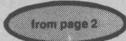
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**Poll Reveals Black Frustration** policies of the Democrats class blacks rank the cerning economic reality.



The discontents of the black middle class have not made it indifferent to political differences between the parties. And this is a healthy sign which flies in the face of the substantial sentiment the poll revealed for a black political party. Nearly twothirds of the respondents believe there is a dif-

thirds feel that black of the most loyal allies of mayors - elected without the black community. benefit of a black party have produced better government. In addition, nearly 50 percent of those polled stated that blacks would be unable to attain equality without forging necessary. an alliance with whites. A healthy political sense ference between the poll's finding that middle ceptions exist, con- than that of blacks as a

and Republicans. labor movement and white liberals number one and Moreover, a similar two- two, respectively, in a list

These results appear to suggest that middle-class blacks will continue to take part in the coalitions should not blind us to the in the 1960s and '70s are poll's alarming indication reflecting their own was also revealed in the that a number of misper- economic progress rather

Over two-thirds of the

economically as they were ten years ago. But,

Yet this entered the middle class

whole. According to be addressed recent statistics, since 1970 median black inblack middle class may comes have dropped from blacks about certain feel that blacks as a group 64 percent of white in- economic are better off or as well off comes to 59 pecent. remains a critical task. In-

alas, this sentiment is not has occurred at a time black leadership. supported by the facts. when the purchasing Needless to say, blacks power of the take-home which are today so vitally Clearly those blacks who pay of all workers has discussion of their been steadily declining. It economic status in the is precisely this decline in mass media. Many of the the standard of living of uncomfortable statistics all working people, black remain poorly analyzed and white, which needs to and under-reported.

And the goal educating middle class realities deed, it is one of the cen-Moreover, this erosion tral tasks of an effective usually do not find a frank



