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## Viewpoint

# Alinsky's rules are Obama's change

Saul Alinsky, the Marxist mentor of President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton – called Satan the “first [successful] radical [organizer] known to man.”

While it's interesting that Alinsky equated successful community organizing strategies with the devil, his statement is about more than “if the shoe fits.”

Satan's gift is his ability to foment dissatisfaction, discontent, and discord. His words to Eve were, “hath God said,” were intended to stir doubt and derision.

His later words, “for God doth know,” it can be said, were intended to stir positional resentment, i.e., class envy and contempt for authority.

That is the job of the successful community organizer. “An organizer,” Alinsky wrote, “must stir up dissatisfaction and discontent...the job then is content the people to...act – to develop and harness the necessary power to effectively conflict with the [existing] patterns and change them...in a word, [the community organizer's] function is to agitate to the point of conflict.” (Rules for Radicals; page 117)

No one has done a better job of that than Obama. He successfully used one of the most vacuous campaign slogans in the history of same.

It was a simple promise of “change” and the people bought it – he didn't need to explain it or define it. Hatred of President Bush did the rest.

He deftly utilized Alinsky's “Rules of Power Tactics,” and it is by

implementing the final two of those rules that he will indemnify his position.

Rule 12 is: “the price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative.” Rule 13 is: “Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it. The opposition must be singled out as the target and frozen...and carry out your attacks...one acts decisively only in the conviction that all angles are on one side and all the devils [i.e., the opposition] on the other.” (pp 127-134)

That is exactly what is taking place today. Obama's reference to Rush Limbaugh has led to attempts to marginalize him and silence his voice.

There is the so-called stimulus bill that is laden with wasteful spending, and yet, all who oppose it are singled out and vilified.

He didn't sit down with Fox News or the Wall Street Journal, he sat down for an interview on an Arabic television station many view as being a half-step away from a terrorist outlet.

He purposes to put our tax dollars in the hands of not just those who pay no taxes, but illegals as well. He is trying to stop the trial of a known terrorist responsible for American deaths.

Yet, anyone who doesn't agree with these measures is “targeted, frozen,” and subjected to personal ad hominem polarization.

I agree with Limbaugh and those who oppose Obama's politics. We were opposed to his candidacy, why would we now turn around and fight for his Alinskyan agenda to be successful?

Those of us calling for his incentives to fail, unlike those who opposed President Bush, do not do so out of personal hatred – we do so out of love for our country and belief in our Constitutional way of life, and we realize that the “change” he proposes is not based on either.

During her Democrat National Convention speech, Michelle Obama validated our concerns and objections when she said, “[Obama] talked about the world as it is and the world as it should be...and, all of us driven by a simple belief that the world as it is just won't do – that we have an obligation to fight for the world as it should be.”

The problem with that reasoning is what “the world as it should be” would be in his lexicon.

Alinsky wrote, “An organizer...does not have a fixed truth – truth to him is relative and changing.”

My question is – does that include the Constitution?

It's here worth noting that, in his book, Alinsky praised Satan as “the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he...won his own kingdom.”

It's also worth noting that Satan's kingdom is called hell – precisely what we will have if Obama succeeds with his initiatives.

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## Sen. John Carey's Viewpoint

It is a new ball game in the Ohio General Assembly, with Democrats taking charge of the House for the first time in 14 years and Republicans still holding a strong majority in the Senate.

To help Ohio pull through this difficult period and emerge stronger in the future legislators on both sides of the aisle must work together in the coming months to enact public policy that benefits all Ohio communities. While there will surely be differences of opinion along the way, it is important that we debate and discuss all ideas and work to arrive at some sort of consensus.

Speaker Armond Budish, who is a Cleveland area resident, has outlined an agenda that places a strong focus on the revitalization of Ohio's big cities. This is certainly reasonable given his background.

As a rural legislator, I am concerned about the entire state. What happens in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and other big cities impacts the economy and well-being of communities in every corner of the state. It is critical, however, that this focus on big cities does not come at the expense of our rural areas. In the same way that healthy cities help rural Ohio; a more vibrant rural economy helps the cities.

There are a few things that I have seen from the Strickland Administration that concern me, as it relates to the well-being of our rural communities. For example, the 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force—a 62-member panel that was created by the Governor to develop a plan for Ohio's transportation future—was almost totally devoid of representation from the 17th Senate District and surrounding areas.

Many legislators from the Appalachian Delegation complained to the Governor's office that the Task Force lacked representation from southern Ohio. I told members of the committee that their recommendations, which included a 13-cent per gallon hike in the gas tax, would hold no weight with me because of this exclusion.

When the Department of Development announced the most recent round of Job Ready Sites program grants, projects located south of I-70 and east of I-71 were left out of the funding picture. The Job Ready Sites program is designed to attract economic growth to the state by investing in the development of certified business and mega-

manufacturing sites across Ohio.

To be fair, JRS projects in southern Ohio have received awards in the past, and I recently met with the coordinator of the program, who said that Development was very inclusive in the application process and made sure that each county was heard. At the same time, there were numerous projects funded in Cuyahoga County and other locations around big cities. I would like to have seen more geographic balance.

The Governor appointed Ronald B. Richard, president and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation, as the infrastructure czar for the state of Ohio. He will be responsible for working with the state legislature, the federal government, local communities and others to distribute any infrastructure funds from the federal stimulus package. I do not know Mr. Richard, but I hope that he has a statewide focus and seeks input not only from big city mayors but local officials from across Ohio to craft an infrastructure agenda.

Ohio is going through very hard times, and the General Assembly should work to give all Ohioans a chance to pursue or keep a good-paying job. Whether it be the Job Ready Sites program, infrastructure projects or other efforts, it is essential that the state's resources are distributed in a way that promotes economic development and job creation in urban and rural areas.

This column would not be complete if I did not thank Governor Strickland and Lt. Governor Fisher for their efforts in response to the DHL situation in Wilmington. As a member of the DHL Task Force, I have watched the Governor and Lt. Governor—who is co-chairman of the Task Force with Wilmington Mayor David Raizk—devote their full resources to help lessen the impact of job loss.

To be clear, I want our big cities to be healthy and get back on their feet, and I will work with my colleagues in the Legislature to achieve that goal. However, the rest of the state, including rural Ohio, should be regarded as equal partners in Ohio's future success.

As always, I welcome your views on state issues. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency, please write to me: Senator John A. Carey, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio 43215 or call my office at (614) 466-8156.

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2009. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Feb. 3, 1959, a single-engine plane crashed shortly after midnight near Clear Lake, Iowa, claiming the lives of rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. “The Big Bopper” Richardson, as well as pilot Roger Peterson. That same day, an American Airlines Lockheed Electra from Chicago crashed into New York's East River while approaching LaGuardia Airport, killing 65 of the 73 people on board.

On this date:  
In 1809, 200 years ago, German composer Felix Mendelssohn was born in Hamburg. Congress passed an act establishing the Illinois Territory effective March 1.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast; the talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo. (Four Army chaplains gave their life belts to four other men.)

*Thought for Today:* “I can, therefore I am.” — Simone Weil, French philosopher (born this day in 1909, died 1943).

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