

# America's Roots Part III

The Refounders

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# The Great Basking Ridge Oak

- George Washington and General Lafayette picnicked beneath it
- George Whitfield preached under the tree
- It was the gathering place for Christmas caroling and town meetings every year for over 300 years
- The Great Oak was the symbol of Basking Ridge, New Jersey



## The Great Basking Ridge Oak Dies

- "Tears Flow As 600-Year-Old NJ Tree Is Being Cut Down
- Breaking: Many cried and watched in horror as the historic 600-year-old Basking Ridge Oak tree, which has died, was cut down on Monday."
- It's roots were destroyed when workers used a toxic cleaning solution on the gravestones beneath it

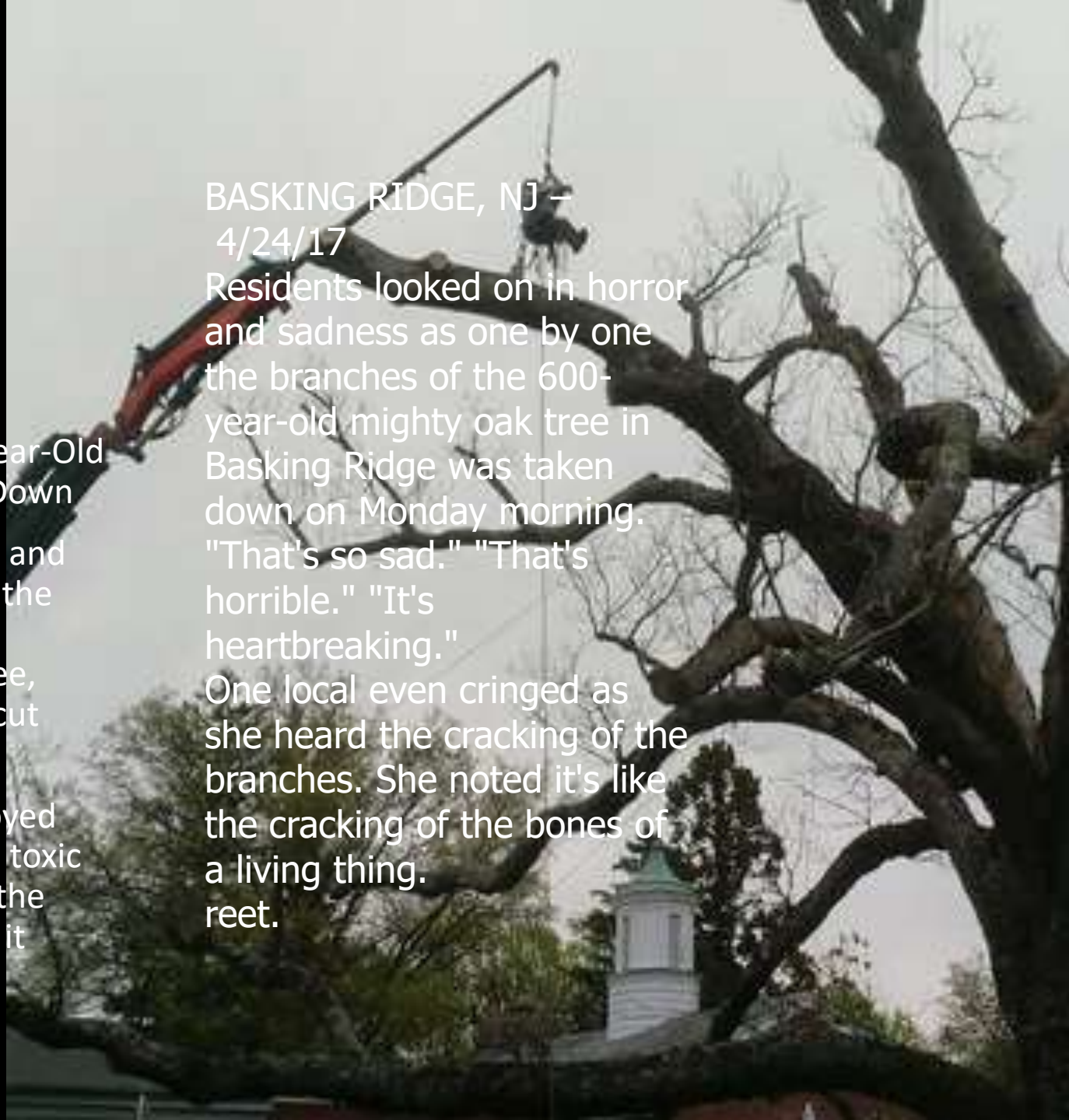
BASKING RIDGE, NJ –  
4/24/17

Residents looked on in horror and sadness as one by one the branches of the 600-year-old mighty oak tree in Basking Ridge was taken down on Monday morning.

"That's so sad." "That's horrible." "It's heartbreaking."

One local even cringed as she heard the cracking of the branches. She noted it's like the cracking of the bones of a living thing.

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# WORLD WAR II VALOR IN THE PACIFIC NATIONAL MONUMENT

## WWII Memorial

- "On the Pacific side of the memorial, a group of us gathered to read the words President Roosevelt used to announce the attack on Pearl Harbor: "Yesterday, December 7, 1941-- a date which will live in infamy-- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked." One woman read the words aloud: " With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph." But as she read, she was suddenly angry. "Wait a minute," she said. "They left out the end of the quote. They left out the most important part. Roosevelt said 'so help us God.'"



The  
Great American  
Battle:

A Righteous Nation  
vs.  
A Secular Nation



# The Bible – The Root of Liberty

- The perfect law that gives liberty (James 1:25)
- Where there is no revelation, the people perish (Prov 29:25)
- Know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes (Dan 4:17)



# The Founders Wanted A Righteous Nation



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George Washington

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” (Farewell Address, Sept 17, 1796)





# James Madison

“We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not on the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”

# Patrick Henry

“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.”



# The Role of the Bible in America

- Textbook
- Basis for Laws
- Science Text
- Basis for Morals and Decency
- At the core of American Society
- Printing funded by Congress





# We Have Become A Secular Nation

- No Bible reading or prayer in schools
- Abortion on demand
- No more Christmas and Easter breaks
- Gay marriage is legal
- The cross removed from Los Angeles' seal
- Child pornography permitted
- Ten Commandments forbidden in classroom

# The Refounders

# Saul Alinsky – The Method



# What is a “Community Organizer”?

- Euphemism for a radical activist
- Alinsky was a community organizer
- Alinsky was from Russia, friends with Frank Nitti and Al Capone and studied their methods for organizing unions.
- Wrote Rules for Radicals, the “Bible for Community Organizers”. Book dedicated to Lucifer “the original rebel”
- Purpose of the Alinsky Method
  - Goal is bottom up change in the social order
  - To work within the system to get to what he calls “revolution”

# Prologue from Radicals

## Rules for

“As an organizer I start from where the world is, as it is, not as I would like it to be...it is necessary to begin where the world is if we are going to change it to what we think it should be. That means working in the system...Any revolutionary change must be preceded by passive, affirmative, non-challenging attitude toward change among the mass of our people. They must feel so frustrated, so defeated, so lost, so futureless in the prevailing system that they are willing to let go of the past and chance the future. This acceptance is the reformation necessary to any revolution.” (i.e. – a crisis is necessary to get the populace to accept massive change)

# More from Rules for Radicals

- “A revolutionary organizer must shake up the prevailing power of their lives – agitate, create disenchantment and discontent with the current values, to produce, if not a passion for change, at least a passive, affirmative, non-challenging climate.”
- “[The people] don’t know what will work, but they do know that the prevailing system is self-defeating, frustrating and hopeless. They won’t act for change, but won’t strongly oppose those who do. The time is then ripe for revolution.



# Yet More

- “Lenin was a pragmatist; when he returned to what was then Petrograd from exile, he said the Bolsheviks stood for getting power through the ballot, but would reconsider after they got the guns.” (from Rules for Radicals)
- Alinsky’s rules encourage lying to gain power via stealth and other techniques, then once power is secured, do whatever it takes to consolidate power, including violence.

# The Stated Purpose of Rules for Radicals

“What follows is for those who want to change the world from what it is to what they believe it should be. The Prince was written by Machiavelli for the Haves (sic) on how to hold power. Rules for Radicals is written for the Have-Nots (sic) on how to take it away.”

“In this book we are concerned with how to create mass organizations to seize power...This means revolution.”

Opening paragraph of Rules for Radicals

# Barack Obama: Alinsky Style Community Organizer

- Obama worked for several organizations founded by Saul Alinsky or his followers
  - First job worked for Industrial Areas Foundation teaching Saul Alinsky's methods.
    - The **Industrial Areas Foundation** (IAF) is a Chicago-based community organizing network established in 1940 by Saul Alinsky to “build organizations whose primary purpose is power - the ability to act - and whose chief product is social change.”
  - Worked for four years as a community organizer and as director of the Developing Communities Project in Chicago
    - “In theory, community organizing provides a way to merge various strategies for neighborhood empowerment. Organizing begins with the premise that (1) the problems facing inner-city communities do not result from a lack of effective solutions, but from a lack of power to implement these solutions; (2) that the only way for communities to build long-term power is by organizing people and money around a common vision; and (3) that a viable organization can only be achieved if a broadly based indigenous leadership — and not one or two charismatic leaders — can knit together the diverse interests of their local institutions.”
      - Barack Obama, After Alinsky, Chapter 4, 1990 (<http://www.edwoj.com/Alinsky/AlinskyObamaChapter1990.htm>)
  - Project ACORN
    - Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now
    - Voter registration, subprime mortgages, lobbying congress
    - Obama taught their leadership courses and served as their legal counsel
  - Project VOTE
    - Obama worked for them for seven months

## Reveille for Radicals (p214-220)

- Alinsky was a white Russian communist who appeals to blacks to organize their communities for the purpose of changing the social order:
  - “The nation desperately needs the organized power of our black sector and its representatives”
  - Give them hope. “the hopeless don’t revolt, because revolution is an act of hope”.
  - He appeals to blacks to foment change: “Black culture without power is castration...We must have more black organizers who will do the job”
  - The social changers go by many names: agitators, revolutionaries, catalysts, and “outside trouble makers...”the generation gap”.



# “Reveille for Radicals” (p214-235)

## Alinsky's Second book

- “By refusing to begin with the world as it is and to build power instruments for change, the [radicals seeking change] have reacted with a disorganized, almost anarchistic approach.”
- “Change can only be effected through power, and power means organization. Organization can only be built around issues that are specific, immediate and realizable...Change means movement.” If the people feel hopeless in the face of crisis, they will follow those who offer change.
- We must “distinguish between the world as it is and the world as we would like it to be.”
- We must then organize the minorities, but “we still need allies for the necessary power for change. These allies can come only from the organized sectors of the middle class”.

# Cloward-Piven – The Strategy



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- Richard Andrew **Cloward** and Francis Fox **Piven** are two names that are largely unfamiliar to the average American, but, [as Jason Brown notes](#), their **historical relevance is being seen all over the country today as we watch civil unrest in the form of riots ensue.**

# Collapse the Welfare State

- *At Columbia University, sociologist professors Richard Cloward and Francis Fox Piven introduced a political strategy in 1966 in an article entitled 'The Weight Of The Poor: A Strategy To End Poverty'.*
- *This article outlined a plan that they believed **would eventually lead to the total transmutation of America into a full-fledged centralized welfare state** (in other words, a collectivist enclave). The spearpoint of the Cloward-Piven strategy involved nothing less than economic sabotage against the U.S.*
- *Theoretically, according to the doctrine, **a condition of overwhelming tension and strain could be engineered through the overloading of American welfare rolls**, thereby smothering the entitlement program structure at the state and local level. The implosion of welfare benefits would facilitate a massive spike in poverty and desperation, creating a financial crisis that would lead to an even greater cycle of demand for a fully socialized system. This desperation would then “force” the federal government to concentrate all welfare programs under one roof, nationalize and enforce a socialist ideology, and ultimately, compact an immense level of power into the hands of a select few.*

- **In the mid-sixties at the height of the “social revolution” the line between democratic benevolence and outright communism became rather blurry.** The Democratic Party, which controlled the presidency and both houses of Congress, was used as the springboard by social engineers to introduce a new era of welfare initiatives enacted in the name of “defending the poor”, also known as the “Great Society Programs”. These initiatives, however, were driven by far more subversive and extreme motivations, and have been expanded on by every presidency since, Republican and Democrat alike.
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# Overwhelm the Voting Systems



- The "Motor Voter" Law

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# DIVIDE ET IMPERA DIVIDE AND CONQUER

Divide and Conquer – the links have been broken between:

- Religion and the Bible
- Education and the Bible
- Science and the Bible
- Government and the Bible

# Dividing Religion and the Bible



# Dividing Religion and The Bible

- Higher Criticism in Germany
  - Who wrote Genesis to Deuteronomy?
  - Moses died in 1451 BC
- The “Documentary Hypothesis”
  - Graf Wellhausen Theory
  - JEDP
- German Seminaries influenced US seminaries and universities

# JEDP Undermines The Entire Bible

- Jesus, in Mark 12:26 says Moses wrote Exodus.
- Luke, in Acts 3:22 credits Moses as being the author of Deuteronomy.
- Paul, in Romans 10:5 attributes Leviticus to Moses.







# Wide Ranging Impact

- On seminaries
  - The “Fundamentalist Controversy”
- On churches
  - Numerous denominational splits
- On pastors
- On colleges and universities
  - The Bible college movement



# Dividing Education and the Bible





## John Dewey

### “Father of Modern Education”

- "I am convinced that the battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers that correctly perceive their role as proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity...The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and new—the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism, resplendent with the promise of a world in which the never-realized Christian ideal of 'love thy neighbor' will finally be achieved."
- excerpt from an article by John Dunphy titled “A Religion for a New Age”, appearing in the January/February 1983 issue of “The Humanist” magazine.



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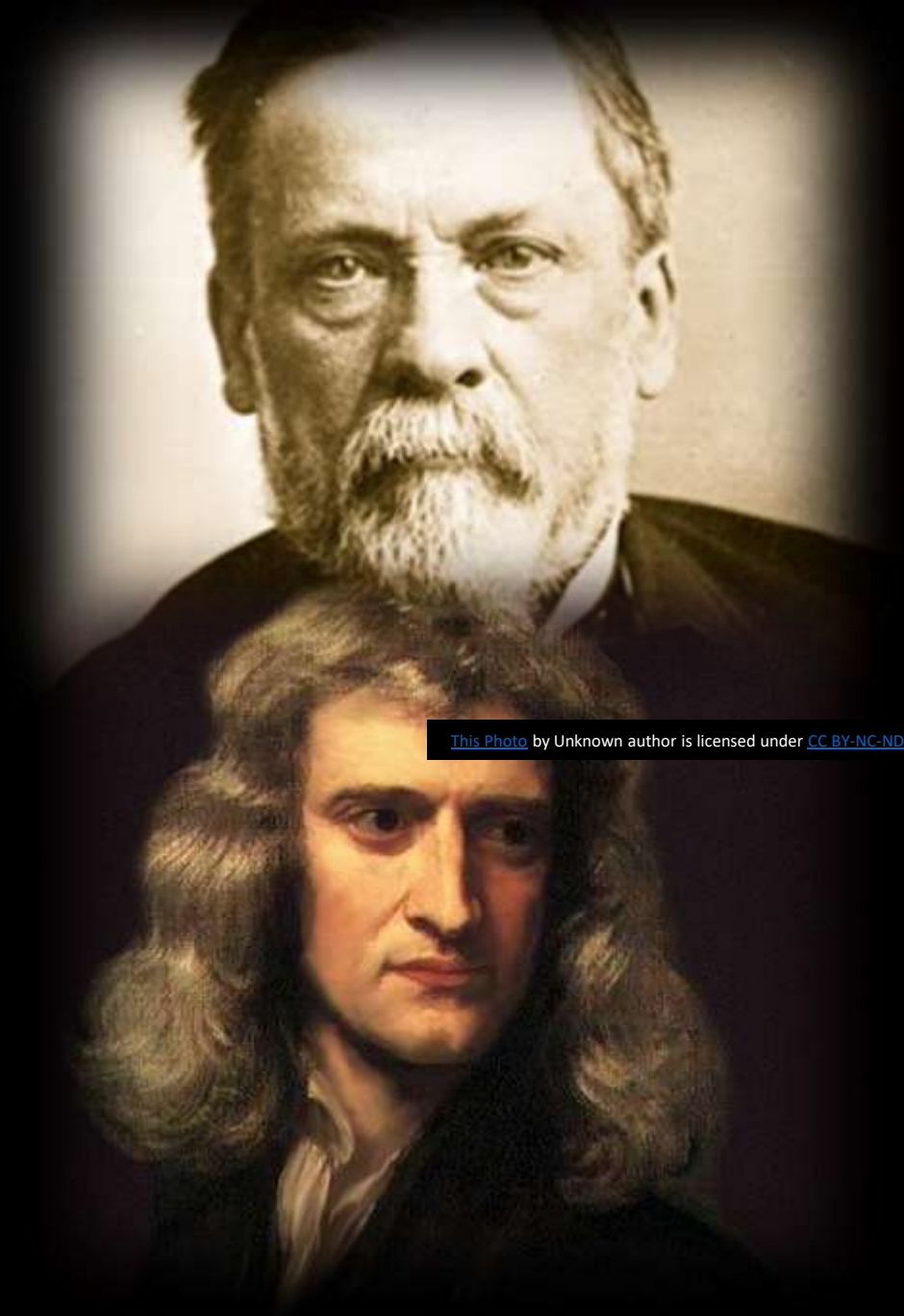
- 1899 – “School and Society”
- Praised the educational system in Russia
- A self-acknowledged anti-capitalist
- A self-acknowledged anti-Christian
- Signer of the Humanist Manifesto
  - May have written the Humanist Manifesto
- Founding member of the ACLU

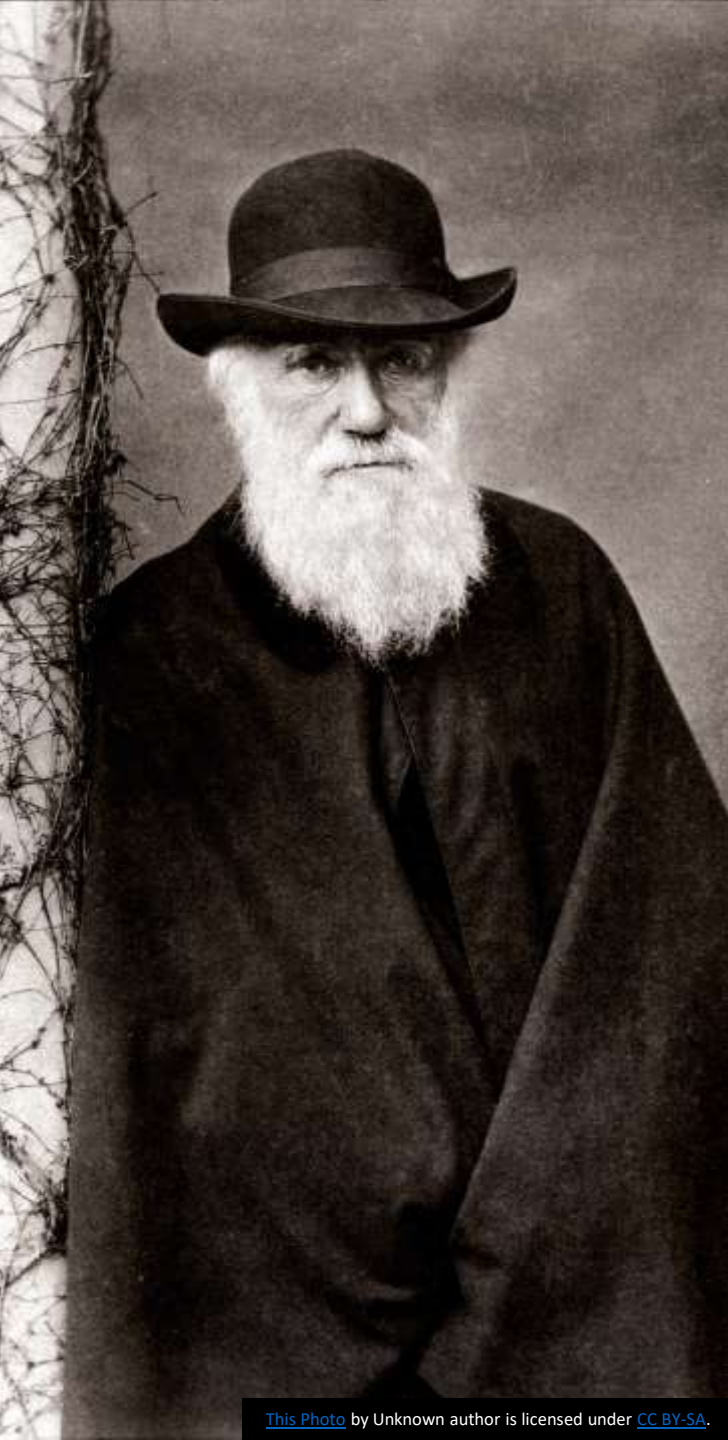


# Dividing Science and the Bible

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- Louis Pasteur
  - 1852 proved link between bacteria and disease
  - Destroyed “theory of spontaneous generation”
- Isaac Newton
  - “I seek for laws, because I am convinced that there is a Lawgiver.”
  - Wrote over one million words of theology.





# Charles Darwin

- Son of a minister
- Wrote Origin of Species, 1859
  - Response to Louis Pasteur
- Result: Genesis no longer trusted.



# Clarence Darrow

- Great Trial Attorney
- Atheist Son of an Agnostic Unitarian Minister
- 1925 Defended John T. Scopes
  - Can Evolution be taught in the public schools?
  - Lost the case
  - Won the war
- Founding member of the ACLU

# Dividing the Law and the Bible





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# The Founders' Concern

- James Madison spoke of his concern that one denomination might obtain the preeminence, or two might combine and establish a national religion to which they would compel others to conform.
- These churchmen were not dealing with keeping God out of government; they were trying to ensure that no state's denomination would become the state church of the United States.



# The Text of the First Amendment

- Representative Fisher Ames proposed:  
“Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or denying the free exercise thereof.”



# Religion is left to the states

“I consider the government of the U.S. as interdicted (prohibited) by the constitution from intermeddling with religious institutions, their doctrines, discipline, or exercises. This results not only from the provision that no law shall be made respecting the establishment, or free exercise, of religion, but from that also which reserves to the states the powers not delegated to the U.S. (10<sup>th</sup> Amendment)...”

- Thomas Jefferson, Jan 23, 1808.



## Separation of Church and State

- Phrase not in Bill of Rights
- On January 1, 1802, Jefferson wrote a letter to the Danbury Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut to calm their fears that congress was in the process of choosing any one single Christian denomination to be the “state” denomination of the United States of America
- Quoted Baptist preacher, Roger Williams



# Jefferson Was Not An Expert

- Jefferson did not sign the Constitution
- Jefferson was not present at the Constitutional Convention of 1787.
- Jefferson was not present when the First Amendment and religious freedom were debated in the first session of Congress in 1789 (he was out of the country as Ambassador to France)
- Therefore, his letter is not a “first-hand” reflection on the intent of the framers.





22 Christ walked on the sea. 23 MARE.

24 And they saw him walking on the sea, and they were terrified.

25 And he said unto them, Fear not, for I am he, that call you.

26 And he got into the ship, and the wind ceased, and they were amazed.

27 And the next day they went down to the sea, and found him sitting upon the grass.

28 And he said unto them, Give me your bread, and I will eat it.

29 And they said unto him, We have none here, but five loaves, and two fishes.

30 And he said, Bring them hither.

31 And he took the loaves, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave unto the disciples.

32 And they gave unto the multitude, and all ate, and were filled.

33 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

34 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

35 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

36 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

37 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

38 And he saw them toiling in the sea, (for the wind was contrary unto them;) and about the fourth of the night he cometh walking upon the sea, to have passed by them.

39 And when they saw him upon the sea, they supposed he was a spirit, and cried out, saying, It is a specter.

40 And they were all terrified, and cried out, saying, What doest thou here, Jesus? for thou art a specter.

41 And he answered them, saying, I am Jesus the Son of Man.

42 And he said unto them, Get up, and come unto me, that I may send you.

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# ACLU and the First Amendment

- **“The establishment clause requires the separation of church and state.** Assaults on the freedom to believe continue, both in Washington and in state legislatures around the country. The ACLU will continue working to ensure that religious liberty is protected by keeping the government out of the religion business.”

- [http://www.aclu-mass.org/issues/Religious\\_Liberty.htm](http://www.aclu-mass.org/issues/Religious_Liberty.htm)

- **“First Amendment** – the rights of free speech, free association, and assembly, freedom of the press and religious freedom, including the strict separation of church and state.”

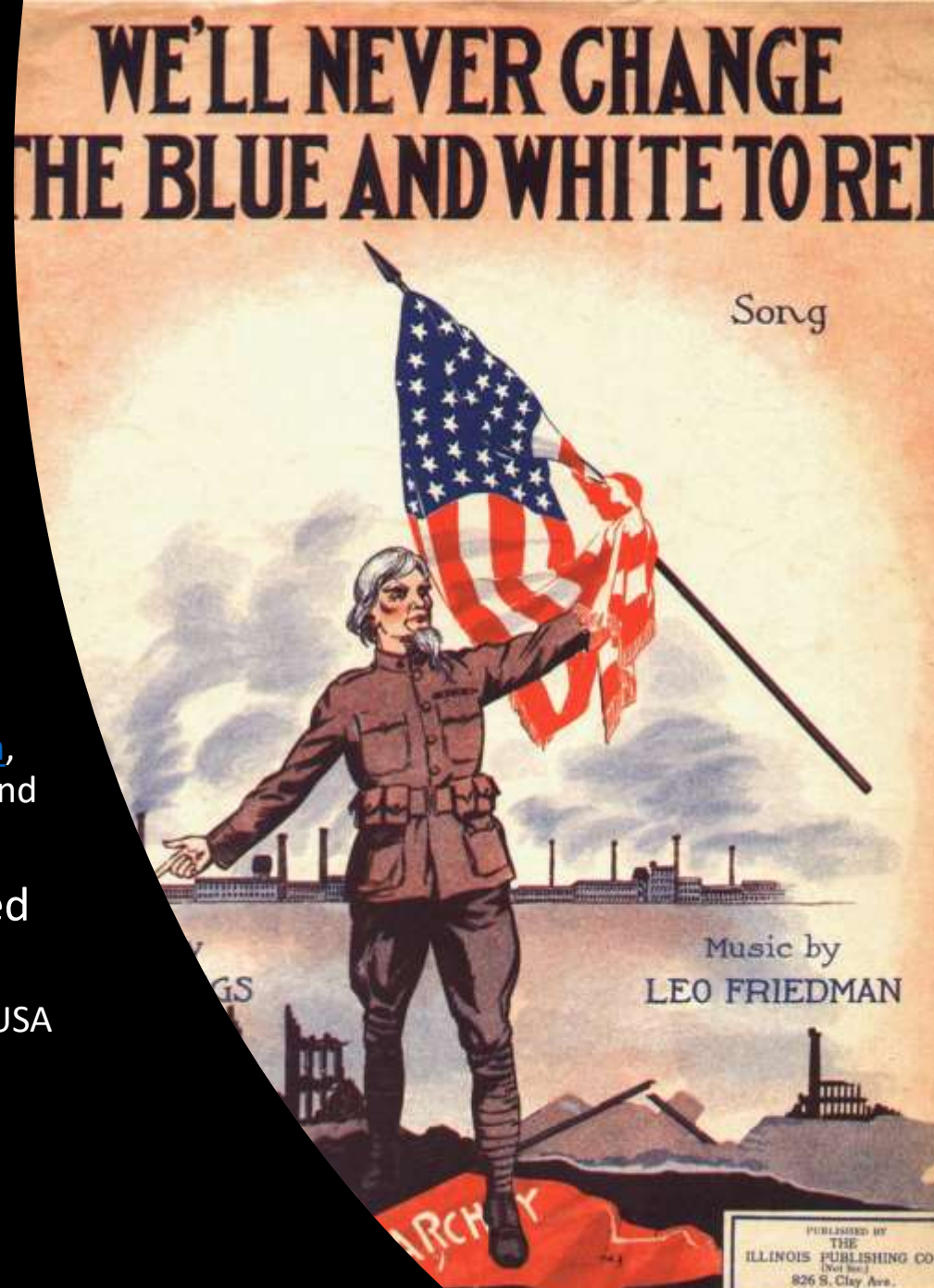
- <http://www.aclu-sc.org/Home/Whatwedo/>





# Founding Purpose of the ACLU

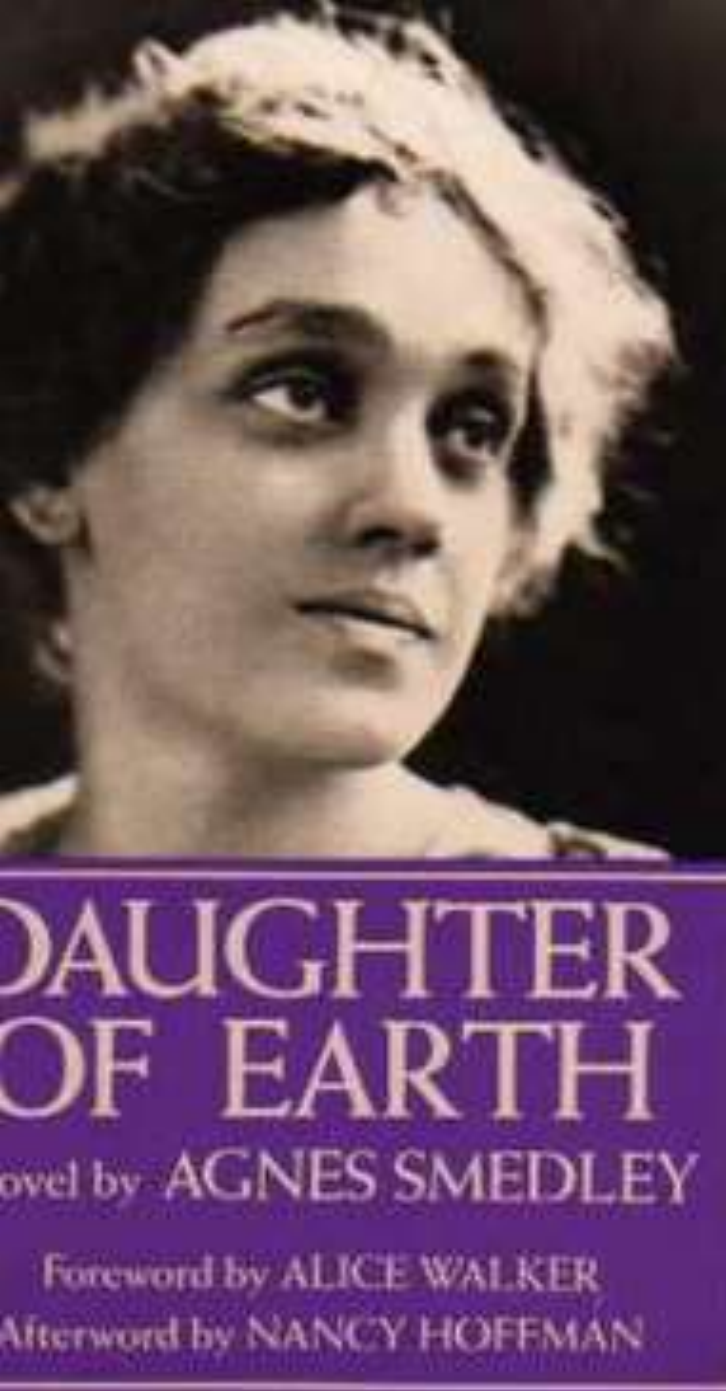
- The Palmer Raids
  - A Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General
  - J Edgar Hoover, Assistant
  - On 7th November, 1919, the second anniversary of the [Russian Revolution](#), over 10,000 suspected communists and anarchists were arrested
- Raids Were a Response to the “Red Scare”
  - Fear of communist revolution in the USA
  - Italian suicide bomber in congress
  - 100 bombs sent to congressmen
- ACLU Founded in Response to Raids





# Founders of the ACLU Re Founders of America

- John Dewey
  - Socialist Party candidate for President
  - Atheist son of a minister
- Clarence Darrow
  - Atheist Attorney in the Scopes Trial
- Norman Thomas
  - 6 Time Socialist Candidate for President
- Max Eastman
  - Marxist Editor of the Daily Worker newspaper
- Upton Sinclair
  - "Muckraker" Author of "The Jungle"
  - Socialist Party candidate for congress in NJ
  - Socialist Party candidate for CA governor
  - Religious as a boy, agnostic as an adult



# Agnes Smedley

- Whittaker Chambers identified her as a Communist Party Member
- On 1st January 1948, the *Chicago Tribune* carried a story claiming that Smedley was being investigated as part of communist espionage ring based in [Japan](#) during the 1930s. The article claimed that Smedley was working with the German journalist, [Richard Sorge](#), who was spying on the Japanese government on behalf of the [Soviet Union](#).



# Roger Baldwin

- Director of ACLU for thirty years
- "I am for Socialism, disarmament, and, ultimately, for abolishing the State itself as an instrument of violence and compulsion. I seek the social ownership of property, the abolition of the propertied class and sole control of those who produce wealth. Communism is the goal."
  - (College Yearbook)





# His Strategy

“Do steer away from making it [the People’s Council] look like a Socialist enterprise. Too many people have already gotten the idea that it is nine-tenths a Socialist movement.... We want also to look like patriots in everything we do. We want to get a lot of good flags, talk a good deal about the Constitution and what our forefathers wanted to make of this country, and to show that we are the folks that really stand for the spirit of our institutions.”

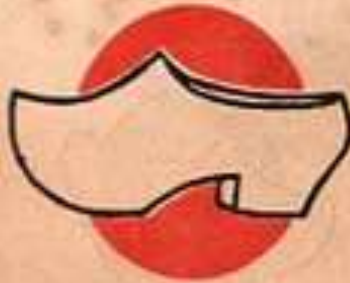
- Letter to Louis Lochner, 1917

# Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

- [http://de.cpusa.org/Comrades/elizabeth\\_g\\_flynn.htm](http://de.cpusa.org/Comrades/elizabeth_g_flynn.htm)
- Ran for Congress in New York
- Writer for the Communist Daily Worker
- President and National Chairman of the American Communist Party
- Director of the ACLU
- Charged under the Alien Registration Act with advocating the violent overthrow of the US Government
  - Nine month trial
  - Five years in jail
- State Funeral in Red Square, Sept 1964

# SABOTAGE

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Gurley  
Flynn



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# From the NYU Library

- “Finally, Elizabeth returned home to New York... One of the first things she did was to go the offices of the Communist Party in Union Square and become a member... The American Civil Liberty Union welcomed her return by voting her a seat on their Board of Directors.”
  - <http://dlib.nyu.edu:8083/tamwaged/servlet/SaxonServlet?source=flynn.xml&style=saxon01t2002.xsl>
  - The Taminent Library and Robert F. Wagner Archives



# George Washington

“And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion... reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle...”

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

- Farewell Address, Sept 17, 1796

# Choose Life for America

“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people,

***if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.***

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

(2 Chronicles 7:14)





# Things To Do

A person wearing a white robe is holding a small, realistic globe of the Earth with both hands. The globe shows continents in green and brown and oceans in blue. The person's face is not visible, and the background is dark.

## ✓ Pray

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:10-18

"Prayer is the power that moves the hand of God." Andrew Murray

## ✓ Vote

The people we elect are the people who will decide the future.

## ✓ Speak Up

Silence is taken as our assent when others speak and we do not.