

# The Obama Phenomenon

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Predictably, the rapid expansion of the federal government's powers, its relentless assault on traditional society and the attempted redistribution of wealth eroded protection for individual and community freedoms, weakened the sense of personal responsibility and altered the balance between human nature and individual morality. The result is a situation bearing the stamp of these transgressions. Exactly as the radical egalitarianism of the utopian socialists, fascists and communists was effective in the short run mainly because it masqueraded its authoritarianism in the guise of humanitarianism, Obama's "fundamental transformation" is characterized by increased bureaucratization and the federal government's gradual penetration into the smallest details of the individual's life and the intimate affairs of human existence. The Obama presidency is a failure because it reawakened the ugly ghosts of the anti-democratic foibles and the ideological extremism of the 20th century. Moreover, adding insult to injury, his presidency is a lie because it pretends to be constructively progressive while in reality it is destructively regressive.

Facing the verdict of a disillusioned electorate in November with his mismanagement of the nation's affairs, President Obama attempts to reinvigorate the ad-hoc coalition of diverse minorities, independents and the far left that gave him the victory in 2008. Yet, every time he turns toward the middle of the political spectrum to court the independents and the more conservative segments of various minorities, in the main they close their ranks to him. In the same token, he cannot afford to move farther to the left without completely losing the independents and a significant portion of the remaining minority votes. In this manner, condemned to hover between his ideological preferences and the realities of the present political situation, President Obama finds himself increasingly isolated in a fantasy-land of his own making in which wishful thinking is reality and ideological dogmas appear to be actual solutions. Clearly, these contradictions present an insurmountable political dilemma that resulted in the last eighteen months in a dangerous paralysis of the federal government. Ideologies not firmly rooted in acceptance by the majority of society cannot perpetuate themselves because they do not enjoy solid support. Since President Obama's extreme ideology and radical policies do not possess within themselves the strength necessary to win the support of the majority of the electorate, he has no other alternative but to embrace the final refuge of every radical and extremist, namely the morality as well as the politics of hatred.

Thus, the only real power that President Obama commands is the fear of the existentially threatened segments of society, and, consequently, his ability to provide sustenance for them. The power that is based on these sentiments is completely negative and cannot serve as a foundation for progress. The power that elevates the dogma of permanent class struggle among the various social groups in society to its final objective is also capable of destroying any

constructive countervailing idea. Commensurately, the President that values more his fidelity to a failed ideology embraced by his father and by some of his misguided compatriots in the 1960s for the sake of his and his ancestors' redemption to the detriment of a great nation and the rest of the world is not qualified to lead.

In their essence, President Obama's ideology and political philosophy are defeatists. Accordingly, his foreign policy is irrationally pacifist. In order to appease radical regimes that are bent to destroy the international order and friendly governments, he insults and betrays the United States' allies. In order to snatch victory out of the jaws of defeat in Iraq and Afghanistan, he preaches the virtues of compromise, but never speaks of the future intentions of both the current governments and their adversaries. In order to conceal his lack of strategies vis-à-vis Russia, China and the chaotic situations in Africa and the Middle East, he and his equally incompetent Secretary of State alternately praise and condemn the various political actors. By that he signals the world that the United States as the bastion of liberty has no reason to claim to be superior to those who espouse aggression and tyranny as the best strategy for their subjects in general and that of mankind in particular. For his incompetence and inability to protect and carry the principles of universal freedom and democracy into effect, he earned the enduring contempt of the rest of the world. But it is the American public that will decide whether President Obama receives a second term in office. Despite his political weakness, he can win reelection. Likewise, because of his weakness, he can be defeated. As a result, there will be a very spirited campaign to decide if the Obama phenomenon is just beginning or shortly coming to an end.