

## **America under Attack from Within**

America has been covertly under attack for the last century. A struggle to determine whose version of America will survive – ours or theirs. Their weapon of choice is “in your face” confrontation, and they have perfected it. But when we lose, or even avoid, such confrontations with the left, it is mainly because we don’t know how to effectively combat them. We are then reduced to fighting a defensive battle, something we have been doing for the last 50 years, or more.

Today, their tactics are no longer a secret. They treasure Saul Alinsky’s *Rules for Radicals*, just like we do *The Bible*. They are very open about their ultimate objective: To fundamentally transform America, which they have been doing one step at a time. In the eyes of the Progressive Left, it is winner take all. There is no prize for finishing second. Compromise to them is merely a temporary bump in the road. Compromise to us is a welcomed relief.

Some feel that the fate of America is sealed and that they will complete their quest within the next decade, or even sooner. Groups are publically calling on the President to annihilate his opponents and quash their ideology. There is a growing movement to rewrite our Constitution; a version that will contain all the tenants of the left – in other words, Marxism.

Even though America as we know it has been slipping away and that we may be running out of time, we must recognize that we can take advantage of the left’s many weaknesses and leverage their mistakes to our advantage.

But we first need to understand why we are losing this battle? We know that our conservative values and principles are sound and defensible; therefore, if it’s not our ideas, then what is it?

We have to come to grips with the fact that ideology alone doesn’t win or lose battles – methods and tactics do. Our conservative methodology and tactics of combating the left are our problem. In fact, the average conservative has little knowledge regarding the techniques he or she unconsciously uses in political battle. They often linger under the misapprehension that being right, in the sense of being correct, is sufficient to win.

If you can prove you're right, you will prevail. Or perhaps if you pull out your pocket Constitution and quote a Founding Father or two, then victory will follow. While that may sound good at the dinner table, or at Republican gatherings, that's not the reality of what it takes to win in the political arena.

Can we really expect to reach workers getting paid minimum wage with arguments about fiscal responsibility, or win over unemployable single moms by reciting the evils of government handouts? Can we really expect to fight donation-upselling or drunk bombs via smart phone technology by quoting the Constitution to young people who have been indoctrinated their whole lives and believe that the Founders were evil slave owners? It *would* be nice to win elections by convincing voters that our ideas are true and just, but I'm afraid the battle is going to be much harder, more calculated and more soulless.

Victory in political battles in the long run is determined by the number and the effectiveness of the activists on the respective sides, and the rules of engagement that they decide to play by. The Progressives think that their version of America is the right one, but they have long ago realized that it takes more than being right to prevail – it takes successful tactics and a winning game plan. When are *we* going to understand that? What *is* the game plan for conservatives?

Hence, to effectively combat the left, we need to know them as well, if not better, than we know ourselves. We need to understand their tactics and why their style of confrontation is so effective. We must learn to recognize who they are, including those Progressives who are within our own party. We need to learn how to stand up to them, which means learning the art of *effective* confrontation and public debate, along with knowing how to win elections in the digital age of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We need to honestly examine our methods and understand why it is that we do the things that we do, before we can successfully understand, engage, take on, and defeat our fuzzy friends and liberal acquaintances, and begin to restore our nation to the America as it was envisioned to be.