

Interview

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Blacks fled the party in '64 for good reason—Goldwater's opposition to the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. Apart from Nixon's 1968 campaign and platform of Black capitalism, the Republican Party has not made any efforts to reconnect with Black voters since the mid-1970s. Incidentally, the same time he called for Black capitalism, Nixon was putting together his Southern strategy to roll back civil rights gains.

RUFFIN: *What does it mean to the political health of the nation that African-Americans do not perceive that they have a home in the GOP and give lopsided support to the Democratic Party?*

ANDERSON: It says race still matters. Blacks disproportionately support Democrats, not because of Republican policies and the party's mainstream conservative values, but because of the perception of hostility to Black folks. So long as there is only one party where Black people feel that we are welcome, that's a problem. In the 1956 election, [President Dwight] Eisenhower got about 40 percent of the Black vote. Nixon got 23 percent in 1960. It is in our self-interest as Black Americans to get back to that.

RUFFIN: *Why?*

ANDERSON: It would be win-win. The Republicans can add to their base, which they need, because they have all the white votes they are going to get. And Black folks would have influence with both parties. We wouldn't have the situation we had in '94 when we had a "Blackout" on Capitol Hill.

We were all bunched up in the Democratic Party and the Republican Party takes control of Congress—and overnight we're powerless. Competition for our vote between the two parties is in the country's interest if we can remove race and its divisiveness as factors in politics.

RUFFIN: *Is the hostility toward Blacks a problem across the board in the GOP?*

ANDERSON: No. [U.S. Senator] Kit Bond (R-Mo.) got 35 percent of the Black vote in his 1998 reelection campaign. In other states you have folks like [Sen. George] Voinovich in Ohio, [New York Governor George] Pataki, [New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd] Whitman—Republican governors and senators who get a significant percentage of the Black vote.

RUFFIN: *How do they get that support?*

ANDERSON: First of all, they ask. They package a credible message delivered by credible Black messengers, and it yields votes. So outreach is happening at the state and local levels. It's not happening in Washington or at the

national level because that's where you have that same old circle of advisors.

RUFFIN: *What does the Republican Party have to do to broaden its national appeal to Blacks?*

ANDERSON: Well, it has to clean house. It's not just about the Council of Conservative Citizens (CCC). The CCC is more a code, like the Confederate flag is code. The Republican Party is talking its outreach 'big tent' rhetoric, but it's a party dominated by white southerners—Southern culture, Southern heritage.

The Republican Party has to go through the experience that the Democratic Party went through during the civil rights era. It has to be purged of its racist element in order to survive. Maybe the thing to drive that home is for the party to lose big.

RUFFIN: *Are there any Black people who have influence in the inner circles of the Republican party as there were, say, 30 years ago?*

ANDERSON: I don't know whether there are any Black people who have Bush's ear. There may be, but they are not in touch with the Black community because, if they were, they would tell Bush, "You don't go to Bob Jones University and apologize to Catholics and not to Blacks." They would tell Republicans, "You don't refuse to support a resolution condemning the Council of Conservative Citizens." How can a Black person say they are in a position of influence and the presidential front-runner of your party is wrapped in the Confederate flag?

RUFFIN: *The Democrats make racial blunders and recover. What's the difference?*

ANDERSON: In '92, when Clinton criticized Black rap singer Sista Souljah for what he called cop-bashing lyrics in her songs, that could have backfired and depressed Black voter turnout for him. But there were credible Black leaders who could say to Black folks, "Yes, we know what he did, but be cool. If he gets elected, we'll be all right, trust me." Those Black leaders could vouch for Clinton because they were trusted in the Black community. The Republican Party has no credible Blacks who can vouch for it.

RUFFIN: *What do you see as the future of African Americans and the Republican Party?*

ANDERSON: Some serious damage has to be undone. You can't just pretend there's no history of hostility and insensitivity. You can't just say, "From today forward, let's start communicating." In the long term, the party will have to rebuild, but it cannot be rebuilt with the same people who have run it into the ground.

AIDS

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Africa has been beset by labor unrest and a falling currency.

Later, in a toast with Vice President Al Gore at the State Department, Mbeki thanked the United States for its help of a continent "that has been marginalized."

Gore praised Mbeki's vision for Africa. "You stand at the forefront of leaders who understand that democracy is about more than holding elections," Gore said.

Jackson

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mandate, not a peacekeeping mandate," Jackson said. "Otherwise they will be targets" for the rebels of the Sierra Leone Revolutionary United Front.

"The RUF must disarm and demobilize voluntarily or be disarmed and demobilized," Jackson said. "They must not retain military power because that threatens democracy."

He said the continued fighting in Sierra Leone could "create a domino effect of instability in the region" threatening Guinea, where 700,000 refugees have fled from Sierra Leone, and Liberia where some rebel leaders are based.

"There is a real obligation to secure democracy in Sierra Leone," he said.

Peacekeeper

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Boucher said that as a result of the hold, "the United Nations either has to defer payments to nations that are providing peacekeepers or skimp in some other area. Either way, it damages U.N. peacekeeping."

The administration seems to have hardened its position on Sankoh in recent days, especially since he was detained by pro-government troops in the Sierra Leonean capital of Freetown late last week.

A week ago, Boucher said Sankoh has a "chance to play a positive role" in resurrecting the peace agreement that he signed almost a year ago and then violated.

On Monday, Boucher said, "We believe in both peace and justice. And if you're going to have justice, there needs to be accountability."

"Second of all, any crimes that have been committed by the Revolutionary United Front since the Lome peace agreement was signed are not covered by the domestic amnesty that was part of that agreement."

He said it is up to the Sierra Leonean government to decide whether to prosecute Sankoh for any crimes he may have committed during years of war that had catastrophic humanitarian consequences for the country's civilian population.

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PRE-BID CONFERENCE: Will be held on June 2, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in the Purchasing and Contracts Division Conference Room, First Floor, City Hall Complex, 400 East Stewart Avenue. The purpose of this conference is to discuss the specifications and any prospective bidders' concerns.

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