The Roots of Obama's Rage by Dinesh DSouza

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The Roots of Obama’s Rage reveals Obama for who he really is: a man driven by the anti-colonial ideology of his father and the first American president to actually seek to reduce America’s strength, influence, and standard of living. Controversial and compelling, The Roots of Obama’s Rage is poised to be the one book that truly defines Obama and his presidency.
Wherever you land on the political spectrum -- left, right, or somewhere in the center -- Dinesh D'Souza's THE ROOTS OF OBAMA'S RAGE is a riveting, compelling call to listen more carefully to the visionary, political ideology of Barack Obama's first book, DREAMS FROM MY FATHER.

I am not sure but that those on the far left may find encouragement from D'Souza's book, as disconcerting as that may be for those in the center or the right. It's a fair assessment, though, mostly free of the exaggerated rhetoric one might expect from a conservative.

In short, D'Souza argues that President Obama is living out the dreams and ambitions of his absent, socialist father, who attempted but failed to counter colonialism in Africa. In President Obama's case, though, there is a global concern which identifies America as a world colonizing oppressor and the rest of the world as colonized or oppressed by America. That is, Obama intends to bring America down to size.

Applied domestically, the colonizers are the wealthy (the have's) in our country -- big business, banks, car manufacturing companies, etc. and the colonized-oppressed are everyone else (the have not's). Because Obama views the colonizers (whether America or the wealthy) as perpetrating an injustice on others, Obama intends to use the power of his office to subdue them and redistribute their wealth and power both as a sort of penance for past sins and as a matter of equality.

D'Souza suggests that there are three Obamas. Obama I is the centrist, liberty-loving, even patriotic-sounding unifier of the country represented by his eloquent speech at the Democratic convention in 2004: "There is not a liberal America and a conservative America; there is a United States of America." In this speech, we also hear Obama declare: "This is the true genius of America...That we can say what we think, write what we think, without hearing a sudden knock on the door...That we can participate in the political process without fear of retribution."

D'Souza comments: "We haven't seen very much of Obama I in the White House" (p. 19). My guess is that American enchantment with Obama I is what got him elected, notwithstanding a number of red flags which should have dis-enchanted everyone. D'Souza also thinks that many of those who voted for Obama still see him as Obama I. On the other hand, D'Souza suggests that there is an Obama II, "a very different character": one who "lambasts the banks and investment houses and forces them to succumb to federal control...who gives it to the pharmaceutical and the health insurance companies, bending them to his will...who demonizes his predecessor and his opponents, portraying them as the source of all the
problems only he can solve" -- who in all this has been anything but bipartisan, unifying, or concerned about what the majority of the American people want or think.

Also, under Obama II, we have a president and administration doing things that to my knowledge no U.S. president has ever done: he is using the executive branch to marginalize news sources not in his favor. What I mean is that Obama is not saying (as one might expect from the president), "Come let us reason together." Rather, we've heard him say, "Don't listen to that radio talk show host" or "Don't watch that news network." What? Don't listen? Don't watch? What next? Don't read? Don't think? Don't disagree? Just follow? It is as if President Obama is fundamentally unschooled in the meaning and importance of the First Amendment, when he ought to be the exemplar of such.

Ironically, D'Souza notes in his Acknowledgements that some of the people who helped him write this book asked not to be mentioned by name because "they worried they might attract the unhelpful scrutiny of the Obama administration" (p. 220). They said, "Trust me...you don't want those guys coming after you." Remember what Obama declared: "We can say what we think...without hearing a sudden knock on the door"? Guess what? Obama II is the man behind "those guys coming after you" and knocking on your door just because you said what you think. Obama likes to say to those who disagree with him or get in his way: "We'll call you out." We now know he means that to be taken as ominously as it sounds.

But there is an Obama III, the aforementioned one with an agenda of anti-colonialism, which "transcends and reconciles" Obama I and II -- explaining many things along the way, including the twenty years of Obama's sitting under Rev. Wright's anti-American preaching.

Such is the carefully documented, engaging and reasoned argument of D'Souza's book. The blurb on the front cover is right: "Stunning...the most profound insight I have read in the last six years about Barack Obama."

No matter what your political persuasion, read this book, and you'll be able to understand better what Barack Obama is all about? Why? Because you and I are presently living in the dreams from Obama's father. It might be good to know what those dreams are, how we are fitting into them, what we may expect from our president in the future -- at least until the American people come to their senses.

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