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## **Klein: Bill Ayers, communist provided Arizona shooter's curriculum? High school part of learning community funded jointly by Obama and domestic terrorist**

January 10, 2011 by [Brenda J. Elliott](#)

Footage of a 1969 interview with Michael Klonsky and Bernardine Dohrn, leaders of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)

Aaron Klein, Jerusalem bureau chief for World Net Daily, [reports](#):

Jared Lee Loughner, the suspected gunman in Saturday's Arizona shooting, attended a high school that is

part of a network in which teachers are trained and provided resources by a liberal group founded by Weatherman terrorist Bill Ayers and funded by President Obama, WND has learned.

The group, Small Schools Workshop, has been led by a former top communist activist who is an associate of Ayers.

Obama provided the group with funds in the 1990s, when he worked at an education reform group alongside Ayers.

Loughner attended Mountain View High School, which is part of Arizona's Marana Unified School District.

Since 2003, Mountain View has been part of what is known as the Smaller Learning Community, a network of schools that have been restructured to create a more personalized learning environment where students often share the same teachers and student members from grade to grade.

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.

Ayers himself is considered one of the fathers of the Smaller Learning Communities, often providing lectures to schools on the subject. For example, a 2001 lecture at Lewis & Clark College featured Ayers at a workshop entitled, "A Simple Justice: Building Smaller Learning Communities to Know Our Youth."

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.

Small Schools Workshop is a recommended agent for how to implement smaller schools curriculum, including at Loughner's alma mater, Mountain View.

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.

The Small Schools Workshop was originally associated with the University of Illinois in Chicago, where Klonsky previously taught in the education department alongside Ayers, who retired from the university last year. The group was headquartered for a time inside the university's department of education building.

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

Ayers served as co-chairman of the Chicago School Reform Collaborative, one of the two operational arms of the CAC.

Klonsky served with Ayers and Ayers' wife, former Weatherman terrorist Bernardine Dohrn, in the Students for a Democratic Society group (see video above), a major leftist student organization in the 1960s that later splintered, with Ayers and Dohrn leading a more activist approach with the Weatherman. Klonsky reportedly favored less aggressive tactics, promoting the philosophy that young workers possessed the potential to be a revolutionary force to overthrow capitalism.

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.

In a book, "Revolution in the Air," author Max Elbaum, himself a former Maoist activist, recounts that in Beijing, Klonsky toasted the Chinese Stalinist leadership who, in turn, hailed the formation of his Communist Party group as "reflecting the aspirations of the proletariat and working people," effectively recognizing Klonsky's organization as the all-but-official U.S. Maoist party.

In a brief conversation with WND in September 2008, Klonsky would not state whether he is still a communist. He did not deny his associations with Ayers or his communist activism in the 1970s.

Loughner, meanwhile, posted on his YouTube channel a number of books he listed as his "favorites."

The books read more like a high school curriculum. They include Animal Farm, Brave New World, The Odyssey, Alice Adventures Into Wonderland, Fahrenheit 451, To Kill A Mockingbird, One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest, and some unsavory titles such as The Communist Manifesto and Hitler's Mein Kampf.

WND was first to [report](#) Caitie Parker, who went to high school, college and was in a band with the gunman, labeled Loughner as "quite liberal" and "more left" on her Twitter account.

In her Twitter postings, Parker wrote of Loughner, "As I knew him he was left wing, quite liberal and oddly obsessed with the 2012 prophecy."

She also described him as "more left."

*With research by Danette Clark and Brenda J. Elliott*

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1. on [January 10, 2011 at 1:43 pm](#) | [Reply](#)  bg

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*i believe most of what she stated is meant for students ears so to speak..*

[Frances Fox Piven Rings in The New Year By Calling for Violent Revolution](#)

[She's considered by many as the grandmother of using the American welfare state to implement revolution. Make people dependent on the government, overload the government rolls, and once government services become unsustainable, the people will rise up, overthrow the oppressive capitalist system, and finally create income equality. [Collapse the system and create a new one](#). [.]

In a chilling and almost unbelievable editorial again in The Nation ("Mobilizing the Jobless," January 10/17, 2011 edition), she calls on the jobless to rise up in a violent show of solidarity and force. As before, those calls are dripping with language of class struggle. Language she and her late husband Richard Cloward made popular in the 60s.

"So where are the angry crowds, the demonstrations, sit-ins and unruly mobs?" she writes.[.]

"[T]he out-of-work have to stop blaming themselves for their hard times and turn their anger on the bosses, the bureaucrats or the politicians who are in fact responsible."

Only then, once their rage has been properly stoked, can the angry take action. And when they do, sh[e] says, the "protesters need targets."

For Piven, the best "targets" are the people or organizations "capable of making some kind of response to angry demands." Regular demands, notice, just won't do. No, people must be fired up and not easily deterred. Angry and not quickly placated.[.]

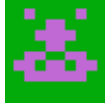
*seems to me that Jared and Frances have a lot in "creative" common, they also repeat their "creative" selves quite often..*

the only reason i can think of as to why the idiots can't see the writing on the wall is, they are the ones writing on it..

*which, in turn, is why they see us as being the idiots, and so far i have to agree, also wouldn't say we*

(the American people) have the advantage at the moment, and [imho](#), it's only going to worsen.. :-(

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2. on [January 10, 2011 at 1:50 pm](#) / [Reply](#) [msbets](#)

It doesn't take a blind man with both hands tied behind his back, nor is it brain surgery or rocket science, ayers, piven and van jones have been stirring the pot of commie and marxists land for years, then soros comes along and gets this cretin elected to our oval office and reeks havoc with it, and then cry foul, when we the people say stick it, bottom up, top down and inside out, these are the words of the pig van jones.



3. on [January 10, 2011 at 11:32 pm](#) / [Reply](#) [A.](#)

I hate to say it but Ayer's influence seems to be pervasive higher ed courses that grant degrees in education. I recently witnessed one professor quoting Ayers to his class, first prefacing the quote by asking students if they knew who Ayers was. The students did not and the prof told them he was an educator from Chicago who had written many important books on education. Never was one word spoken about Ayers the Weather Underground would-be murderer, Ayers the flag trampler, Ayers the Obama pusher.

No, Ayers was a wonderful person. Then the professor handed out "educational material for the educator" that was clearly full of an agenda of social change and marxism. Sickening.



4. on [January 11, 2011 at 6:10 am](#) / [Reply](#) [Tony Lorizio](#)

"We are going to replace capitalism with socialism." That is the last line spoken in the video that begins this blog post.

Bravo for connecting the dots between Ayers, Dorn, Obama, socialism/communism and the murderous acts of Jared Lee Loughner. In true Saul Alinsky fashion, the left immediately accuses their opposition of doing what they are doing. Violence is part of the socialist agenda. As is noted in an earlier post, Frances Fox Piven calls for the necessity for violent revolution as does former Obama administration czar Van Jones.

The fact that those of anti-American persuasion have infiltrated the educational system provides the basis for a substantive argument in support of returning education control to local authorities. One now has evidence that the Department of Education and some of the non-profit educational foundations can be compromised by socialist radicals. While the education issue is gargantuan and needs/deserves separate analysis, the connection between Ayers and Obama is information that must

be shared with the citizenry.

As a member of “We the People” who is fortunate enough to have formal education and experience in economics, international trade, history and the structure and application of the Constitution of the United States, it is appalling to witness how the Obama regime and the alphabet media ignore issues and individuals that are controversial and potentially harmful to the present peace and future of the culture of America. Both Obama and the media are beginning to be held accountable.

The November elections were surely an intelligent outcry by the electorate. The dramatic removal of those in Congress supporting the Obama socialist agenda is a reality. While the efforts may continue, Obama and his Aklinskyites have been unable to spin the voice of the people into an unimportant and meaningless aberration.

The major networks are continuing to lose viewers. All one need do is Google the following phrase: “current ratings of the major networks.” One will find myriad examples of progressively (I dislike that word) reducing audiences for the major networks. One is also sure that the advertisers will only tolerate the ratings decline for so long before capitalism will force the networks to alter their ideological non-reporting of the news.

The wonder of the free enterprise system (Adam Smith’s invisible hand) combined with the freedoms protected by the Constitution for “We the People” will rein supreme. Thank goodness for the ballot box!

The evidence offered for the assertion is that as a blogger, a blog contributor and one who subscribes to many, many social networks, blogs and news services, “We the People” continue to be prolific and intelligent in the discourse against the Obama socialist agenda. The chatter is as active now as the month before the November election. Any wonder why Obama wants to control the internet?

“We the People” are staying awake and alert to the intrusions into liberty that Obama, his czars and the many socialist/communist non-profit organizations (many funded by Soros) continue to sponsor.

This writer is reminded of a brilliant assessment by one of the Founding Fathers. Sam Adams said, “It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people’s minds.”

Thank you for providing a regular source for intellectual kindling wood in this BLOG.



5. on [January 12, 2011 at 12:55 am](#) / [Reply](#) [Steve Diamond, Woodside, CA](#)

Oops, sloppy research once again: the SLC program at Marana was funded by the US Department of Education under, wait for it, President Bush.



o on [January 12, 2011 at 5:09 am](#) / [Reply](#) [Brenda J. Elliott](#)

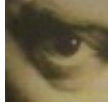
Ooops, Steve, letting this comment through. You need to re-read the post. Nowhere does it say this funding for Marana schools was under the Obama admin. It says it was there from at least 2003 forward (i.e. Bush admin). No mention is made of when the district got its funding or from whom.

What it says is that the smaller learning communities/small schools guidance IN GENERAL began with CAC funding under Ayers and Obama. Look for that word "founded" you must have missed.

So sad when we jump to conclusions that are not there. You'd think a college prof could connect the dots without having to provide a color-by-the-numbers post for him, wouldn't you?

Haste makes waste, Steve.

P.S. Have you seen our research? Didn't think so.

- o on [January 12, 2011 at 11:30 am](#) | [Reply](#)  Room 101

Wow, nice drive-by. What is the motivation for such behavior?

Dr. Diamond's latest book ranking on Amazon: #2,324,488

Klein/Elliott book ranking on Amazon: #39,919, and in top 100 for appropriate categories.

I guess the green-eyed monster can always show up, no matter how old we are.

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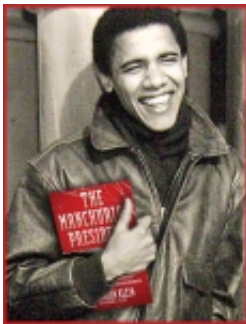




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