



Stupidity at the Top

My dictionary has several definitions for “stupid.” But the one I like best reads: “showing or resulting from a lack of normal intelligence; foolish; irrational; also used colloquially as a generalized term of disapproval.” So I am not entirely out of line by calling the Nobel Prize committee stupid and the award of the prestigious prize to President Barack Hussein Obama as an act of stupidity. And most of the world agrees with me. But they’re too kind to call the committee stupid. Remember, that this is the same committee that gave terrorist Arafat the Nobel Peace Prize, whose life-long ambition was to destroy Israel.



These days we see a lot of stupidity at the top: Congressmen ranting about global warming, carbon emissions, rising sea levels. Legislators unable to read a bill that will change American life fundamentally. A United Nations head who listens to the President of Iran threaten genocide against another member, and remains silent. Nancy Pelosi accusing Tea Party opponents of acting like Nazis. Billionaire criminal Madoff fleecing his fellow religionists of their wealth and destroying their ability to help others. Americans electing an Alinsky-trained community organizer as president. That’s political stupidity on a grand scale.

Then remember when Nancy Pelosi said that the National Healthcare Bill had to be enacted before you could read it? That kind of stupidity boggles the mind, yet Ms. Pelosi was the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Or the embarrassing moment for Attorney General Eric Holder at a House Judiciary Committee hearing, during questioning about his much publicized threat to challenge Arizona’s new immigrant enforcement law, when he was asked if he had read it. He admitted that he hadn’t. At least he was honest, but it also revealed that he was stupid to appear before the Committee without having read the law. Representative Poe of Texas offered to give Holder his copy, but the Attorney General was too embarrassed to accept it.

Then there was New York City Mayor Bloomberg’s proposal that salt in restaurant cooking be reduced and trans fats banned. That was followed by New York State Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, who introduced a bill that would ban the use of any salt in the preparation of restaurant food. “In this way,” Ortiz said, “consumers would have more control over the amount of sodium they intake.” Restaurant chefs, of course, called it a stupid idea. Sprinkling salt on a plate of food does not have the same effect as salt being cooked in the food during its preparation.

Our current airport security system is based on the stupid idea that every human being about to board a plane is assumed to be planning to commit suicide by blowing up the plane. This includes seniors in wheelchairs, toddlers, nuns, pilots, flight attendants, businessmen, movie stars, legislators, teachers, and everyone else. It should be easy enough to pick out of a group of passengers the one or two persons



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who look like they are planning to commit suicide by blowing up the plane. Especially if they've bought one-way tickets and have no luggage.

But stupidity reigns in our transportation security department which would rather subject all passengers to groping pat-downs rather than select those who look and act like terrorists. Both the shoe bomber and the underwear bomber not only looked like terrorists, but had red flags flying all over them. Yet, they got on the planes.

Another stupid move by two people at the top was made by the Clintons who persuaded Wellesley College to lock up Hillary's senior honors thesis in political science, a friendly evaluation of Saul Alinsky, entitled "There Is Only One Fight, An Analysis of the Alinsky Model." It indicated that Hillary had been heavily indoctrinated in Marxism, and that is why it was not available to the public to read when her husband was running for President. Indeed, David Brock, in his 1996 biography, *The Seduction of Hillary Rodham*, called her "Alinsky's daughter."

So now we know why Hillary's first move as First Lady was to organize an effort to enact a National Healthcare bill, which socialist Nancy Pelosi and Obama were to use later as their model. If David Brock called Hillary "Alinsky's daughter," Obama could be called "Alinsky's son." In fact, Alinsky's real son, in a letter to the *Boston Globe*, praised Obama for stirring up the masses at the Democratic National Convention in the Alinsky style. He said, "Obama learned his lesson well. I am proud to see that my father's model for organizing is being applied successfully."

Is it not interesting that the two contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination were both students of Saul Alinsky? And is it not interesting that a majority of Americans, in their ignorance, voted for one of them to become America's supreme leader? What did it? Ignorance or stupidity?

You decide.

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