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to build some backbone into the Democratic Party for the changeover to mean anything.

This will be tricky, but he has to confront Sen. John Breaux, a nominal Democrat from Louisiana, who had come to occupy the strategic role between the two parties, voting now with Democrats, then with Republicans. Breaux, a conservative called "moderate," and others could freelance because Daschle could not make them pay a price, as Trent Lott found out by disciplining Jeffords. Now Jeffords, who will organize as part of the Democratic Caucus, will also present a problem of independent voting.

Yet although the narrow party margin invites such behavior, still, I am surprised that Diane Feinstein, a California Democrat whose re-election Blacks strongly boosted, supported the tax cut.

The second big Bush agenda item on the table now is the education program, which has drawn some support from Democrats in the Senate, such as Ted Kennedy and many Democrats in the House, but which also suffers from full funding of programs like HeadStart.

The question is whether now that Democrats can complicate the Bush agenda in the Senate and it is clear that the Bush tax cut

will impoverish the education bill, whether they are able to force Bush to find the funds to include aspects of their agenda.

Bush has no political mandate for this second theft, the theft of public tax funds for private use, because not only did he lose the popular vote, according to the latest CNN/USA Today poll, most Americans (45 percent to 36 percent) think the Senate would be better in the hands of Democrats.

Bush's mantra that government funding is the "people's money" is true, but his statement that they can spend it better than the government is simply false since it depends upon what they want. In any case, these "people" he talks about are not those who need government programs; he means that the wealthy can spend it better, since they don't need government in the first place, and since they see government as a barrier to their wholesale theft of the public trough.

The tragedy is that so many people don't seem to matter that they are being fronted for the rich, as long as the conservative movement holds out the hope that they will be rich or that they will continue to enjoy White privilege.

Ronald Walters, a political science professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, is author of the book "African American Leadership."

Africans

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we have with the incident and the trial was the potential for it to lead to an increase in prejudice against Arab Americans," said Hussein Ibish, communications director of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. The group, founded in 1980, has over 20,000 members across the U.S.

"It seems as though it was a fair trial," Ibish said. "The concern is that people from certain groups usually have to take collective responsibility for the actions committed by members of their ethnic group."

Victory

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employers. "All students learned better when placed in diverse classrooms because of the perspectives and it forces individuals to stretch, and to think outside the box," Redwood says. "You compete better when you have had a diverse experience. Employers want people with a sense of cultural diversity, exposure to people with disabilities, and so on because they tend to work better with people overall."

Opponents of race-based admissions policies argue that students who don't qualify

well through admissions testing simply aren't showing enough ability to succeed in the college arena and that the tests themselves are the leveling factor of the playing field.

Although Ibish noted that the press and national community were responsible and fair in coverage of the incident and the case, he believed that there were those who would still attempt to draw larger race-based conclusions from the bombings. "People who believe in stereotyping will find a way to blame all Arabs for the actions of a few," Ibish said that members of other groups are not held to the same stereotype of linking an entire group with terrorism as seen with the Timothy McVeigh case.

U.S. foreign policy strat-

egy remains a central area of discussion among leaders and international human rights organizations. Although none support terrorist tactics, some say that people often take up arms when they feel they are not otherwise heard.

"There has to be some re-thinking of policy," Munthali says. "People just don't take up arms and go on suicide missions without any cause."

The defendants, followers of bin Laden, are fighting to end U.S. occupation of the Persian Gulf, according to media sources.

There is a \$5 million reward for bin Laden's arrest.

on an SAT-should expect to be on a 'level playing field' and to expect them to do as well as someone who has had that training and support," Sultan says.

"And by the way, what's the job of an academic institution if not to teach? If someone has a 4.0 and someone else a 3.0, at what point is someone 'not eligible' to learn?"

Social Security

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We agree that our Social Security system needs attention. There are good reasons to find ways to strengthen the system. But risky privatization proposals which would increase retirement insecurity and undermine the viability of the survivor and disability components of the Social Security system, are not the answer.

Members of President Bush's newly formed Social Security Commission would do well to remember that Social Security is more than a retirement program — it is an insurance program that provides for society's most vulnerable families. The President's commission would do well to follow the better path: strengthening the Social Security system, not reducing its protections.

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The rise in drug-related arrests of Black women in many instances can be directly linked to their entanglement with husbands and boyfriends who were selling or transporting drugs.

The tainted pardons of Marc Rich and Carlos Vignali obscured Clinton's much deserved commutations of the prison sentences of several Black women who had served much longer prison stretches than their male partners.

•Better Prison Care: Women's prisons are hardly country clubs. Many of them are chronically understaffed, and overcrowded.

They suffer from shortages of family planning counselors and services, obstetric and gynecological specialists, drug treatment and child care facilities and transportation funds for family visits.

Also, according to Amnesty International, more than half of women prisoners have children under age 18.

State and federal parental termination laws give child care agencies the power to put children up for adoption who have been in foster care for a prolonged period of time.

Incarceration is a factor

that many childcare workers use to determine whether a mother is fit to care for her children. According to family rights advocates the number of parental termination cases has jumped sharply during the past five years even though in many cases the women who have been released from prison are will-

ing and capable of resuming the care of their children.

The ABA's cure for the glaring gender injustice in the juvenile justice system is for communities to develop alternatives to detention and incarceration, change in the biased practices and attitudes of police and judges toward girls, and provide more ser-

vices to help troubled girls. These are reforms that could save many of them from landing in a juvenile detention center as girls and in a prison cell as women.

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