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Subject: fyi: Obama's references to socialism, liberalism, Marxism and Marxists in his autobiography, "Dreams from My Father." Plus a couple of his many self-described "racial obsessions"...

* "To avoid being mistaken for a sellout, I chose my friends carefully. The more politically active black students. The foreign students. The Chicanos. **The Marxist professors** and structural feminists." (Obama writing about his time at Occidental College in "Dreams.")

* After his sophomore year, Obama transferred to Columbia University. He lived on Manhattan's Upper East Side, venturing to the East Village for "the **socialist conferences I sometimes attended** at Cooper Union," he recalled, adding: "Much of what I absorbed from the sixties was filtered through my mother, who to the end of her life would proudly proclaim herself **an unreconstructed liberal.**"

* After graduating from Columbia in 1983, Obama spent a year working for a consulting firm and then went to work for "a Ralph Nader offshoot" in Harlem. "In search of some inspiration, I went to hear Kwame Toure, formerly Stokely Carmichael of SNCC and Black Panther fame, speak at Columbia. At the entrance to the auditorium, two women, one black, one Asian, **were selling Marxist literature.**"

During this period, according to Obama, he began a serious romantic relationship.

* "**There was a woman in New York that I loved. She was white,**" Obama wrote in "Dreams." "We saw each other for almost a year. On the weekends, mostly. Sometimes in her apartment, sometimes in mine. You know how you can fall into your own private world? Just two people, hidden and warm. Your own language. Your own customs." But Obama said their relationship was doomed by the racial difference. "I pushed her away," he recalled. "**The emotion between the races could never be pure;** even love was tarnished by the desire to find in the other some element that was missing from ourselves. Whether we sought out our demons or salvation, **the other race would always remain just that: menacing, alien, and apart.**"

* In June 1985, Obama was interviewed in New York by Marty Kaufman, a community organizer from Chicago. Obama recalled: "**There was something about him that made me wary. A little too sure of himself, maybe. And white.**"