

Point of View

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MINORITY REPORT

SHOULD BLACKS ABANDON DR. KING, MARSHALL, NAACP AND ADOPT JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS' CONSERVATISM?

By James E. Alsbrook, Ph.D.

Some young black professional men are talking about abandoning the ideas of Thurgood Marshall, Dr. King and the NAACP. They argue that they see no progress today as liberals, so they should become conservatives as Clarence Thomas did.

Historical and political usage indicates that conservatives like existing conditions. They "hold still," "go slow" or "go backward" in order to maintain personal advantages. Liberals, on the other hand, advocate change to improve the general society.

Who are some outstanding liberals and conservatives?

Liberal—Jesus Christ, who opposed the status quo. He proposed drastic change, advocating love, peace, brotherhood and "live and help live."

Conservative—Pontius Pi-

late, who believed Jesus innocent but chose to save his own "mortal body" instead of his "immortal soul," capitulated to the lies and smears of his advisers and opted for the status quo.

Liberal—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and others who in the Revolutionary War fought against the status quo, threw off the yoke of British control, royalty and privilege, and chose freedom and democracy for America.

Conservative—Benedict Arnold and other pomp and privilege seekers who tried to maintain the status quo and keep King George III as ruler of the colonies. Many wealthy American conservatives sided with Arnold, who became a traitor.

Liberal—Abraham Lincoln, who led the nation in the Civil War and opposed human slav-

ery. Emerging from poverty, he knew humble ancestry was no barrier to achievement and he favored freedom for all people.

Conservative—Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis and other Confederate leaders who sent thousands of men to their deaths to maintain the status quo of slavery for blacks and degradation for poor whites.

Liberal—Franklin D. Roosevelt, who steered programs to help the rich and poor alike through the Great Depression, fought Hitler and other race-superiority fascists. He crowned his term with the Social Security program that today helps protect the health and dignity of millions of American elderly and handicapped.

Conservative—Adolph Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Joseph Stalin—all dictators who concentrated power in their own hands.

Stalin changed form and some substance, but in effect maintained a status quo by replacing one form of oppression with another.

Liberal—Dr. Martin L. King Jr., who sacrificed his life seeking "liberty and justice for all" and was supported by President Lyndon Johnson, a conservative-turned-liberal. Johnson told the world "We shall overcome" and led Congress to the passage of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights laws. He expanded freedom.

Conservative—Ronald Reagan, who preached respect for the human rights of victims overseas—except for black people in South Africa—while at home waging his eight-year war against civil rights laws and other equality-and-justice gains led Dr. King, the NAACP, and President Johnson. Reagan's quiet

and "discreet" racism pleased Dixiecrat Voters while implicitly sending "go ahead" signals to resurrecting klan klaverns, skinheads and other hate groups.

Some conservatives argue heatedly for more individual liberty and less government control. But these same people demand government-enforced control over women's bodies.

Remember this:

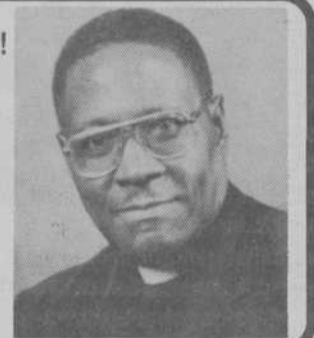
Leading liberals—Jesus, Nathan Hale, Dr. King and others—sacrificed THEIR OVER LIVES for the good of society.

But leading conservatives—Pontius Pilate, Robert E. Lee, Hitler and others—sacrificed OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES usually for personal advantage or because of class, race, political or religious prejudice.

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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THE NAACP IS FIGHTING FOR YOU

The NAACP will hold its Monthly Meeting, Sunday, November 10, 1991 - 3:00 p.m. at New Jerusalem Baptist Church 1100 North 'D' Street. You are invited to attend and learn what you should know, Ol' Jim Crow catches up with you and start peaking you.

Jim Crow is an old Southern symbol for racism in America. If you are Black, sooner or later Jim Crow is going to get you. When this ugly bird starts scratching and pecking you, you will begin screaming for someone to come and rescue you. If everyone was as careless and selfish as you are, they would wait until they got in trouble before they would think about joining the NAACP.

No matter how long you have been on your job, no matter how well you have done your work, no matter who you know, no matter what the quality or quantity of your production, Jim Crow is always waiting around the corner to get you.

One day your evaluation will reveal that you have an excellent rating and the next day you will get fired. If you are not too busy or too important then you should come out Sunday and hear the testimony of others who have learned how to successfully avoid an encounter with Jim Crow or what to do or how to escape from his

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POLITICAL POINTS

By Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams



THE PARTY'S OVER

By Wendell P. Williams

The Democratic Party in this country, especially in Nevada will have to soon face the reality of its troubles. And if it thinks that it does not have troubles, then it is already too late.

For too many decades, Democrats have enjoyed the effortless acquisition of African-American votes. For too many decades African-Americans were born Democrats. Very little had to be done by the Democratic Party to maintain these voters and very little was attempted.

There could be many speculations as to why we clung so tightly to the Demo-

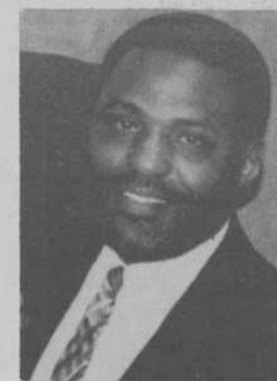
cratic Party in the past, but I would suspect that it was largely a subconscious payback for civil rights gains that occurred during the 1960's & 70's. However, many are beginning to openly acknowledge that it's time for the party to answer the question, "What have you done for me lately?"

More importantly African-American elected officials, more so than ever, must question and expose those in the party who are policy-makers that claim to be "for the people" in principle, but not in practice. Even in the Nevada Legislature its sometimes hard to tell who is, and who is not a Democrat or Republican.

The fact of the matter is that some people will have to realize that no longer can our votes simply be inherited, but they must be earned.

Not to mention that George Bush, increasingly looking like a man whose only conviction is to have non at all, has not hesitated to play the racial card. Taking a tip from Ronald Reagan, Bush is being affective at race baiting.

This in turn, means that the issue of race leaves even more white voters from the Democratic Party. It has always been the intention of the Republican Party to be just a little bit pregnant when it comes to issues of race. Since 1972 and Richard Nixon,



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Republicans has pandered to the fears of and racism of white Americans.

In fact, David Duke's platform of no taxes less government and blaming welfare for all of the problems of society, sounds exactly like Ronald Reagan.

However, even with the pothole tactics of the GOP, the Democratic Party must not think for one second that it can continue to inherit the African-American vote, nor will it be able to sucker it with fly-by-night barbecue & beer rallies.

Democrats, its time to stop talking east and walking west. If you insist, then expect to walk it alone.

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