



## THE FOUNDATION

"[A] good moral character is the first essential in a man..." --George Washington

### NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER: OBAMANIA IN ACADEMIA

On Tuesday, community organizer Barack Obama broadcast a televised message to millions of children in the nation's government school bureaucracies. His administration prepared a "Menu of Classroom Activities" for his sycophantic apparatchiks in teaching and administrative positions.

For example, it was suggested that teachers of children in K-6 grades "build background knowledge about the President of the United States by reading books about Barack Obama" or have students "write letters to themselves about what they can do to help the president."

For 7-12th grades, the administration suggests that teachers "post in large print around the classroom notable quotes excerpted from President Obama's speeches on education."

Here are a few suggestions, which were not on the administrations menu of activities.

Activity 1: For K-6th grades, build background knowledge about our God and our country by reading books about our Founders. Have students write letters to Obama so he can learn a little something about how liberty is "endowed by our Creator," and what happens when tyrants anoint themselves as the arbiters of liberty. Start with a quote from Thomas Jefferson: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. ... Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God."

Activity 2: For 7-12th grades, post in large print around the classroom notable quotes excerpted from our Founders on the subject of education.

For example:

"[W]e ought to deprecate the hazard attending ardent and susceptible minds, from being too strongly,

and too early prepossessed in favor of other political systems, before they are capable of appreciating their own." --George Washington

"Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right, from the frame of their nature, to knowledge, as their great Creator, who does nothing in vain, has given them understandings, and a desire to know; but besides this, they have a right, an indisputable, unalienable, indefeasible, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge; I mean, of the characters and conduct of their rulers." --John Adams

"Law and liberty cannot rationally become the objects of our love, unless they first become the objects of our knowledge." --James Wilson

"A nation under a well regulated government should permit none to remain uninstructed. It is monarchical and aristocratical government only that requires ignorance for its support." --Thomas Paine

"No people will tamely surrender their Liberties, nor can any be easily subdued, when knowledge is diffused and Virtue is preserved. On the Contrary, when People are universally ignorant, and debauched in their Manners, they will sink under their own weight without the Aid of foreign Invaders." --Samuel Adams

"If a nation expects to be ignorant -- and free -- in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be." --Thomas Jefferson

"A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or, perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." --James Madison

Activity 3: Have a class discussion about why Obama attended a very expensive private school in Hawaii, and why he now spends \$60,000 annually for his two children to attend private school, but does not support school choice initiatives for students stuck in government institutions?

Obama closed the indoctrination exercise with these words: "At the end of the day, we can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents and the best schools in the world, and none of it will matter unless all of you fulfill your responsibilities."

However, with few exceptions, we do not have "the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents and the best schools in the world," and we don't have them primarily as a consequence of Leftist social policies, which Obama wants to perpetuate. Obama certainly does not have the moral authority to instruct children to "fulfill your responsibilities," until he starts with a few of his own, like his oath to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

### EDITORIAL EXEGESIS

"The abrupt resignation of White House aide Van Jones, deep in the news hiatus of Labor Day weekend, will probably be forgotten in a few days. But it's a story that still deserves elaboration for what it says about the political coalition that helped to elect President Obama and whose demands are leading him into a cul-de-sac. As a candidate, Barack Obama was at pains to offer himself as a man of moderate policies, and especially of moderate temperament. He said he would listen to both the right and left, choosing the best of each depending on 'what works.' He sold himself as a center-left pragmatist. When his radical associations -- Reverend Jeremiah Wright, William Ayers -- came to light, Candidate Obama promptly disavowed them. Now comes Mr. Jones, with a long trail of extreme comments and left-wing organizing, who nonetheless became the White House adviser for 'green jobs.' This weekend he too was thrown under the bus. However, Mr. Jones wasn't some unknown crazy who insinuated himself with the Obama crowd under false pretenses. He has been a leading young light of the left-wing political movement for many years. His 2008 book -- 'The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems' -- includes a foreword from Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and was praised across the liberal establishment. ... Mr. Jones was a senior fellow at the

Center for American Progress, which was established, funded and celebrated as the new intellectual vanguard of the Democratic Party. ... Mr. Jones's incendiary comments about Republicans and his now famous association with a statement blaming the U.S. for 9/11 had to have been known in some White House precincts. ... Our guess is that Mr. Jones landed in the White House precisely because his job didn't require Senate confirmation, which would have subjected him to more scrutiny. This is also no doubt a reason that Mr. Obama has consolidated so much of his Administration's governing authority inside the White House under various 'czars.' Mr. Jones was poised to play a prominent role in disbursing tens of billions of dollars of stimulus money. It was the ideal perch from which he could keep funding the left-wing networks from which he sprang, this time with taxpayer money. ... No President is responsible for all of the views of his appointees, but the rise and fall of Mr. Jones is one more warning that Mr. Obama can't succeed on his current course of governing from the left." --The Wall Street Journal

### UPRIGHT

"[When it comes to government giveaways,] the word 'free' should be banned and replaced with the following phrase: 'paid for with money stolen from your neighbors, who have worked to earn the money but are not permitted to keep what they've earned so that you can have a fill-in-the-blank.'" --author and "serial entrepreneur" Dan Kennedy

"America will be spending more to service its debt than it will spend on education, the environment, infrastructure, scientific research, national defense and all the other things our Founding Fathers thought were important to the nation. Our debt is on an unsustainable path." --former GOP Sen. Pete V. Domenici

"It will be the president's job to convince the public that the need to pass a national health care bill is so urgent that it ranks alongside war and other national emergencies. It can't be done. No matter what Obama says on Wednesday, the audience will see the speech for what it is: A president speaking not as the nation's leader in time of crisis but rather as a salesman pushing a troubled product." --columnist Byron York

"[T]he primary purpose of the president's address to Congress is to make a sales pitch for his proposal

that would vastly expand government involvement in the health-care industry -- a proposal that has already sparked a nationwide popular revolt. Because Obama insisted on launching a war that should have never been waged, and then doubling down on a failed strategy, the war in Afghanistan has been ignored. If Afghanistan burns while the president is fiddling with health insurance, he could be remembered for one of the greatest abdications of responsibility in the history of the American presidency." --Wall Street Journal columnist James Taranto

"What happened to President Obama? His wax wings having melted, he is the man who fell to earth. What happened to bring his popularity down further than that of any new president in polling history save Gerald Ford (post-Nixon pardon)? The conventional wisdom is that Obama made a tactical mistake by farming out his agenda to Congress and allowing himself to be pulled left by the doctrinaire liberals of the Democratic congressional leadership. But the idea of Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi pulling Obama left is quite ridiculous. Where do you think he came from...?" --columnist Charles Krauthammer

### INSIGHT

"I cannot find any authority in the Constitution for public charity.... [It] would be contrary to the letter and the spirit of the Constitution and subversive to the whole theory upon which the Union of these States is founded." --President Franklin Pierce (1804-1869)

"I feel obliged to withhold my approval of the plan to indulge in benevolent and charitable sentiment through the appropriation of public funds.... I find no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution." --President Grover Cleveland (1837-1908)

"[Monday was] Labor Day, I suppose set by [an] Act of Congress. Everything we do nowadays is either by, or against, Acts of Congress. How Congress knew anything about Labor is beyond us." --American humorist Will Rogers (1879-1935)

### DEZINFORMATSIA

Victimitis: "It's a pretty familiar arc, but I gotta say I've never seen a midnight Saturday resignation. It's not quite the Saturday Night Massacre, by any means. Listen, this is a summer squall. What Van Jones said he shouldn't have said, it was going to

cause some problems for the White House. But the fact they got it out of the way before the end of the Labor Day weekend ... I think will contain any kind of damage. This is someone I'm sure the President didn't want to have to let go, but he had no choice." --ABC's George Stephanopoulos

"I think it's a sad day to see a man of good work get so little credit. I mean, there's no balance to understanding just how many good things he's done." --CNN's David Gergen on Van Jones

"Can the Republican Right claim its first scalp in this administration?" --NBC's Lester Holt

"The ability of the conservative media machine to generate a controversy for this White House is amazing." --MSNBC's Chuck Todd

Willfully blind: "I never saw anywhere in the news a Democrat carry a picture to any kind of a rally with a picture of Adolph Hitler putting them close to a characterization of President Bush. Never saw that!" --MSNBC's Ed Schultz, who apparently was under a rock for the last eight years

Truth in labeling: "A Muslim teenager from Ohio says her father threatened to kill her because she converted to Christianity." --CNN's John Couwels (*Wouldn't that make her a Christian, not a Muslim?*)

Obama the "centrist": "The primary dynamic of American politics, normally described as a continual friction between the two major parties, is equally in our time a competition between the liberal idea of consensus and the conservative idea of orthodoxy. We see it in the Democratic Party's recent history of choosing centrist, explicitly nonideological presidential candidates (Kennedy, Johnson, Carter, Clinton, Obama), as contrasted with the Republicans' preference for ideologically committed ones (Goldwater, Reagan, George W. Bush)." --Sam Tanenhaus, editor of The New York Times' Book Review and Week in Review sections, in his new book, "The Death of Conservatism"

### Newspulper Headlines:

They Hoped It Would Work Even Slower?: "Biden: Stimulus Plan Is Working Faster Than Hoped" --Associated Press

They're Calling It the Faculty Directory: "College Republicans Compiling List of Liberal Professors at Ohio School" --FoxNews.com

It's Always in the Last Place You Look: "Ancient Wall Found in Jerusalem" --BBC Web site

Everything Seemingly Is Spinning Out of Control: "As Hybrid Cars Gobble Rare Metals, Shortage Looms" --Reuters

News You Can Use: "How to Kiss Your Job Good-bye" --Bulletin (Philadelphia)

Bottom Stories of the Day: "Why Michelle Obama's Hair Matters" --Time.com

(Thanks to The Wall Street Journal's James Taranto)

## THE DEMO-GOGUES

The BIG Lie: "We have never been this close. We've never had such broad agreement on what needs to be done. And because we're so close to real reform, suddenly the special interests are doing what they always do, which is just try to scare the heck out of people. I've got a question for all those folks [opposing health care reform]: What are you going to do? What's your answer? What's your solution? And you know what? They don't have one. Their answer is to do nothing." --Barack Obama on opponents of ObamaCare, who have suggested a number of ways to reform health care without a government take-over -- tort reform, HSAs, buying across state lines, etc., etc.

That's exactly what we're worried about: "I'm working hard to fix up your classrooms..." --Barack Obama

From the Court Jester: "Recovery act dollars are going farther and working harder than we anticipated. ...[T]he recovery act is doing more, faster, more efficiently and more effectively than we had hoped." --Vice President Joe Biden

Open and honest debate: "Get the f--k out of here or I'll throw you out the window." --Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA) to TV documentarian Jan Helfeld, who asked him about the national debt and the economy

Oops: "This is my town hall meeting for you. And you're not going to tell me how to run my congressional office. Now, the reason why I don't allow

filming is that usually the films that are done end up on YouTube in a compromising position." --Rep. Baron Hill (D-IN)

Non Compos Mentis: "[T]here is no place in the Constitution that specifically says health care. There's no place in the Constitution that specifically says education. There is no place in the competition, in the Constitution, there is no place in the Constitution, there is no place in the Constitution, there is no place in the Constitution that talks about you ought to have the right to get a telephone, but we have made those choices as a country over the years." --Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) (*Is anybody claiming that there is a constitutional right to a telephone?*)

What do you mean "back in"? "I want at least two years with President Obama and a solidly Democratic Senate so that we can get the federal government back in the housing business." --Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA)

**Editor's Note:** Our Humor broadcast yesterday included a joke about Sen. Harry Reid's ancestry and we received several reader replies informing us that the story was not true. That's why we published it as Humor -- because it was a *joke*. So was the poll of Californians right before it. While one might reasonably expect such an outrageous response from Reid, this one was all in humor.

## VILLAGE IDIOTS

Victimitis II: "On the eve of historic fights for health care and clean energy, opponents of reform have mounted a vicious smear campaign against me. They are using lies and distortions to distract and divide." --newly resigned "green jobs" czar Van Jones whining about being on the receiving end of "the treatment" he dishes out to his opponents

"You've got to understand, Van Jones is a star. He really is. He has an extraordinary background. He was a guy who is really going to help this country, and now he's unfortunately just not able to do it and I think that's too bad for the country." --former DNC Chief Howard Dean

'Cause Democrats never mess up: "All we have to worry about is getting things done and doing them as well as we can. Don't even worry about the Republicans. Let them figure out what they're going to stand for. 'Cause as long as they're sitting around

waiting for us to mess up, they don't have a chance."  
--Bill Clinton

But it made him rich: "Capitalism is an evil, and you cannot regulate evil. You have to eliminate it and replace it with something that is good for all people and that something is democracy." --Village documentarian Michael Moore at the conclusion of his new film, "Capitalism: A Love Story"

### SHORT CUTS

"The president has made the mistake of believing his own publicity -- or, at any rate, his own mainstream-media coverage, which is pretty much the same thing. They told him he was the greatest orator since Socrates, but, alas, even Socrates would have difficulty playing six sets a night every Open Mike Night at the Soaring Rhetoric Lounge out on Route 127." --columnist Mark Steyn

"Obviously, therefore, it's preposterous for Democrats to say national health care will merely extend Medicare to the entire population. This would be like claiming you're designing an apartment building in which every apartment will be a penthouse. Everyone likes the penthouses, so why not have a building in which every apartment is a penthouse? It doesn't work: What makes the penthouse the penthouse is all the other floors below. An 'all-

penthouse' building is a blueprint that could make sense only to someone who has never run a business and has zero common sense, i.e., a Democrat."  
--columnist Ann Coulter

"On the issue of the 'public option' here's my suggestion: Every Republican Member of the House and Senate should commit to supporting an amendment to whatever bill comes to the floor stating, in essence, 'All civilian Federal employees shall be covered by the 'public option' because it is such a good idea.' See how Pelosi likes that." --political analyst Rich Galen

"Labor Day picnics were held across the Midwest by labor unions Monday. The day is intended to give working people a chance to forget about the problems of the world and to enjoy an afternoon with nothing to do. It's like being vice president for a day." --comedian Argus Hamilton

Veritas vos Liberabit -- Semper Vigilo, Fortis, Paratus, et Fidelis! Mark Alexander, Publisher, for The Patriot's editors and staff.

(Please pray for our Armed Forces standing in harm's way around the world, and for their families -- especially families of those fallen Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, who granted their lives in defense of American liberty.)