

The Right's Conspiracy Theory Attack on Frances Fox Piven

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If you believe Glenn Beck, the Tea Party lunatics, Rush Limbaugh, and their ilk, Frances Fox Piven is the Marxist Machiavelli whose 1966 article in *The Nation* (written with Richard Cloward) still serves as the blueprint for a radical takeover of American society, including Barack Obama's "socialist" administration.

This growing attack on Piven, an eminent and prolific scholar (political scientists and sociologist) and a political activist, was a centerpiece of Joseph Farah's keynote speech at the recent Tea Party convention in Nashville. And it has been escalated by yet another right-wing "gotcha" journalist, Kyle Olson, who interviewed Piven in February under false pretenses (he claimed he was a college student) and posted bits of that interview on the right-wing BigGovernment website.

My expose' of Olson's "gotcha" interview with Piven, and my analysis of the Right's paranoid conspiracy theory about the "Cloward-Piven strategy, " can be found in an article posted Tuesday on the Huffington Post.