on adherence to our Constitution. Guarding our liberty by refusing to allow any single political party to rule exclusively.

THAT IS TRUE AMERICANISM ! MAY IT LIVE LONG AND PROSPER !

THE OBAMUNIST TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICA: DESTROYING AMERICA'S FOUNDING PRINCIPLE

By Michael Dennin

Ever since Barack Obama coned his way into the White House by convincing the American people that he was a pragmatic Centrist and not a radical Leftist, Americans have watched with increasing dismay as the Alinskyite-In-Chief and his ideological co-travelers in Congress began showing their true colors and delivering on their promise/threat to transform America. Beyond the massive expansion of government and ruinous deficit spending, Americans are becoming increasingly aware that this transformation involves something much more than the accumulation of additional layers of bureaucracy in Washington and the constitutionally suspect particulars in the Left's signature legislative initiatives, most notably "ObamaCare". So, what exactly is behind the rising unease that our country has become unmoored from its Foundation and that Freedom itself is under attack? What, precisely, is it that so many Americans can sense but can't quite put a finger on?

The answer is both simple and profound. When our Forefathers established this Republic, they did so based on the knowledge that for Man to be free, rights and responsibilities must emanate from the Individual. It was upon this bedrock - this fundamental truth - that this nation was founded, built and made great, and it is precisely this Founding Principle that Barack Obama and the radical Left are attempting to "transform", i.e., destroy. What they seek to create is a society where rights and responsibilities emanate from the State, not the Individual. This became evident when the Obama Administration and the Pelosi-Reid Congress rammed through their government-mandated healthcare protection racket that required Americans to purchase health insurance by fiat, thus institutionalizing the notion that rights and responsibilities are derived from the State. In doing so, the radical Left has dragged America to the tipping point between remaining the bastion of Freedom established by our wise and courageous Forefathers or becoming a dictatorial Socialist state established by the ideological progeny of Francois-Noel Babeuf, Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, Mao Zedong and Saul Alinsky.

To prevent this transformation from occurring, we must first recognize that the radical Left's nihilistic agenda requires a psychological transformation on the

American people's part. To destroy the Founding Principle that our Freedom and Nation is founded upon, Barack Obama and his fellow Socialists must convince the American people to accept and internalize the notion that our rights and responsibilities are derived from the State and not ourselves. After we are fooled into accepting and internalizing this deceit and willingly abdicate our rights and responsibilities to the State, then and only then can the radical Left succeed in transforming America.

As I speak, we are still free men and women. We cannot be robbed of our freedom unless we are complicit in this crime - it is we who must pick up the chains, bind our own wrists and proclaim ourselves slaves to the State. The good news is that despite the Left's best efforts, America has yet to cross the point of no return. When we go to the polls this November and in 2012, we will have the opportunity to make it absolutely clear that the American people will not squander the hard-earned legacy of our Forefathers and surrender our Freedom to a mob of power-crazy Collectivists who wish to destroy the Founding Principle of this, the greatest and freest Nation on earth.

PHONY NEW DEAL

by Robert Williams

President Obama would love everyone to think his "NEW DEAL OF CHANGE" has similar humanitarian goals as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "NEW DEAL" programs to relieve the suffering during the Great Depression. What makes that phony is not so much any similarity or dis-similarity of policies, as it is the profound difference between the two men. A difference that much as he might like to, Obama cannot overcome. Put simply --- regardless of whether or not FDR's policies were wise, he was an American through and through and Obama is not.

FDR's loyalty was solidly based in his country and it's people. Obama's loyalty is some kind of spacy cross between one-worldism where sinful Americans must atone by bowing and apologizing to all other nations, and a thoroughly collectivist view of artificially equalizing wealth with the weight of an overbearing elitist government. FDR believed wholeheartedly in America as a democratic republic and in America's achievements and specialness, always cheerfully urging the people to strive for excellence. Obama believes only in pounding every citizen into a mass of grey mediocrity so as to equalize everyone for the sake of his twisted idea of "fairness" and so as not to "embarrass" countries failing to achieve similar success. He takes this to the extremes of being uncomfortable about the pledge of allegiance and the American flag --- stating he does not want to seem "partial" (to America) and trying where he could to substitute his one-world symbol.

During WWII, FDR engaged and encouraged American industrialists to go all-out for the country. During our current wars Obama does little to hide his disdain for capitalist industry or his conviction that capitalism is largely to blame for poverty, class differences, and war.

FDR's foreign policy was as it should be for an American President --- unashamedly America first, combined with "we'll help you other nations if you join us in our righteous crusade against evil tyrants". Obama's foreign policy is a naive mixture of appeasement and confusion that has lost friends, encouraged enemies, and disheartened our military. Obama's total lack of realism and military moxy is so obvious it has caused at least one American general to slip a derogatory remark. In his youth Obama was supposedly somewhat grounded in Islam, yet he appears to have no clue as to the true nature of Islamic history or Islamic Jihad, believing instead that pussyfooting diplomacy and "political correctness" in not offending Muslims will solve all. A single-party Congress followed Obama's coattails with a rubber stamp --- increasing public debt to the point of dangerous absurdity. The GOP was almost helpless from shock and internal disunity. Now at last it seems a little of that blindness is changing --- thanks to the Tea Party Movement. It remains to be seen if enough common sense takes hold of the populace to recognize phoniness for what it is and keep this grass-roots push-back growing.

THE NEW "INTELLECTUAL TERRORISM"

By Michael Dennin

We live in a time where Leftist and Islamist radicals, out of fear of being exposed subverting the freedom of the American people, desperately resort to slur-mongering to conceal their totalitarian ideologies and agendas from the public and silence any discussion of their surreptitious activities. While this aneurysmal skullduggery could rightly be described as fascist in nature and intent, one of the finest scholars of our times, Ibn Warraq, may have come up with an even more accurate and all-encompassing term to describe these *ad hominem* sandbox antics: "intellectual terrorism". In his 2002 essay "Debunking Edward Said", Warraq discussed this chicanery in relationship to the malicious intellectual dishonesty of Edward Said and his "anti-Orientalist" acolytes in the media and academia:

...what makes self-examination for Arabs and Muslims, and especially criticism of Islam in the West, very difficult is the totally pernicious influence of Edward Said's *Orientalism*. The latter work taught an entire generation of Arabs the art of self-pity - "were it not for the wicked imperialists, racists and Zionists, we would be great once more" - encouraged the Islamic fundamentalist generation of the 1980s, bludgeoned into silence any criticism of Islam, and even stopped dead the research of eminent Islamologists who felt their findings might offend Muslim sensibilities and who dared not risk being labeled "Orientalist". The aggressive tone of *Orientalism* is what I have called "intellectual terrorism", since it seeks to convince not by arguments or historical analysis, but by spraying charges of racism, imperialism, and Eurocentrism from a moral high ground; anyone who disagrees with Said has insult heaped upon him. The moral high ground is an essential element in Said's tactics. Since he believes his position is morally unimpeachable, Said obviously thinks he is justified in using any means possible to defend it, including the distortion of the views of eminent scholars, interpreting intellectual and political history in a highly tendentious way - in short, twisting the truth. But, in any case, he does not believe in the "truth". [1]

And therein lies the rub - the last thing today's Islamist and Leftist slander-artists are interested in is the truth. The only thing these ideologues are interested in is *power*, and if getting to the truth stands in their way, they won't hesitate to abandon every last pretense of their non-existent integrity to obtain and maintain that power. If they can't assassinate your person, they most assuredly will make every effort to assassinate your character and reputation.

By Any Alinskyite Means Necessary: The "McCarthyism/Red-Baiting" Canard

When Leftists resort to accusations of "McCarthyism" and "Red-baiting" to conceal their own ideology and agenda, they are playing straight from Saul Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals*. In Alinsky's *Rules*, Leftists are encouraged to hide their true ideology and agenda and to resort to the politics of personal destruction whenever it is necessary to obtain or preserve power. The goal here, as it was with the Journalist cabal that distracted and deflected attention away from Barack Obama's ties to lunatic fringe Leftists such as Jeremiah Wright and William Ayers, is to keep their opponents busy defending themselves against personal attacks instead of defending their own radical positions, arguments and association with other extremists. Radical Leftists are well aware of the fact that defending their ideology and positions in an open substantive manner is a losing proposition in this country. If their ideology and agenda were indeed popular with the American public, there would be no need to conceal their positions by launching gratuitous personal attacks against the people who expose and engage them. In the end, this act of

intellectual cowardice and dishonesty amounts to an admission on the part of the radical Left that they are incapable of publicly defending their positions based on their own merits. Worse yet, far from being the morally unimpeachable altruistic saints that they imagine themselves to be, this tactic further reveals that radical Leftists are nothing more than cynical, power-hungry petty tyrants who will behave in the basest manner for the basest of motives. Of course, the sanctimonious faux-humanitarian charlatans that inhabit the lunatic Leftist fringe would never acknowledge or admit to such a thing - this would require a level of intellectual honesty and humility that can only produce *former* radical ideologues.

Taqiyya Unbridled: The "Islamophobia" Canard

Far and away, the most ubiquitous and laughably disingenuous form of "intellectual terrorism" that exists today is practiced by Islamists, most particularly the extremists associated with the Muslim Brotherhood (*al-Ikhwan al-Muslimun*, or the Ikhwan), who declared their goal of "eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within" in a strategic memorandum published in 1991 [2]. Having imbibed the self-styled, supremacistic conceit that they are the "best of peoples" and therefore entitled, as a matter of faith, to kill, enslave and persecute anyone who believes otherwise, these anachronistic relics of the Dark Ages have employed the time-honored Islamic doctrine of *taqiyya* - dissimulation - to conceal their fascist ideology, agenda and activities. The investigation of jihadist terrorists and their support networks in the United States are typically declared "Islamophobic" by these *taqiyya* artists, many of whom masquerade as "civil rights" organizations. Some of these phony "civil rights" groups, most notably the Ikhwan-affiliated Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), have had officials convicted of terrorism-related offenses and been declared unindicted co-conspirators in other terrorism cases. Given the incestuous relationships that exist between the Muslim Brotherhood's progeny in the United States and abroad, it's hardly surprising that these groups rush to one another's defense when their illegal activities are exposed by law enforcement authorities.

Of course, Islamists operating in the United States are not alone in employing the "Islamophobia" canard to shield their ideology, agenda and activities from scrutiny and criticism. The 56 members of Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) have used accusations of "Islamophobia" as an excuse to silence criticism of Islam and its prophet and to impose the tenets of Islamic law (Shari'a) on non-Muslim societies and international institutions such as the United Nations. At the UN, the OIC has successfully exploited this disingenuous tactic to prevent the United Nations Human Rights Council from discussing and censuring the commission of human rights abuses (barbaric forms of punishment, sexual discrimination, religious persecution, etc.) that are a direct product of Islamic law. The OIC has also used this tactic in its ongoing effort to impose the tenets Islamic law on non-Islamic societies and deprive non-Muslims of their human rights (freedom of conscience, expression, etc.) in their own countries. In the final analysis, the OIC's "Islamophobia"-driven agenda amounts to nothing more than a fig leaf to conceal the brazen hypocrisy of its member states, where the persecution of religious minorities and the defamation of their faiths is commonplace. To this day, Islamic states still enforce the Medieval system of religious apartheid known as the *dhimma* system, where Christians, Jews, Zoroastrians, Hindus and other religious minorities are reduced to an inferior status that systematically deprives them of their fundamental human, civil and political rights. Instead of entertaining the OIC's demands to lower our human rights standards and deprive our citizens of their inalienable rights, we should be demanding the members of the OIC to elevate their own standards. By failing to do so, we are committing a grave disservice to human beings throughout the entire world. This madness has to stop.

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Radical Leftists and Islamists are not above scrutiny and criticism, nor are their ideologies, agendas and actions, and when they play the "McCarthyism" and "Islamophobia" cards they are deliberately attempting to victimize others by silencing them through slander. Until people stop fearing and tolerating this "intellectual terrorism" and start attacking it headlong, radical Leftists and Islamists will continue to successfully employ this fascist tactic instead of being hoist by their own petard.

Footnotes:

[1] Ibn Warraq, "Debunking Edward Said: Edward Said and the Saidists or Third World Intellectual Terrorism", 2002
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<http://www.amazon.com/Defending-West-Critique-Edward-Orientalism/dp/1591024846>

[2] The Muslim Brotherhood, "An Explanatory Memorandum On the General Strategic Goal for the Group In North America", 5/22/91, p. 21
<http://www.investigativeproject.org/documents/misc/20.pdf>

IMMIGRATION TRUTH

by Robert Williams

There are some facts that can be denied or ignored, but the consequences of doing so cannot be escaped forever. No matter what Immigration laws Congress tries to sell, they are entirely useless unless immigration is controlled. But so far Congress has ridden a decades-long trend to not enforce any true control. Now we hear only lip-service about effective border control by both Congress and the administration.

For about half a century we have had amnesty after amnesty, doctored up and sold as "comprehensive reform". The Immigration and Nationality act signed into law by President Johnson in 1965 overturned 60 previous years of national origin quotas and led to the kind of explosive immigration which completely overwhelmed our inadequately prepared border security and alien-tracing capabilities. Democrat administrations were joined by Republican ones when President Reagan signed amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants while declaring that employer sanctions would, "remove the incentive for illegal immigration by eliminating job opportunities". Now, more than 20 years later --- we all can see how that didn't work. Current advocates of open borders and forms of amnesty are again making similar false claims about border enforcement, amnesty, and no significant cost to the taxpayer or danger to legal citizens.

But the current administration has recently gone much much further into never-never land by declaring legal war on the State of Arizona merely for passing a State law to enforce the very same policies which already exist in the Federal laws that are not being enforced by Federal resources. One would think 50 years of destructive immigration policies and the failed examples of open-border and open-welfare European immigration experience would together be a sufficient lesson to both our public and our government. But such --- it seems --- is not the case. Will it ever be the case? How much more must we endure? Isn't it way past time to stop this insanity?

Decline Is in the Mind

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With a Whimper Not a Bang

Juxtapose pictures of Frankfurt and Liverpool in 1945, and then again in 2010 (or for that matter Hiroshima and Detroit). Something seems awry. Perhaps one can see, even in these superficial images, that something other than military defeat more often erodes societies.

Of course, losing a war can end a civilization (ask the Carthaginians in the Third Punic War or the Aztecs in 1521). But then again, the chicken-and-egg question reappears: why are some civilizations more vulnerable to foreign occupation or more incapable of reacting to sudden catastrophe — such as the pyramidal Mycenaeans rather than the decentralized Greek city-states?

In three wars, Republican Rome managed to end sea-faring Carthage — in part through the building *ex nihilo* of a bigger and better navy — and in a dynamic fashion not repeated 600 years later when 1 million-square-mile, 70 million-person imperial Rome — now top-heavy, pyramidal, highly taxed — could not keep out barbarians from across the Danube and Rhine.

At the end of the Second World War, the industrial centers of western and eastern Europe were flattened. Russia was wrecked. China and India were pre-capitalist. Germany and Japan themselves were in cinders.

The factories of the United Kingdom (despite the 1940 blitz and the later V-1 and V-2 attacks) were largely untouched, and the United States pristine. Both countries had incurred massive debt. Yet Britain in the late 1940s and 1950s socialized, increased vastly the public sector, and became the impoverished nation of the 1960s and 1970s. In contrast, America began to return to its entrepreneurial freedoms, and geared up to supply a wrecked world with industrial and commercial goods, paying down its massive debt through an expanding economy. We thrived; yet socialist Britain did not become a West Germany, Japan, or Singapore.

One can see that natural resources, while important, are not all determining. Oil-rich Venezuela and Mexico are a mess; resource-poor Japan and Switzerland are not. There are few economic refugees now fleeing Shanghai to Hong Kong as in the past; nor is East Germany any more unlike West Germany as North Korea still is in comparison to South Korea.

Planned vs. Free

Cultural tradition plays a role, of course. But more important still is the nature of politics and the economy. As a general rule, the more freedom of the individual and flexibility of markets — with lower taxes, less bureaucracy, constitutional government, more transparency, and the rule of law — the more likely a society is to create wealth and rebound from either war or natural disasters.

These truths transcend space and time, and they trump race and nationality, weather and climate, resources and geography. The notion that we are doomed and the Chinese fated to prosper is not written in stone. It is simply a matter of free will, theirs and ours. They must deal with a new era of coming suburban blues, worker discontent, unions, environmental discretion and regulation, an aging and shrinking population and greater personal appetites, social protest, and nonconformity — in the manner that industrializing Western nations did as well in the early twentieth century.

In Our Hands

We, in turn, can easily outdistance any country should we remain the most free, law-abiding, and economically open society as in our past. A race-gender-ethnic-blind meritocracy, equal application of the law, low taxes, small government, and a transparent political and legal system are at the heart of that renewal. America could within a decade become a creditor nation again, with a trade balance and budget surplus, drawing in the world's talent and capital in a way not possible in the more inflexible or less meritocratic China, Japan, or Germany. Again that is our choice, not a superimposed destiny from someone else.

Unfortunately, we are mired — as in the case of many complex societies that become ever more top-heavy and bureaucratic, when salvation alone is found in becoming less so — in a new peasant notion of the limited good. Anything produced is seen to come at the expense of others. Absolute wealth is imaginary, relative wealth is not. We would rather be equal and unexceptional than collectively better off with a few more better off still.

Yet I, like most Americans I hope, don't care whether Bill Gates lives in a mansion or Warren Buffet flies in a huge private plane or even that George Soros has billions to give away to progressive causes or that John Kerry has millions to spend on power boats and sailing ships. The system that created these excesses, if we even call them that, also ensured that my hot water — and the hot water in nearby rather poor Selma — is no cooler than theirs. My Honda and hundreds in town run as well as their imported limousines. Last time I went to the local Wal-Mart I counted 100 cell phones, and I doubt Al Gore's gets any better reception. The better off may or may not have "at a certain point ... made enough money," to quote the president, but I have no idea where that certain point is (or whether it includes vacations to Costa del Sol), only that once our technocracy starts determining it, there is a greater chance that my town will not have as hot water as the rich and Hondas that run as well as their luxury cars.

When the End Comes

Study the collapse of complex societies. Rarely is the culprit, the environment, or the enemy across the border. To the extent that walls are torn down, rivers silted up, or volcanic eruptions become societal-ending, all that hinges on the preexisting nature of a society — whether it is flexible and wealth-creating or inward, acrimonious, and wealth-redistributing. Chile will recover from a far stronger earthquake than the one that hit Haiti. (I fear Haiti will not recover easily, if at all.)

In 1521, a brutal Hernan Cortés could no more have taken Britain with his 1500 conquistadors than he rather quickly figured out how to destroy an empire of 4 million with that same number. The trick for the command economy of the Soviet Union was not just to repel a 3-million-man Nazi-led invasion, but to do so in a fashion that did not lose 20 million of its own, while creating a postwar sustainable prosperous order inside the USSR and at its periphery.

“Spread the wealth” and “redistributive change” only occur when the enterprising, gifted, lucky, or audacious among us feel that they have a good chance to gain something for themselves (and keep most of it), or to extend to others that something they earned — or more often both motives, self-interested and collective. Deny all that, shoot their bigger cow so to speak, or burn down their towering grain, and we will end up as peasants and serfs fighting over a shrinking pie.

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