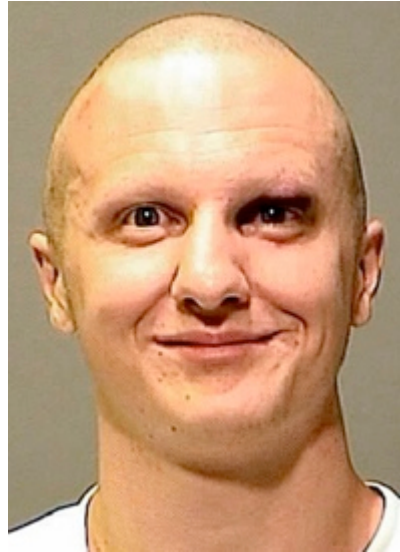




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## Arizona Shooter's Leftist Connections To Ayers, Obama

Far from being a tool of the Right, it appears as if Jared Loughner, the notorious mass murderer who killed six persons last week in Arizona, was schooled in a program hatched by that American terrorist par excellence, Bill Ayers. World Net Daily reports that Loughner was a student in one of Ayers' radical education projects. And the man who ran the program, WND adds, is "a former top communist activist who is an associate of Ayers."



By now, everyone knows Loughner (left). Last week, he [mowed down](#) 18 persons outside a shopping center in Tucson, Ariz. Six people died, including federal judge John M. Roll and a nine-year-old girl. Critically wounded was Rep. [Gabrielle Giffords](#), a sometime conservative Democrat.

Police had barely put the cuffs on Loughner when the leftist media and its commentators, such as former [Enron advisor Paul Krugman](#), a [columnist](#) at the *New York Times*, [quickly blamed](#) conservatives [for inciting](#) Loughner's mad attack.

Turns out, however, [he went](#) to a high school associated with radicals and communists — most notably, Ayers. The school program to which the high school was attached was funded by the [Chicago Annenberg Challenge](#), whose chairman at the time was Barack Obama.

We all know who [he is](#).

### Bill Ayers

For those unschooled in the history of American radical politics, Bill Ayers was a [Weather Underground](#) terrorist from the 1960s. He is the likely culprit behind the murder of San Francisco policeman Brian McDonnell. As [this website described](#) the crime in its article on Ayers:

That grim day in 1970, the Park Police station was busy with officers coming and going at a watch change, as former officer James Pera described it at a press conference held by America's Survival. Unbeknownst to Sgt. Brian McDonnell and his comrades in blue, the Weathermen planted a bomb on a window ledge just outside the station.

The murderers hoped that setting the bomb to detonate at a shift change would obliterate dozens of cops. Fortunately, it exploded a few minutes too early, but unfortunately for McDonnell, it was timed perfectly to catch him in the blast. Just across the room from the window, McDonnell was checking teletypes when the bomb exploded, sending fence staples and lead bullets into McDonnell's neck, eyes, face, and brain. Another officer lost an eye. Others retired on disability because of damaged hearing.

Police believe the Weathermen planted the bomb and murdered McDonnell. Informant [Larry Gratwohl](#),



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who testified before a committee of the U.S. Senate, remembers Ayers' comments in the aftermath of the bombing:

It was a success. But it's a shame when someone like Bernadine [Dohrn] has to make all the plans, make the bomb and then place it herself. She should have to do only the planning.

To this day, Ayers avers that he never hurt anyone — a flat-out lie. Of course, the mainstream media believe Ayers, either from gullibility or sympathy, but in more candid moments Ayers flatly admits that he did, indeed, perpetrate bombings. As he told the *New York Times* on September 11, 2001, ironically enough, "I don't regret setting bombs. I feel we didn't do enough." Then there is his book, *Fugitive Days*, where he admits his role "in the bombings of New York City Police Headquarters in 1970, of the Capitol building in 1971, and the Pentagon in 1972," or his simple rendition of what radicals must do: "Kill all the rich people.... Kill your parents." Beyond that, he admitted to David Horowitz, a former comrade in the radical revolution, that he was, indeed, guilty. "I interviewed Ayers ten years ago," Horowitz writes at his website, *Front Page* magazine, "in a kindergarten classroom in uptown Manhattan where he was employed to shape the minds of inner city children. Dressed in bib overalls with golden curls rolling below his ears, Ayers reviewed his activities as a terrorist for my tape recorder. When he was done, he broke into a broad, Jack Horner grin and summed up his experience: 'Guilty as hell. Free as a bird. America is a great country.'"

Free as a bird is right. Ayers and Dohrn went underground in 1970 after the failed [Fort Dix plot](#), hiding from the police until they finally surfaced and surrendered in 1980.

### **The Ayers-Loughner Connection**

Despite the terrorist acts on his résumé, [Ayers](#) landed a job teaching at the University of Illinois, from which he retired on a taxpayer-subsidized pension. There, instead of planting bombs, he planted his radical ideas. His targets in some cases were children who attended member schools of his [Small Learning Community](#). One of those kids was Loughner, whose [Mountain View High School](#) participated in Ayers' radical consortium.

The man running those "communities" is a Red named [Mike Klonsky](#), [WND reports](#). Klonsky directs what is called the [Small School Workshop](#), of which the Smaller Learning Community is a part.

Mountain View was part of the Smaller Learning Communities throughout Loughner's entire attendance there, from 9th grade until he withdrew without graduating before his senior year.

The high school received grants to research the concepts of Smaller Learning Communities and work to implement them. ...

Smaller Learning Communities had its conceptual genesis in 1991, when Ayers founded a group, Small Schools Workshop, which provides training and resources to teach schools on how to implement the Smaller Learning Communities. ...

Ayers' Small Schools Workshop has the stated goal of providing support for teachers who want to create smaller learning environments. Ayers reportedly recruited a radical activist, Mike Klonsky, to head the Workshop. Klonsky still serves as director. ...

In 1995, with Obama as its chairman, the newly formed [Chicago Annenberg Challenge](#), or CAC, a school reform organization, gave the Workshop a grant of \$175,000. The CAC provided another \$482,662 to the Workshop over the next few years.

Ayers was on a working group of five that originally founded the Chicago Annenberg Challenge.



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Correspondence shows Ayers was instrumental in recruiting Obama to serve as the CAC's first chairman.

The [Maoist communist Klonsky](#) is a longtime associate of [Ayers](#) and his terrorist wife, [Bernardine Dohrn](#), [WND reports](#). "In the 1970s, Klonsky became a top communist activist and leader of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party. He reportedly identified as a Maoist, and traveled in 1977 to Beijing, where [he held](#) friendly meetings with the Chinese leadership."

Two of Loughner's favorite books, according to his YouTube channel, are [The Communist Manifesto](#) and Adolf Hitler's [Mein Kampf](#).

One of Loughner school friends, [WND reports](#), said he was "quite liberal" and "more left."

"As I knew him," Caitie Parker wrote at her [Twitter](#) account, "he was left wing, quite liberal and oddly obsessed with the 2012 prophecy."

Loughner's roots are in the radical Left.

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