

## INTRODUCTION

The outline of the puzzle of Barack Obama's identity gradually emerged during the 2008 presidential campaign. Records were dug up of Obama's associations with individuals like Reverend Jeremiah Wright, proponent of black liberation theology, and Bill Ayers, former terrorist and leader of the Weather Underground. Obama's training and work as a community organizer and the public statements he had made came under scrutiny.

Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck and other conservative radio hosts and political journalists brought to our attention the candidate's real beliefs—his desire to redistribute the wealth, implement a single payer health care system, increase regulations on the coal and oil industry, establish government control over banks and businesses who received bailout money, and expand government influence in education, among other aggressive pursuits.

These pundits also gave their analysis and projection of the damage Obama might do to our nation if elected. That's why when Limbaugh was asked what his "hope for the Obama presidency" was he said, "I hope he fails."<sup>1</sup> Limbaugh saw our nation as "dangerously close to the precipice,"—one that Obama would push us over through his liberalism.<sup>2</sup>

Glenn Beck also pointed out where Obama's progressive philosophies would lead: a rapid descent into Marxism or Liberal Fascism. It begins with the government using bailouts to take control over a few industries. Then moves on to other areas until, like a cancer, 'it consumes the body of America.'<sup>3</sup>

As astute as these men are, I think even they have been surprised at how close Obama has brought this nation to the brink of destruction.

This book began as an exposé of the hastening of the journey to the brink through Barack Obama's treason, treachery, and tyranny. Hence, the title. Yet it evolved beyond that to a study and comparison of two very different presidential archetypes: Barack Obama and George Washington.

In five chapters of this book, I have analyzed Obama's motives, psychology and strategies to help the reader identify

other politicians who are cut from the same cloth. These chapters alternate with ones illuminating the character, principles and leadership of George Washington, particularly during the critical turning points for America in the Revolutionary War, the Constitutional Convention, and the First Presidency.

Through Washington's example we learn what it takes to lead America to victory in the face of existential threats. The standard of his honor, virtue, and sacrifice may seem like an impossibly high bar to expect from contemporary candidates. But when we are willing to settle for less, that is exactly what we get: presidents who are incapable of dealing with the existential threats to our country and who have no desire to preserve the sacred fire of Liberty. Presidents who only desire to profit from their position of power.

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