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## Obama Belonged to Radical Socialist “New Party” in 1996

Stanley Kurtz, in his June 7 article [“Obama’s Third-Party History”](#) for National Review Online, reports that Barack Obama’s connection to far-left radicals is much more recent than had been previously thought. On January 11, 1996, Kurtz notes, Obama joined the New Party, a radical socialist political movement deeply opposed to capitalism and of the opinion that the Democratic Party was far too moderate. The New Party sought to transform America into the sort of socialist democracy that is common in Europe.



Perhaps more importantly, Kurtz notes that when he first raised this issue in *National Review* a few weeks before the 2008 presidential election, the Obama campaign dismissed his story as a “crackpot smear,” firmly maintaining that their candidate had belonged to only one political party his whole life — the Democratic Party. On the Obama campaign’s “Fight the Smears” website Carol Harwell stated: “Barack did not solicit or seek the New Party endorsement for the state senate in 1995.”

Kurtz bases his proof of Obama’s membership in the New Party on documents obtained from the Illinois ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) records at the Wisconsin Historical Society. Obama also signed a contract, Kurtz reveals, in which he promised that while in office he would publicly support and associate himself with the New Party. Kurtz quotes from the January 11, 1996 minutes of the Chicago chapter of the New Party:

Barack Obama, candidate for State Senate in the 13th Legislative District, gave a statement to the membership and answered questions. He signed the New Party “Candidate Contract” and requested an endorsement from the New Party. He also joined the New Party.

The National Review Online article notes that the Chicago chapter of the New Party listed Obama as a party member beginning in early 1997.

Kurtz then identifies several different threads that tie Barack Obama to radical Marxism, which include these facts:

- His father wrote a paper which advocated 100% taxation of the rich, communal ownership of land and confiscation of private property, and penned an article in Kenya entitled “The Problems Facing Our Socialism”;
- His mother was a Communist sympathizer who had been described as a “fellow traveler” while she was alive, whose teachers at Mercer Island High School forced students to read the *Communist Manifesto*;
- His parents met in a Russian language class;
- His mentor was known Communist Party member Frank Marshall Davis and in Hawaii from 1971 to 1979, Davis treated Obama like a son;
- His brother Roy Obama is a Marxist, and also a radical Muslim;



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- His cousin Odinga is also a Marxist and a radical Muslim who seeks to establish Shariah courts in Kenya;
- He attended a socialist conference at Copper Union;
- He was hand picked by Illinois State Senator Alice Palmer to succeed her, and Palmer attended the 27th Communist Party Congress in the Soviet Union;
- His campaign for the Illinois State Senate was organized by avowed Marxists Bill Ayers (pictured above) and Bernadette Dorhn.

The evidence which Kurtz (and others) have assembled to show the deep immersion of Barack Obama in Marxism is overwhelming. The latest proof, his membership as recently as 15 years ago in the radical socialist New Party, shows his Marxist upbringing remained with him and, crucially, that he has concealed that information from Americans.

*Photo: William Ayers addresses an education group on Nov. 14, 2009 in Omaha, Neb. Ayers was a founder of the Weather Underground, a group that claimed responsibility for bombing several government buildings. His ties to Barack Obama became an issue in the 2008 U.S. presidential campaign.: AP Images*



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