

## LEADERSHIP

*Leadership, the art of persuasion, follow-up and supervision, taking responsibility for one's actions are all part of the parameter. Mayor Giuliani's quick move to grab the reins of leadership before and after 9/11 – to settle things, decide, and accept responsibility along with General Eisenhower's transcribing his acceptance of blame before the invasion of France are examples of real leadership in time of crisis. There can be no rationalization, equivocation, or blame seeking. One is responsible for what his administration(or Army)does or does not do.*

*This President often seems the product of the classroom, the debating platform, and the political and academic associations made instead of the helmsman on the ship of state. His lack of experience in real leadership positions surfaces and he comes off, often, as a faux leader of artificial and synthetic persona and many question his decisions, programs and results. Too he remains an enigma and many wonder as to his values and ideology. Is he a Christian, Muslim or both or neither, and therein lies the rub with this man.*

*'Dreams from his Father', an early book reveals the black-white relationships of the colonial era and the influence of his Kenyan father was apparently strong although brief. Though the 'chains' were gone, the power of white majority prevailed much like Reconstruction after the slaves were freed in the early South. Unknown perhaps is the influence of W.E.B. DuBois, eternally in search of 'real black freedom' and their place in the sun. Continual 'rantings' couched in so-called 'Liberation Theology'(Jeremiah Wright) must have etched in part on the Obama psyche. Then.... was the 'Chicago Mafia' as some would depict – a hotbed of intellectual, political and influential dogma, some absorbed and some, perhaps ignored. A revolutionary aura prevalent in the sixties caught the eye and mind of young Obama-Ayers, Dohrn and others sought 'regime' change because of the imperfections of society and American*

*attitudes and wars. David Horowitz, a rebel of many causes, born of Communist parents, now rehabilitated as a conservative reminds of Saul Alinsky, the consummate 'community organizer' (Reveille for Radicals) cites an early disciple (Obama) whose relationship with Acorn suggests an organization of suspect goals and one in trouble over voter fraud. Alinsky was said to make the revolution, taking from the haves and letting the 'field' become more equal for the have-nots with a theme of 'Lenin' type communism where even this perfect society reveals some more 'equal' than others. To be fair, Obama, could have listened, analyzed and rejected much of the aforementioned as not his thing. Yet, it resonates in the background of this man.*

*In a recent piece, prescient, Victor Davis Hanson takes us on a trek called "Rethinking George Bush" and suggests that Obama/Biden have begun inferring Bush did some good: Guantanamo, military tribunals, wiretaps, predator drone attacks and Afghan/Iraq policies and Bush' reluctance to criticize Obama is magnanimous and classy. "America woke up from its 2008 trance that Bush was never as bad, or Obama as good as advertised."*

*Dinesh D'Souza (How Obama Thinks) ends a thorough piece in Forbes: suggests that "Trapped in his father's time machine-Obama visit to the grave of a father he hardly knew-to believe this philandering, inebriated African socialist, who raged against the colonialism even after it was over-to live out a dream of his father in reincarnation." D'Souza, an Indian, recalls his youth and stories of British colonization of India. To D'Souza 'America is governed by a ghost.'*

*This may seem harsh, a capsule of Barack Obama in his time of travail but a leader of wisdom, depth, integrity and one who wishes to cite America's credits, its openness, rather than apologetics, and an recognition of the fanatical and world-seeking tentacles of Islam seems beyond him in recompense.*

*A midterm awaits the decision of this man's leadership deficiencies and lack of strategic foresight.*

