

Michelle Obama's "Revolutionary" Speech

Michelle Obama's Democrat Convention speech on Monday night was sophomoric and full of cliches. But it served her husband well because she managed to avoid sounding like the angry and bitter person she has shown during the primaries. In her heart, though, she's still a revolutionary who wants to see dramatic changes in America... changes middle America won't like but won't be able to stop for four more years.

Michelle Obama can moan about health care all she wants, but wait until Americans discover that her job at the University of Chicago Hospitals has been to encourage poor people without insurance to go to neighborhood clinics rather than set foot in the hospital. Of course she wants a national health care plan - those darned poor people are causing her hospital-employer to lose money.

Mrs. Obama can also talk about all the sacrifices a young mother has to make, but she lives in a \$1.6 million mansion, makes \$316,692 per year, has a husband who earns \$162,500 per year as a Senator and has taken in at least \$4 million dollars in book royalties. She can certainly afford back-to-school clothing for her kids. She can also afford to stay home with them, so stop the whining about those "difficult choices."

Granted, it was no doubt tough to lose her father. So what? A lot of women have lost their fathers... but that doesn't qualify their husbands for the Presidency.

And let's cut the "grew up in poverty in a log cabin doing homework by candlelight" crap. If America is such a terrible place that Michelle Obama wasn't proud of it until only recently, how was it that she and her brother were able to go to college? To me, that sounds like an America that works. If America is so racist and mean, how did she and her brother get to where they are today? A lot of people in this country have far less, and they're not filled with anger and hatred toward America.

For the record, Barack Obama was not a poor kid who grew up in the ghettos. His "goat-herder" father had a middle-class job in the Kenyan government where he advocated Marxist policies, attended Harvard, and could afford to travel between the United States and Africa - which is more than most Americans can today afford. The young Obama and future Senator lived in Hawaii and Indonesia. (Maybe the airlines have special "poverty fares" that most Americans don't know about?) Obama Jr. attended Harvard and then lectured part-time at the University of Chicago for \$69,000 per year. Not bad for part-time work, where he never once wrote a position paper (which is regularly done by aspiring legal eagles; perhaps he didn't want to leave a paper trail.) Then he went into politics where he managed to win by getting his Illinois State Senate primary opponents kicked off the ballot. And he won the US Senate seat by getting the media to release his opponent's sealed divorce papers. (The only time Obama had a decent opponent he lost.)

Let's stop with the "just your average working class family" shtick. It's not true. The Obamas have had a pretty good life, and they've got far more than most Americans who've led far tougher lives.

Far more important than the family hugs, though, was Obama's quote from her husband that so impressed her, about "the world as it is and the world as it should be." Surprise: that comes from Chapter 2 of Saul Alinsky's book, "Rules for Radicals." Alinsky was a leftist (some would say communist, but at least a socialist) who influenced many of the 1960s radicals - like Obama's buddies William Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn. Alinsky was pretty much required reading for the "overthrow America" crowd.

One need not look far in "Rules for Radicals" to see that Obama has been following Alinsky's "script for a socialist revolution" quite carefully:

"There's another reason for working inside the system. Dostoevsky said that taking a new step is what people fear most. Any revolutionary change must be preceded by a passive, affirmative, non-challenging attitude toward change among the mass of our people. They must feel so frustrated, so defeated, so lost, so futureless in the prevailing system that they are willing to let go of the past and change the future. This acceptance is the reformation essential to any revolution. To bring on this reformation requires that the organizer work inside the system, among not only the middle class but the 40 per cent of American families - more than seventy million people - whose income range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year [in 1971]. They cannot be dismissed by labeling them blue collar or hard hat. They will not continue to be relatively passive and slightly challenging. If we fail to communicate with them, if we don't encourage them to form alliances with us, they will move to the right. Maybe they will anyway, but let's not let it happen by default..."

In other words, you can't just come right out and say that you're a socialist, and burning flags will probably work against you. Instead, shave off your beards, throw away the tie-dyed shirts, and go ahead and put on a business suit to "look like one of them." Keep reminding Americans of how terrible their lives are, and how everything is going to hell in a handbasket - even if it isn't. Then, after you're in office, start putting the socialist programs in place. It will take a while, but you can get there faster by first getting leftists to control the education system and the media. After that, it's just a matter of time.

Conservatives look at the economic pie and try to enlarge it, so that more people can have more. Liberals look at the economic pie as something to divide into equal shares for everyone (except for their leaders, who get larger shares); it never occurs to them to try to make the pie larger. The infamous Karl Marx statement, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need," is in the mind of every liberal. Michelle Obama hid that thought while giving her convention speech, but it's been in other speeches she's given. At a campaign stop in North Carolina on April 8 she said, "The truth is most Americans don't want much. Folks don't want the whole pie. Most Americans feel blessed to thrive a little bit. But that's out of reach for them. The truth is, in order to get things like universal health care and a revamped education system, then someone is going to have to give up a piece of their pie so that someone else can have more." Sound familiar? Why did she leave the pie out of her convention speech? (Someone told her to shut her pie hole, no doubt - at least until after the election.)

But Michelle Obama is just shilling for her husband, the wolf in sheep's clothing who will accept his coronation on Thursday night. No doubt he'll also use words from Saul Alinsky or Frank Marshall Davis, or maybe even Karl Marx. He doesn't care... he knows the media commentators won't notice and, if they do, they won't point it out.

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