

A Special Report  
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the demonic spiritual  
forces at play in our  
nation's crises.

# ROOTS OF REBELLION

An IFA Special Report on the violent movements in  
our nation, and the demonic roots behind them.

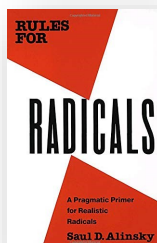
## An evil agenda as old as time.

It's a fact that we live in a fallen world in the midst of a spiritual battle. The structures that operate within our world that are not empowered by a redemptive Christ are empowered by spirits of darkness. The fruit of some of those agendas, plans, structures, and organizations reveal the power spurring them on. Let's take a look at the ideas and agendas behind the havoc we are witnessing in our nation.

**“Lest we forget at least and over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins—or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom—Lucifer.”**

—Saul Alinsky, *Rules for Radicals*.

It is true that Satan is the first radical known to man. Rebellion is not only the original sin, but the “sin that keeps on giving” in our world today. Our world's history is filled with acts of rebellion, which gives way to other spirits—hate, greed, fear, violence, deception, and more.



The strategies described in *Rules for Radicals* (based on rebellion, honoring Lucifer), espousing philosophies and methods of radical thinking and acting, are playing out in America *today* on the streets of many U.S. cities. But the planning and implementation of this type of strategy was laid out far before the explosive rioting that took place, and before the tragic killing of George Floyd. The planning and

implementation has been in the works for decades in our nation.

**Communism isn't dead.** One of the most effective vehicles for societal disruption is the ideological system of communism. The very foundation of communism is dependence on the state, which ensures control of the state. Power is centralized in an elite class of rulers. The lie that people are told is that it is a governmental system (often sold by another friendly-sounding name, such as Democratic socialism, for example), that offers equality and freedom, as well as reward for the “little guy.” Not true. The lies starts at the root of the communist ideology inception. [Karl Marx](#), born into a [German Jewish turned protestant family](#), became enamored and influenced by the teachings of his atheist professor while at Berlin University. He learned about a cyclical societal process—when a new idea conflicts with existing society, a greater, more meritorious society evolves. Marx later co-authored *The Communist Manifesto*, describing religion as an “opiate of the people,” preventing evolution from the “evil” capitalism to the more “emancipated” system of communism. Remember this as you read more: **Communism developed out of an atheist worldview and hostility toward religion, with the idea that revolution (a violent clash) brings about the next, better system.** Certainly we see today that the university teachings of atheistic professors breed rebellious ideas and ingrain them into our students. This isn't a recent phenomenon, it was happening over 100 years ago. It is also worth noting that Karl Marx, born a Jew, was an aggressive anti-Semite and racist, often [writing hatefully](#) about blacks and Jews. The system he founded was steeped in prejudice.



## There *is* a plan.

The [Cloward-Piven Strategy](#) is the modern brainchild of two American students of Marxism, Richard Cloward and Frances Fox Piven. Moving a culture toward socialism and communism begins with this: orchestrate a crisis so the government can “solve” it. This is playing out before our eyes. The four steps of the Cloward-Piven Strategy are:

1. Overload and break the systems
2. Have chaos ensue
3. Take control in the chaos
4. Implement socialism and communism through government force and control.

As you see these in operation today, intercede! The enemy is seeking to wrestle control, usurping our God-given freedom. In any Marxist society, the church is the enemy of the state. It is a natural outworking of a spiritual battle.

## Here is where we see that strategy applied:

1. **Healthcare**— Control healthcare and control the people.
2. **Poverty** – Increase the poverty level—poor people are easier to control and will not fight back when the government provides everything for them to live.
3. **Debt** – Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.
4. **Gun Control** – Remove the ability of citizens to defend themselves from the government in order to create a police state.
5. **Welfare** – Take control of every aspect of their lives (Food, Housing, and Income).
6. **Education** – Take control of schools and what people read and hear.
7. **Religion** – Remove belief in God from government and schools.
8. **Class Warfare** – Divide people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to tax the wealthy with the support of the poor.

*These strategies, from Vladimir Lenin, are eerily consistent with the policies of the left and the governmental response to the coronavirus. **Pray for Americans to recognize the incremental transfer of power from personal responsibility to government control and to speak out against it. Pray [John 3:20](#).***

## Praying about the spiritual roots of rebellion.

As covered in the recent [HeadlinePrayer article](#) by IFA staff, here are some prayer strategies to use to oppose the spirits we see at work in the nation. We must address the issues we see by praying about the root and the power behind these manifestations.

**Where there is chaos, pray for and act in the opposite spirit: peace and order.**

**Where there is hate, pray for and act in the opposite spirit: love and tenderness toward others.**

**Where there is division, pray for and act in the opposite spirit: unity and compassion.**

**Where there is deception, pray for and act in the opposite spirit: truth and transparency.**

**Where there is fear, pray for and act in the opposite spirit: security in God and faith.**

**Where there is greed, pray for and act in the opposite spirit: submission to God, contentment, and generosity.**

In Daniel 10, we see God's angel describe the warring evil angels that come against the Lord's angels in the heavenlies, and that our prayers affect the spiritual war that is happening. God has entrusted us with spiritual power, through His Holy Spirit at work in our redeemed lives. God instructs us how to prepare for these spiritual battles—[the armor of God](#). We recommend that you purposefully outfit yourselves with these daily in this climate. You can read more about that in [this teaching](#).

**Fasting** is another tool that God has given to us to amplify our prayer, and this is certainly a time for amplifying our prayers with the greater power of fasting. For in-depth teaching and help with fasting, [sign up for Reigning with Christ](#) (a teaching series of Derek Prince).

# Who is waging the war against our foundations?



## Black Lives Matter

This organization began out of anguish from the George Zimmerman/Trayvon Martin case to spotlight unlawful deaths of black Americans, Black Lives Matter is actually a socialist-rooted organization. An [Accuracy in Media](#) report explains that “Garza, Cullors and Tometi all work for front groups of the [Freedom Road Socialist Organization](#) (FRSO), one of the four largest radical Left organizations in the country. The others are the Communist Party USA ([CPUSA](#)), Democratic Socialists of America ([DSA](#)), and the Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism ([CCDS](#)). Nelini Stamp’s ACORN—now rebranded under a variety of different names—works with all four organizations, and Dream Defenders is [backed by](#) the Service Employ-

ees International Union ([SEIU](#)), the ACLU, the [Southern Poverty Law Center](#) and others.” The biggest benefactors to Black Lives Matters are progressive [funders](#) Ford Foundation, TIDES Foundation, and George Soros.



## Antifa

Like the movements before them, Occupy, [Indivisible](#), and ACORN, Antifa seeks to make America “ungovernable.” Out of this chaos (a tactic of the Cloward-Piven strategy), a new and replacement system can push forth. Just a bunch of riotous young people with an axe to grind? Hardly. Their cause is upheld and supported even by some national government officials—at left, **Minnesota Attorney General, and former Democrat Party Chair Keith Ellison, holds up the Antifa Manual.** Independent journalist [Andy Ngo has reported extensively about Antifa](#): “Antifa, the extreme anarchist-communist movement, has rioting down to an art. The first broken window is the blood in the water for looters to move in. When the looting is done, those carrying flammable chemicals start fires to finish the job. Footage recorded in Minneapolis and other cities show militants dressed in black bloc—the Antifa uniform—wielding weapons like hammers or sticks to smash windows. You see their graffiti daubed on smashed up buildings.”

He reported about the Washington, D.C., riots that “reached the gates of the White House, possibly the most secure location on Earth. There, they chipped away at the barriers piece-by-piece while law enforcement struggled to respond. One Secret Service officer reportedly had a brick thrown at his head. Footage recorded at the scene showed him blood-soaked. Police were eventually able to repel masked rioters by using pepper spray and tear gas. That worked, for now. The militants uprising across the country want a revolution and they don’t care who or what has to be destroyed in the process. If their comrades die, they are elevated as martyrs in propaganda. Death is celebrated.”

Their organization is key. Breitbart reported that protest observers in Dallas [saw multiple piles of bricks](#) in areas where there was no construction. The bricks were obviously staged, ready for protesters to use, easy to access, hard to trace. Sadly, those who were peacefully protesting the killing of George Floyd were used by the radicals and their gathering was co-opted to bring violence and hate.

## NEW GROUP TO WATCH:



## Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement (RAM)

[Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement](#), with their tagline “Burn Down the Plantation,” advocates self-governance

instead of the civil authority structures in place today, as well as the abolition of gender. It is interesting to note the connection of racial struggle with the LGBTQ ideology and agenda. The manifesto of the Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement can be found [here](#) (it is similar to Black Lives Matter and Antifa). Violence is at the core. It appears to be “decentralized” with regional groups at varying levels of organization, and no listing of leadership.

**Pray for the people who are involved in these groups! Pray that they would have their eyes opened, experience the love of the Father, and the transformation of their heart through the power of Christ. Pray they would be set free! (Pray [Rom 8:21](#))**



# Tactics to overthrow the Judeo-Christian principles of America

What is unique about the founding of our nation is the acknowledgement by the Framers of the hand of God at work and the biblical principles woven into the founding documents and structures. America has fought a constant and concerted effort to minimize, discount, and discredit the God-honoring framework of our nation. Here are tactics of the radicals in their own words. Have you seen these in use in our nation?

**1. Control the language.** In the war of words, if you can control the language, you redefine the issue, reframe the debate, and you win. How many times have new and more pleasant words replaced terms for evil in our culture? Pro-choice and reproductive rights, not pro-abortion. Sexual freedom, not perversion. Orwell, wrote, in his seminal book *1984*: “But if thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought.” This has been one of the most successful tactics for progressives—look at how our culture has changed meanings and perception of certain concepts just because of controlling the way things are talked about. Pro-choice, instead of pro-abortion. Migrant instead of illegal alien. This is how we get an upside down view of “what is right is wrong, and what is wrong is right.” It is unsettling. The Bible talks about it too.

[Isaiah 5:20](#) tells us, “*Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.*”

**2. Organizing for action.** One of the main ways to “effect change” is through organizing. Radicals and progressives are masterful organizers. [Funding](#) those groups is an army of titans and foundations that provide the backing these groups need to carry out their [revolutionary ideals](#). [Black Lives Matter](#) and Antifa were groomed and funded and ready to employ at the opportune time when they could make the biggest splash. They are [trained](#) in violence (see below) and have even been described as run “like a business.” Add a willing media to promote their earnest cause, and they have endeared themselves to the uninformed.

*From undercover video*

**Chris, Antifa Fight Instructor, during training:** “*If you get a good liver or kidney shot, it's pretty much crippling them. They're going to be doubled over and in a lot of pain. If you break one of the floating ribs, which are small and right down here. Those are also very painful, it's hard to move after that, to catch a breath. So, one good body shot could potentially give you all the time in the world to run away while they're doubled over in pain, or really put a beating on them after that if you really want to make it personal.*”

**3. Shape education.** It is no coincidence that the changing standards and principles of education have contributed to a post-Christian culture in America. Our public schools took away their God, which left them with no one to whom they should be accountable. Philosophies that have evolved in our nation were prevalent in our modern education system. In fact, the American education system goes back to the first public school supported with taxpayer money, founded by Horace Mann. Name sound familiar? Many U.S. schools are named after this man, often hailed as the father of the public schools. **Horace Mann created that first public school to remove students from the religious influence and teachings of their parents** (public schools are still doing this today).

IFA Contributing writer, Nancy Huff, shares in a [recent article](#) that Mann was not the only one. “John Dewey, known as the Father of Modern Education, was a self-proclaimed socialist who had a disdain for the Christian faith. Dewey hated the American independent mindset and sought social evolution in education. His prolific writings continue to influence education, and he remains one of the most influential educators in America.” We saw the foundation of Marxism birthed from the teachings of an atheist professor, as we shared in the Karl Marx profile.

**We are in the fight for the future of our nation. A spiritual battle. Ask the Lord how He would direct you to pray and act. Let us be like the men of Issachar who discern the times, pray, and act. [1 Chr. 12:32](#).**