

# Reverend Jeremiah Wright

## Reverend Jeremiah Wright mentored Barack Obama

In the following video you will see and hear Barack Obama's pastor and mentor of twenty years spew his venomous hatred for whites and America.

While anyone who knows American history would be angry and disgusted by Wright's words, they apparently never bothered Barack Obama—that is until his association with Wright became a political liability. While the vast majority of Americans would have walked out of the church immediately, Barack Obama stayed there for twenty years during which time Reverend Wright conducted his marriage and baptized his children. You should also notice that while Hillary Clinton and others placed their hands on their hearts as our National Anthem played, Barack Obama did not. This was his policy until recently. Never in our history have we seriously considered such a man for the presidency—until now.

## **Relationship with Barack Obama**

Barack Obama first met Reverend Wright and joined his church in the 1980s, while he was working as a community organizer in Chicago before attending Harvard Law School. Wright officiated at the wedding ceremony of Barack and Michelle Obama, as well as their children's baptism. The title of Obama's memoir, *The Audacity of Hope*, was inspired by one of Wright's sermons.

Wright was scheduled to give the public invocation before Obama's presidential announcement, but Obama withdrew the invitation the night before the event. Wright wrote a rebuttal letter to the editor disputing the characterization of the account as reported in an article in *The New York Times*.

In 2007 Wright was appointed to Barack Obama's African American Religious Leadership Committee, a group of over 170 national black religious leaders who supported Obama's bid for the Democratic nomination; however, it was announced in March 2008 that Wright was no longer serving as a member of this group.

## **Political controversy**

In March 2008, a controversy broke out concerning Obama's long-term relationship with Wright, his former pastor. ABC News found several racially and politically charged sermons by Wright. Some of Wright's statements, such as when he said, "God Damn America", were widely interpreted as being unpatriotic and deeply offensive.

Following negative media coverage and during a temporary drop in the polls, Obama responded by condemning Wright's remarks and delivering a speech entitled "A More Perfect Union" at the Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the speech, Obama rejected Wright's comments, but refused to disown the man himself. Although the speech, which attempted to explain and contextualize the comments, was generally well-

received, some continued to press the question of Obama's long-standing relationship with Wright.

On April 27, Wright gave a keynote address at the 53rd Annual Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner for the Detroit chapter of the NAACP. In front of nearly 10,000, Wright gave a speech in which he referred to the controversy, saying, "I am not running for the Oval Office. I been running for Jesus a long, long time, and I'm not tired yet!" Wright argued that Americans were beginning to change their attitudes and perceptions about differences among societal groups. Citing linguistic, pedagogical, hermeneutic, and other differences, and contrasting varied musicologies, he sought to show how black culture is "different" but not "deficient", while saying that European-American culture has historically held it to be deficient, and punctuating his speech at numerous times with the dinner's annual theme "A Change Is Going to Come". Earlier that day, he delivered a sermon to 4000 congregants at the Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas.

On April 28, 2008, Wright made additional remarks, and also answered questions from reporters, at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. He argued that his attention in the media was not only an attack on him, but also an attack on the black church in general.

At a news conference the following April 29, Barack Obama decried Wright's latest remarks as "a bunch of rants that aren't grounded in the truth". He accused his former pastor of exploiting racism and "giving comfort to those who prey on hate." He characterized Wright's National Press Club appearance as a "spectacle" and described its content as "outrageous" and "destructive."

"After seeing Reverend Wright's performance, I felt there was a complete disregard for what the American people are going through and the need for them to rally together to solve these problems," he said. "What mattered to him was him commanding

center stage.” Obama said he was “particularly angered” by Wright’s allegation that the candidate was engaging in political posturing when he denounced the minister’s earlier remarks. “If Reverend Wright considers that political posturing, then he doesn’t know me very well,” Obama said. “Based on his comments yesterday, well, I may not know him as well as I thought, either.”

On May 31, 2008, Obama announced that he had resigned from his membership in the Trinity United Church of Christ, of which Wright had previously served as pastor.

However, Obama’s criticism of Wright and his departure from his church came only when he realized that his twenty year association with Wright was beginning to hurt his run for the presidency. So the obvious question is: Why did it take Obama twenty years to learn who Reverend Wright was?

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## **Obama’s Friends and Associates**

## **Communists, Socialists, Terrorists, and more**

ACORN, Jeremiah Wright, Bill Ayers, Bernadine Dohrn, Frank Marshal Davis, Khalid Abdullah Tariq al-Mansour, Rashid Khalidi, Raila Odinga, are only some among the assorted far-left radicals that form an unbroken chain of political associations and allies in Barack Obama’s life. It is not a question of “palling around” with them—as though that weren’t

enough—it reveals his shared world view. No other presidential candidate in our history has had such close ties with Marxists, racists, anti-Semites, and America haters. This isn't guilt by association. These associations are not coincidental, they represent Obama's choices and life experiences.

It is a fact that his history is one of radical, left-wing associations—something that the so-called mainstream media failed to document. Had they done their job and informed the American public of his true history, it is almost certain that he would never have been elected.

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## **Obama Lied About Bill Ayers**

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Watch and hear CNN and Fox News report on Barack Obama's deception regarding his relationship with Bill Ayers. It is clear, straightforward, credible reporting. To anyone with an ounce of objectivity this is one more unequivocal reminder of why Barack Obama worked so hard to keep the truth of who he really is from us. Yes, character matters.

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# Rashid Khalidi

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One of the most remarkable things that distinguishes Election 2008 from all other presidential elections is the media's blatant attempts to hide the real Barack Obama from us.

It is an unassailable fact that if a Republican presidential candidate had even a single past association with a radical anti-American activist, he or she would not have had the slightest chance of becoming the Republican nominee. First, the Republican Party would not have allowed it and, second, the media would have launched a relentless campaign to destroy him or her, politically.

Yet, not only has the Democratic Party nominated a man who for over twenty years has almost exclusively surrounded himself with extreme anti-American, radical activists, the American media are as determined to hide this truth from us as they would have been determined to reveal such associations if the candidate were a Republican. It is as though we are living in a fascist country.

Unless he has something to hide, Barack Obama should not keep the facts from us or lie about them, yet he continues to do both. You and all of us should demand full disclosure. Facts are not personal attacks.

Rashid Khalidi is just one more of many close associations he does not want you to know about:

## **Allegations of PLO connections**

Khalidi has been accused of having ties to the Palestinian Liberation Organization, based on his work for Wafa in the late 1980s. Khalidi has been accused of being “a director of the Palestinian press agency,” publishing an “adulatory book” on the PLO in which he personally thanked Yasser Arafat, and acting as an advisor to the Palestinian delegation during peace negotiations. Khalidi denied the allegation that he served as a PLO spokesman. Khalidi explained that he often spoke to journalists in Beirut, and was usually cited, without attribution, as a well-informed Palestinian source. He also said that he was unaware of any misidentification as a PLO spokesman.

The claim received renewed attention in 2008 when it was raised due to a reported friendship between Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and Khalidi’s family when Khalidi taught at the University of Chicago. Articles by Aaron Klein and John Bachelor, writers respectively for conservative outlets World Net Daily and Human Events, were referenced by rival political campaigns and reprinted in wider-circulation media.

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Watch the video:

