Barack Obama began his political career by being a “community organizer” in Chicago. After that, his political rise was dizzying — from the Illinois state legislature to the U.S. Senate, and then to the White House.

Saul Alinsky (1909-1972), the son of Russian Jewish immigrants, wrote the book on community organizing and, as such, is the guru of all “community organizers” — a deceptively innocuous term for what Marxists used to call “agitprop” or agitators-propagandists. Alinsky was not the first to realize that successful Marxist revolutions depend on organizational prowess, but he was the first to write a “how to” organizational manual for aspiring Marxist revolutionaries in the United States — the now famous *Rules for Radicals: A Pragmatic Primer for Realistic Radicals* (1971). Alinsky’s ideas have been used by the Left in inner cities and college campuses. Hillary Clinton’s senior thesis at Wellesley College was on Alinsky. So influential is Alinsky that *Time* magazine once wrote that “American democracy is being altered by Alinsky’s ideas.” Even conservative author William F. Buckley said Alinsky was “very close to being an organizational genius.” Alinsky biographer Sanford Horwitt claims that not only did Obama follow Alinsky’s teachings as a Chicago-based community organizer, Obama’s 2008 presidential campaign was influenced by those teachings. Alinsky’s rules are also wielded by Internet trolls. Conservatives, therefore, should thoroughly acquaint ourselves with those rules, so that we can quickly recognize an Alinskyite, identify the tactic s/he is using against us and, even better, use those tactics against them. Here’s a brief summary of the rules (h/t *The Union News*):

**Alinsky’s 13 Rules for the Left:**

1. Power is not only what you have but what the enemy thinks you have.
2. Never go outside the experience of your people.
3. Whenever possible, go outside of the experience of the enemy.
5. Ridicule is man’s most potent weapon.
6. A good tactic is one that your people enjoy.
7. A tactic that drags on too long becomes a drag.
8. Keep the pressure on with different tactics and actions, and utilize all events of the period for your purpose.

9. The threat is usually more terrifying than the thing itself.

10. The major premise for tactics is the development of operations that will maintain a constant pressure upon the opposition.

11. If you push a negative hard and deep enough, it will break through into its counts.

die.

12. The price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative.

13. Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it.

My experience from 5 years of daily blogging is that the trolls who come onto FOTM typically resort to Alinsky Rules #4 and #5.

Christians must watch out for #4. Leftist trolls deploy it against Christians by invoking OUT OF CONTEXT Jesus’ injunction to “judge not,” as if Christ our Lord actually means for us not to distinguish right from wrong. On the contrary, He abhors the “lukewarm” — the fence-sitters who are stand for nothing, being neither hot nor cold. (See “Why we must admonish the wicked”)

It should give us pause to know that Alinsky was an admirer of Lucifer — the rebel angel so full of pride that he thought himself to be “as God,” who Jesus said “fell as lightning” and so became Satan. To begin with, Alinsky dedicated his book, *Rules for Radicals*, to Lucifer, aka the Devil:

There’s more. Alinsky so admired Lucifer he wanted to join Satan in Hell. In 1972, *Playboy* magazine did an interview with Saul Alinsky. Toward the end of the long interview, Alinsky was asked about death and the afterlife. Although Alinsky professed agnosticism about the existence of God, he said he was brought up by orthodox Jews and considered himself to be a devout Jew until the age of 12, after which he “went through some pretty rapid withdrawal symptoms and kicked the habit.” Nevertheless, he told *Playboy*, “But I’ll tell you one thing about religious identity, whenever anyone asks me my religion, I always say—and always will say—Jewish.” The *Playboy* interviewer then asked Alinsky: “Do you believe in any kind of afterlife?” This was Alinsky’s response:

“ALINSKY: Sometimes it seems to me that the question people should ask is not “Is there life after death?” but “Is there life after birth?” I don’t know whether there’s anything after this or not. I haven’t seen the evidence one way or the other and I don’t think anybody else has either. But I do know that man’s obsession with the question comes out of his stubborn refusal to face up to his own mortality. Let’s say that if there is an afterlife, and I have
anything to say about it, I will unreservedly choose to go to hell.

PLAYBOY: Why?

ALINSKY: Hell would be heaven for me. All my life I’ve been with the have-nots. Over here, if you’re a have-not, you’re short of dough. If you’re a have-not in hell, you’re short of virtue. Once I get into hell, I’ll start organizing the have-nots over there.

PLAYBOY: Why them?

ALINSKY: They’re my kind of people.”

Saul Alinsky died a few months after the interview, on June 12, 1972, and no doubt got his wish. See also:

- Obama, Lovechild of Saul Alinsky
- Obama Funded Alinsky Cadre School."

~Eowyn

Dr. Eowyn’s post first appeared at Fellowship of the Minds.

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**dissidentamazon** says:
September 11, 2014 at 6:28 pm

My rule for engaging marxists—don’t. Cut them off mercilessly, abruptly. Sheer hate is allowed towards sheer evil. Look at the millions they have killed. You have a right to hate them.

Reply

**Prof. Brian Bevan** says:
September 10, 2014 at 8:26 pm

Rebels can be good or bad. To me a rebel is an individual who has the ability to influence other people to listen and follow him/her along his chosen path. Sometimes I think the title of rebel creates the wrong impression of stating that the person is going against the current general norm.

I don’t think that Alinsky was necessarily consumed with hate but he was certainly a very clever and astute person and a man able with an extremely deep mind to create a book so compound with some brilliant thoughts and ideas.

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**anarchyst** says:
September 10, 2014 at 5:08 pm

...add Netanyahu and Kissinger to the list...

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**Prof. Brian Bevan** says:
September 10, 2014 at 8:31 pm

A lot of so called Patriots were called rebels to. Lincoln, Wallace, Hitler and many many more.

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**Kevininthemancave** says:
September 10, 2014 at 4:48 pm

This article about Alinsky shows a man who is consumed with hate, who wants to tear things apart because he chose a disruptive life. He is but one in a long line of rebels........Cain, Canaan, Nimrod, Esau, Abimalek, Goliath,......you get the picture.

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