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Alinsky: The Key to Understanding Obama

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Saul Alinsky was a hard left genius and a radical whose book, “Rules for Radicals,” has guided the operations of far-left politicians and radical activists for decades.

President Obama was himself trained in Alinskyite tactics and his administration is full of Alinsky followers—which is why it is right and correct to describe much of the program and many of the tactics of the Obama Administration as Alinskyite rather than liberal. Alinskyism is all about gaining and keeping power by the means of constant agitation, the cultivation of crisis atmosphere and the demonization and ridicule of opponents. Sound familiar?

Most of elite media commentators have never heard of much less read Alinsky’s Rules—but anyone seeking to understand the tactics and direction of President Obama as he nears the first anniversary of his election should study the book and the man behind the president.

I’m Hugh Hewitt.

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