

Renegade is Obama's Secret Service codename.

From Webb Garrison's book, *What's in a Word?*:

“During the Crusades an occasional Christian deserted and joined the Muslim army. Some of the men were greedy for reward while others were fugitives from European justice. In order to be fully accepted by their one-time opponents, such fellows usually adopted the faith of Islam. From a Latin term meaning ‘to deny,’ Spanish churchmen framed *renegado* as a label for the man who denied his faith.

The English borrowed the vivid title and modified it to *renegade*. For three or more centuries the term was commonly used to designate the occasional turncoat who denied his religion for profit. At the same time it was applied to a deserter of any type.

The term of contempt was on the verge of dying out when it was revived by novelists who wanted a suitably vigorous name for a white man who deserted to the Indians during frontier warfare. Made prominent by western stories and movies, the term *renegade* has entered half the major tongues of the world.”

Obama himself purportedly chose his codename...

Definition¹

renegade *n.* **1.** One who rejects his religion, cause, allegiance, or group for another; a traitor, deserter. **2.** outlaw. – *adj.* Of or like a renegade, traitorous.

Etymology²

The Medieval Latin term is *renegatus*, the past participle of *renegāre*, which is made up of the Latin *re-* (a prefix intensifier meaning *contra* or *against*) plus *negāre*, meaning *to deny*. The Indo-European source of *negāre* is the Sanskrit *a-*, *an-*, meaning *not*.

History³

In the view of the Spanish Christians (Roman Catholics), a *renegado* was a person who acclimatized to Islam not out of being convinced of the teachings of Islam, but for reasons of staying alive while under Islamic control. The Spanish Christian churchmen negativized these persons with the term *renegado*. In other words, these persons said **no** (*negado*) **against** (*re*) the Christian faith. In

essence and with the passage of centuries under Moorish control, *renegado* gave way to mean a political resistor in a reverse trend. The real *renegados*, although they were not referred to as such at that time, were those who remained within the Spanish Christian Church and were not willing to submit to Islam doctrine. They said “No” to Islam!

Concerning the dating of the historical use of the term, we find:

1. c. 1390 in ***Chaucer's Canterbury Tales*** (begun in c. 1387) the Middle English *renegat* occurs. Lines 925-952 concern Biblical examples of protection in *The Man of Law's Tale*. In lines 932-933 we read:

"How may this wayke* womman han** this streng***
Hire**** to defende agayn***** this renegat?"

* weak

** have

*** strength

**** Her

***** against

By c. 1400 *renegat* formed into *renegate*.

2. The English playwright Nicolas Udall (1504-1556) of Eton College in his translation of Erasmus' *Upon the New Testament* (1548) uses the form *renege* for *denying a religion*.

3. By 1583 the term *renegade* came into use to mean *a person (mainly a male) who deserted one's religious faith or political party*.

4. In modern times the word *renegade* has come to denote a person who defects not only from his/her religion, but most importantly from the ruling belief or value system, be it in art, religion, or ideology. As such, the person is a resistance fighter against the controlling powers. For example, a White on the American frontier who allied with the Indians was considered a renegade. An Indian who revolted against White supremacy was considered a renegade. Historically, novels about the Wild, Wild West, beginning with James Fenimore Cooper's *The Last of the Mohicans* (1826), the plot of which takes place in 1757 during the French and Indian War (the Seven Years' War), as well as the Hollywood film industry made the term *Renegade Indian(s)* popular.

Political renegades nowadays are those who have not given up their fundamental political ideology. A political renegade can be a monarchist, a racist, or a nationalist, etc., However, and it must be emphasized, a **political renegade is mostly identified a person politically active for Anti-Semitism, Class Struggle, Communism, Liberalism, Marxism, and Progressivism. At the same time, however, that person has changed into the political disguise of being democratic, freedom-loving, and above all, truly patriotic. The reality is contrary!**

Synonyms⁴

If we count all of the synonyms for renegade we come to a total of 48 nouns including archaic and informal English terms. They are alphabetically as follows:

abdlicant, abdicator, abjurer, apostate, backslider, betrayer, bolter, defector, departer, deserter, dissenter, double-crosser, double-dealer, dropout, fink, forsaker, heathen, heretic, infidel, insurgent, insurrectionist, lapses, leaver, malcontent, mutineer, non-believer, quitter, ratfink, ratter, rebel, recanter, recreant, rejector, renegado (archaic, but still in use in English), renouncer, repudiator, retractor, revolter, revolutionary, runaway, schismatic, seceder, seditionist, sinner, slider, tergiversator (one who uses evasions or ambiguities to conceal one's true purposes), traitor, and turncoat.

The synonym adjectives—some repetitive and derived from the respective noun form—that can be used to describe a renegade number 28. This gives us a total of 76 English words that have the same meaning as renegade.

abdlicant, abdicative, apostate, backsliding, defecting, disloyal, dissident, divergent, double-crossing, double-dealing, faithless, heathen, heretical, infidel, infidelic, lapsing, non-believing, perfidious, recreant, schismatic, sinning, tergiversating, traitorous, treacherous, treasonous, unfaithful, unorthodox, and untrue.

Closing Statement

The person who is criticized as a renegade leaves his/her person open to damaging claims, the larger majority of which are truths. A very good elocutionist can place such a person on the oratorical scaffold and can destroy that person rhetorically and politically. It might be a good posture to take when upright Americans are called *racists*, or *birthers*, or *tea-partiers*. A good retort would be: "You are a renegade to the United States Constitution and the traditions of the United States of America!" This would signify that the renegade is a person who does not respect and obey the law. Most importantly, a renegade in this sense is also one who does not uphold his/her oath.

On November 13, 2008, the *Chicago Sun Times* reported that "...Barack Obama—aka Renegade—had a say in choosing the codename that his protectors use when they're whispering into those microphones in their sleeves. He was given his choice of several names starting with R."⁵ Barack Hussein Obama intentionally chose the codename Renegade.

Since such codenames reflect the personalities of the person being referred to, this codename is quite revealing. It tells the reader that Barack Hussein Obama knew exactly what he was going to do to the reputation and the basic fundamental values of the United States of America. All of the synonyms above can be applied to his character when it is juxtaposed to the legal traditions of the United States Constitution, capitalism, republican democracy, and moral tradition based on the laws of nature.

Among the synonyms [nouns with their (adjectives)] that should strike the reader are: betrayer, defector (defecting), deserter, disloyal, double-crosser (double-crossing), double-dealer (double-dealing), faithless, fink, heathen (heathen), heretic (heretical), infidel (infidel, infidelic), insurgent, insurrectionist, non-believer (non-believing), perfidious, ratfink, ratter, rebel, recanter, recreant (recreant), rejector, renegado, renouncer, retractor, revolter, revolutionary, schismatic, seceder, secessionist, sinner, (sinning), tergiversator (tergiversating), traitor (traitorous), treacherous, treasonous, turncoat, unfaithful, and untrue.

The word **renegade** and all of its synonyms signify a most putrid, negative character. They point to an extremely corrupt repute. I can think of no positive character traits that Barack Hussein possesses. The conclusion is that Barack Hussein Obama is a dangerous human being. As these character traits show, Barack Hussein Obama constantly maintains a disastrous, immoral posture towards the United States of America, its traditions, and the Constitution for the United States of America.

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Patriotic, Steadfast and True
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[1] *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston: 1976.

[2] The classical and best book on the etymology of words, albeit in German, is Julius Pokorny's *Indogermanisches etymologisches Wörterbuch*, Franke Verlag, Bern, München: 1959. For etymologies and histories of the use of English words, the complete and unabridged *Oxford English Dictionary* "is the accepted

authority on the evolution of the English language over the last millennium. It is an unsurpassed guide to the meaning, history, and pronunciation of over half a million words, both present and past. It traces the usage of words through 2.5 million quotations from a wide range of international English language sources, from classic literature and specialist periodicals to film scripts and cookery books.”

[3] Ibid.

[4] J. I. Rodale, *The Synonym Finder*, Warner Books, New York: 1986. Stephen Glazier, *Word Menu*, Random House, New York; 1992, and any edition of *Roget's Thesaurus*.

[5] <http://www.suntimes.com/news/politics/obama/1278009,secret-service-barack-obama111308.article>.