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The Cloward/Piven Strategy of Economic Recovery

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Using borrowed money for a band-aid bailout of the economy should seem backwards to most people. However, it likely is a planned strategy to promote radical change. Those naively believing that President Obama is simply rewarding his far-left base, and will then move to the political center, must wise up.

The assumption that Obama will need the nation to prosper in order to protect the 2010 mid-term election incorrectly assumes that he esteems free market capitalism. He does not. Rather than win through superior ideas and policies, the Democrat plan for success in the mid-term elections is to win by destroying political opposition.

Obama adheres to the Saul Alinsky [Rules for Radicals](#) method of politics, which teaches the [dark art of destroying political adversaries](#). However, that text reveals only one front in the radical left's war against America. The [Cloward/Piven Strategy](#) is another method employed by the radical Left to [create and manage crisis](#). This strategy explains Rahm Emanuel's ominous statement, "[You never want a serious crisis to go to waste](#)."

The Cloward/Piven Strategy is named after Columbia University sociologists [Richard Andrew Cloward](#) and [Frances Fox Piven](#). Their goal is to overthrow capitalism by overwhelming the government bureaucracy with entitlement demands. The created crisis provides the impetus to bring about radical political change.

According to [Discover the Networks.org](#):

Rather than placating the poor with government hand-outs, wrote Cloward and Piven, *activists should work to sabotage and destroy the welfare system; the collapse of the welfare state would ignite a political and financial crisis that would rock the nation...* [Emphasis added.]

Making an already weak economy even worse is the intent of the Cloward/Piven Strategy. It is imperative that we view the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan's](#) spending on items like [food stamps](#), [jobless benefits](#), and [health care](#) through this end goal. This strategy explains why the Democrat plan to "stimulate" the economy involves massive deficit spending projects. It includes billions for ACORN and its subgroups such as [SHOP](#) and the [Neighborhood Stabilization Program](#). Expanding the [S-Chip Program](#) through deficit spending in a supposed effort to "save the children" only makes a faltering economy worse.

If Congress were to allow a robust economy, parents would be able to provide for their children themselves by earning and keeping more of their own money. Democrats, quick to not waste a crisis, would consider that a lost opportunity.

The Cato Institute reports that the [plan will harm](#) a faltering economy, intentionally causing increased job losses leading to increased demands for the aforementioned programs. Even the jobs to be created are set apart to render social justice, not economic revival. [Robert Reich](#) believes new infrastructure jobs should not go to *white* construction workers. Meanwhile, workers at [Microsoft](#), [IBM](#), [Texas Instruments](#), and the retail market find themselves experiencing the life of the welfare poor.

If [highly educated and trained workers continue to lose jobs](#) and business falters as a whole, where will these jobless workers go? Could this be construed as revolutionary social reorganization that puts the underachiever above the achiever? Where is the future economic strength when jobless professionals collect welfare and unemployment while dreaming of a minimum wage job? For whites, there's [not even the hope](#) of a good paying construction job.

Because these programs are financed with deficit spending, the effect of the Cloward/Piven Strategy becomes doubly destructive. Talk about a perfect storm! The Democrat stimulus plan is a mechanism whose goal is the destruction of the

traditional American way of life. It is bitter irony that the American taxpayer will actually fund the destruction of his own ability to live according to the values of our Founding Documents. It is not alarmist to identify this situation as a *coup d'etat*.

As the flow of money from the top of the economy dries up, job losses and mortgage busts will mount exponentially. The Democrat stimulus plan provides for welfare expansion but not for a robust economy that creates high paying jobs. Is this what Obama means when he [warns](#), "It's going to get worse before it gets better?" If we are not bailing out corporate America so they can [regain profitability](#), we must conclude Obama is working toward another end goal. Recognizing these attack methods reveals the only logical response -- an unwavering wall of "No!"

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