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CNN's Peter Bergen receives Alinsky Smear Award

The [Freedom Leadership Conference](http://FreedomLeadershipConference.org) has given its "Saul Alinsky Smear of the Month Award" for April to Peter Bergen of CNN for suggesting immediately after the Boston Marathon bombings that the act was possibly the work of "right wing extremists."

The award was announced by David Denholm at the Conference's April meeting in Fairfax, Virginia. Denholm, one of the conservative movement's leading experts on Saul Alinsky and the "Rules for Radicals," took note of Alinsky's Eighth Rule for Power Tactics, "Keep the pressure on with different tactics and actions, and utilize all events of the period for your purposes."

The Freedom Leadership Conference contends that for Bergen to use the Boston Marathon bombing tragedy to further the liberal media's crusade against conservatives is a perfect example of the use of Alinsky tactics and is deserving of the Alinsky Smear of the Month Award. Bergen has been sent a colorful certificate commemorating his achievement.

Denholm, [Public Service Research Foundation](http://PublicServiceResearchFoundation.org) President, has spoken at nearly every conference since it went monthly in late 2012, on "Alinsky's Rules for Radicals" and announced the first award at a previous conference for Piers Morgan after his rude treatment of his guest, Larry Pratt of Gun Owners of America, set to speak at the May 15 FLC.

Each monthly meeting of the Freedom Leadership Conference (FLC) is sponsored by a different conservative group. The April meeting was sponsored by [Secure America Alliance](http://SecureAmericaAlliance.org), with attorney Gilbert K. Davis speaking on "The Obama War Against Seniors." Davis is very popular among conservatives after his work for Paula Jones, and his 9-0 victory at the Supreme Court, an indictment (impeachment) against the sitting President, and the disbarment of Bill Clinton as an attorney by the Arkansas Bar Association. The full text and video of Davis' remarks (and past speakers) is at FreedomLeadershipConference.org.

The May 15 Conference will be sponsored by [Gun Owners of America](http://GunOwnersOfAmerica.org) with President Larry Pratt as speaker. Pratt will be given the "Alinsky" award earned by Piers Morgan to give him next time he is a guest on his CNN show. FLC is in its 14th year, starting as an annual event on the west coast.