

## The Mistaken Dr. Matthews

In an appearance on *Weekends with Alex Witt*, MSNBC's fast-talking leftist Chris Matthews remarks that "Obama is wonderfully skilled at evoking what America is all about. I think he's great at it; he thrills me when he does it. In fact, that's one reason I was inspired by him. He talked about our country. He evokes our country from his background." In contrast with Matthews, more than a few observers might argue that Obama is most comfortable *attacking*, rather than *evoking*, what "America is all about." Further, Obama's background certainly evokes socialism and radicalism far more than what most Americans recognize as "our country."

"But once, having won the office," continues Matthews, "he seemed to think that was the end of it in terms of his connection with the American people. ...I think everybody feels an absence of communication from the time he's been elected. And it's not about not being left-wing or not for being too left, that's not his problem. It's connection. And Mrs. Obama. She's an amazing asset, and what has she done? Obesity? [Her anti-childhood obesity program.] How about connecting with the American people about being Americans? I don't... I don't think she's happy. I don't think they like being in the White House, and the American people can tell that. They don't seem thrilled [by] the fact that the American people selected them as our 'first family.' I don't sense the gratitude, the happiness level, the thrill of being [in the Oval Office]. Bill Clinton [on the other hand] loved being president every minute and you knew it."

Matthews recognizes some of the symptoms of the Obama illness but is unable to diagnose the disease. Yes, Obama "connected" with voters during the 2008 campaign—but that was precisely because he was *not* being himself. *He simply acted out the part of someone who knew how to slash the deficit and create jobs. He pretended to be the man whose worldly wisdom would effortlessly resolve global crises. He merely assumed the role of a person who cared about the American people.* But Obama does not care about people in general, or the American people in particular. He cares about power and transforming the nation into the socialist utopia envisioned by his mother and his father (whoever that may have been).

In the White House Obama has learned, much to his dismay, that he does not have the unmitigated power he expected. ("I can't just sign an Executive Order and close GITMO?" "Congress has the ability to vote down my proposals?" "Israel won't commit suicide at my demand?") Obama has discovered that he has to compromise, cooperate, persuade, and negotiate. Unfortunately for him, those are the skills of a leader—*skills he does not have*. His "skills" are mostly the ones he learned in Community Activism 101: bully, cheat, ridicule, and retaliate. Obama can read from a teleprompter and get a temporary high from adoring, if dim-witted, audiences, but he cannot govern. So he campaigns—when not plopped in front of a television watching basketball games.

Matthews thinks he saw the "real" Obama during the 2008 campaign, and now wonders what happened to that person. In fact, what Matthews saw during the campaign was an

artificial image created by Obama, fine-tuned by political strategist David Axelrod, and embellished by the mainstream media. What Matthews and the nation are seeing *now* is the “real” Obama: an unimaginative, arrogant, petulant, spoiled child with few skills beyond those of a con artist, and with no ability to deal with people—other than his leftist controllers, like advisor Valerie Jarrett.

In November 2012 we will find out if most Americans are better doctors than Chris Matthews.

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