

OBAMA'S AMERICA

UNMAKING THE
AMERICAN DREAM

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*In memory of my father,
Allan D'Souza,
who taught me to dream my own dreams*

That fellow seems to me to possess but one idea,
and that is a wrong one.

—Samuel Johnson, Boswell's *Life of Johnson*

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CHAPTER ONE

INNER COMPASS

*Starting today, we must ... begin again the work
of remaking America.*¹

—Barack Obama, inaugural speech, January 20, 2009

The American Era, 1945–2016. This could well be the title of a chapter in a history book a generation or two from now. A future historian, contemplating the American era, might express surprise that a nation so young and robust, a nation whose power and prosperity was without rival in the history of the world, lost its preeminence so quickly. Previous great powers did much better. The Roman era, for instance, lasted nearly a thousand years; the Ottoman era, several centuries; the British era, nearly two centuries. Who would have guessed that America, the last best hope of Western civilization, would succumb this easily, pathetically, ignominiously. For future historians, the most incredible fact might not be America's decline and fall but the manner of it. Ultimately, history may show, this fall was achieved purposefully, single-handedly.