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What Will Obama Do Now?

Times have certainly changed for former presidents. When Harry Truman left office in 1953, he drove himself and his wife home to Missouri, and existed on a meager Army pension. In stark contrast, after leaving office on January 20, now ex-President Barack Obama had only a two-mile trip to the high-dollar D.C. neighborhood of Kalorama, where he is renting an 8,200-square foot home with nine bedrooms and eight-and-a-half bathrooms.

The talk that a President Hillary Clinton might name Obama to the Supreme Court quickly vanished when she lost to Donald Trump in November. Others have mentioned that Obama, a big basketball fan, might buy into an NBA team, or become a sports league commissioner, while others note that he could go back to being a "constitutional law" professor. He certainly could use his own presidency for examples of how the Constitution was often disregarded.

"You can actually pursue an agenda," said Mark Updegrove, who runs the Lyndon Johnson Presidential Library. Obama's presence in the nation's capital will certainly cause the liberal national press corps to "seek out" his opinion, which he will probably be happy to provide.

That he will be the first president since Woodrow Wilson to remain in D.C. after his presidency gives us a clue, as do his own comments to some middle-school students last year: "I'll go back to doing the kind of work I was doing before."

Although not specifically what he was referring to in the above quote, the "kind of work" Obama did before includes being a "community organizer" in Chicago. In many ways, Obama's presidency was simply a continuation of this role as a community organizer.

Obama was a disciple of left-wing community organizer Saul Alinsky, the author of *Rules for Radicals*, a book dedicated to Lucifer, whom Alinsky called "the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment." In his book, Alinsky compared the community organizer to a labor union organizer: "He has taken a group of apathetic workers; he has fanned their resentments and hostilities by a number of means."

Throughout his presidency, Obama utilized this formula of fanning resentments and hostilities in order to increase the number of voters for his left-wing agenda. Not surprisingly, an Associated Press poll reveals that such divisive policies have certainly worked in dividing the country, as only 27 percent see America as more united as a result of his eight years in office.

A former organizer told *The New Republic* that Obama was "the undisputed master of agitation."

This divisive agitation, pursued by Obama throughout his tenure in the White House, not only drove some to the polls, but drove others into the streets. Comments such as his saying the Cambridge, Massachusetts, police "acted stupidly," or his racially divisive remarks ("if I had a son, he would look like Trayvon") have certainly contributed to the divide in the country.

While Obama has never overtly called for violence in any of his frequent remarks on local interactions between the police and citizens, he launched his political career in the living room of an unrepentant terrorist who did commit acts of violence as a leader of the Weather Underground — Bill Ayers.

Ayers, along with his wife Bernardine Dohrn, was involved in the 1970 bombing of a police station in San Francisco, which killed one person. One former Weatherman member, Larry Grathwohl, told a





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Senate subcommittee in 1974 that Ayers wanted to bomb the police officers' association building in Detroit "to coincide with the time when there would be the most people in those buildings."

Obama was introduced to Ayers by his state senator, Alice Palmer. In 1996, Palmer recruited Obama to run for her state senate post when she made an unsuccessful bid for Congress. Ten years earlier, she had attended the 27th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. In an interview with the communist *People's Daily World*, Palmer gushed with praise about the USSR: "The Soviets plan to provide people with higher wages and better education, health and transportation."

And the man she wanted to take her place in the Illinois Legislature was community organizer Barack Obama. He launched his political career with a fundraiser at Bill Ayers' home in Hyde Park. When Ayers' radical past emerged as an issue when Obama ran for president in 2008, Obama dismissed Ayers as just an English professor and "some guy in the neighborhood."

Speaking to Vietnamese youth during his trip to Vietnam last year, Obama noted that he is "relatively young" and planned to use the rest of his life "developing young leaders in the United States and around the world." As Alinsky and Ayers influenced the young Obama, Americans can expect Obama to inspire yet another generation of left-wing community organizers.



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