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*"He who controls the language, controls the masses."* (SAUL ALINSKY)

## THE WAR OF THE WORDS

In our *May Newsletter*, we began a series on the leftists' attempt to dictate to us the very words we are allowed to say or not say. What began as a subtle and gradual radicalization, is now an overt, full-fledged assault. The term "Political Correctness" is the continuing effort by a small group of socialists whose goal is to control every aspect of our life.

## WHO WAS SAUL ALINSKY

Today we discuss a very interesting – and evil man – Saul Alinsky. Believe me, he remains a big player in many things happening in our Country. Alinsky (1909-1972) was the son of strict Orthodox Jewish immigrants from Russia. After graduating from College, he had a number of different interests before finally entering his career vocation of nearly 40 years as a Community Organizer. Some actually refer to Alinsky as "The Godfather" of modern community organizers."

Spawning a movement that continues to this very day, Alinsky's influence would be difficult to over-estimate. For sure, a Community Organizer can be an agent of progress and we definitely need such leaders. However, that person can also become a vehicle for evil. One can be a 'Community Organizer' or a 'Community Troublemaker!' Alinsky was the latter.

## THE CATHOLIC CHANNEL (EWTN)

Before going any further, I strongly recommend a documentary on the life of Alinsky produced by *The Catholic Channel* (EWTN). Aptly entitled "*Sheep In Wolf's Clothing*," the program portrays Alinsky as indeed a devouring wolf seeking his prey on anyone who would listen. To its credit, the telecast is brutally honest indicting many of its own clergymen.

## THE MORALS AND POLITICS OF SAUL ALINSKY

Alinsky was an atheist. He was amoral. Anything was permissible if it would further his goals. The means justified the end. In one of his books, he apparently compliments the devil, praising him as the first successful rebel! In an interview with a well-known magazine shortly before his death, he replied that he did not believe in a heaven or hell. If they did exist, he would choose hell! He would feel more comfortable there. He employed immoral, unethical & disgusting tactics.

Alinsky was a progressive, humanist, socialist. He began his first concentrated efforts in Chicago. Theoretically, he wanted to improve the condition of the poor. Practically, it was all about his personal agenda. His seemingly benevolent motives were quite the opposite as he incited people against our Democracy & towards a socialist system. According to one commentator on *The Catholic Channel*, the communities which he managed were no better *after* his work than *before*.

His famous book, "*Rules For Radicals*," lists 13 tactics for the community organizer. Among them: rule # 4: 'ridicule is man's most potent enemy;' rule # 8: 'keep the pressure on;' rule # 9: 'the threat is usually more terrifying than the thing itself;' and rule # 13: 'pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, polarize it.' Note the final point of the last rule: 'polarize it.'

## TWO FAMOUS DISCIPLES

Alinsky has two famous disciples: Hilary Clinton and Barak Obama. Although both have taken exception to some of the principles of Alinsky, nevertheless it is interesting to note that Clinton did her Senior Thesis on the teachings of Alinsky; then, during her husband's administration, ordered it sealed from public access??? Obama was only ten years old when Alinsky died. However, he was taught by the ultra-radical Mike Kruglik who was an Alinsky devotee. As stated above, it is difficult to overestimate the influence of Alinsky to this day; having now affected at least 2 generations of community activists. The man who gave us the adage: "*He who controls the language, controls the masses*," also gave us much more.