

Bush's rhetoric vs. reality

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do not square with his record in office.

"There's a disconnect between what he says and what he does," says Frank Mesiah, president of the Buffalo, N.Y. Branch of the NAACP. Mesiah remained seated during Bush's address while many delegates around him gave polite applause, some jumping to their feet.

"What he said is the right thing. People are grinning and smiling because he said the right thing," Mesiah said. "But he appoints judges to the federal bench who have histories of doing the opposite of what he said. Nobody can argue about 'No Child Left Behind.' But do they know that it was not properly funded?"

Mesiah's sentiments were the same as those voiced by a string of civil rights leaders.

"We not only need the right to vote, but the right to health care, the right to education, and the right to increased minimum wage," Jesse Jackson observes. "He also needs to engage, in a meaningful way, with civil rights leaders. He can meet with [Russian President] Putin and they disagree. He can meet with us and disagree."

Jackson, who has sought meetings with Bush, since his first term in office, has encountered what he describes as a "lock out of leadership."

Al Sharpton did not attend the speech because, he says, "George Bush has not demonstrated in such a way that I wanted to sit and act as if his words match his deeds and his policies."

While Jackson and Al Sharpton have been excluded from some recent White House meet-

ings with Bush, NAACP President and CEO Bruce Gordon, the leader with the least civil rights experience, has been embraced by Bush and essentially serves as the point person when Bush wishes to meet with a select number of civil rights leaders. In fact, without Gordon's overtures to Bush, it is unlikely that the president would have spoken to the NAACP national convention for the first time since taking office.

"The moment I stepped into this role, I've been working to cultivate that relationship and we've had candid conversations," Gordon said in an interview following the speech. "We don't always agree, but we understand each other and that's what's important. I think that the openness of our communication of our personal relationship as well as my relationship with other members of his staff can at least provide us comfort that we're looking for ways to dialogue and we're hoping to find ways where our principles and priorities intersect and where they do, we will work on it."

As Jesse Jackson sat glumly in the audience and Al Sharpton was 544 miles away in Atlanta, Bush was effusive in his praise of Gordon.

"I've gotten to know him. See, shortly after he was elected, he came by the Oval Office. He doesn't mince words," Bush says. "It's clear what's on his mind. He's also a results-oriented person. I'm pleased — I'm pleased to say that I have — I'm an admirer of Bruce Gordon, and we've got a good working relationship. I don't know if that helps you or hurts you. But it's the truth. I admire the man."

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88°	70°	91° 70°	88° 87°	86° 88°	88° 69°	87° 67°	85° 65°
RealFeel 88°	RealFeel 70°	RealFeel 91°	RealFeel 88°	RealFeel 86°	RealFeel 88°	RealFeel 87°	RealFeel 85°

WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

Temperatures

Precipitation

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IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Moon Phases
Thursday	6:39 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	Thursday	9:23 p.m.	7:51 a.m.	Full
Friday	6:40 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	Friday	9:53 p.m.	9:05 a.m.	Last
Saturday	6:41 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	Saturday	10:21 p.m.	10:18 a.m.	New
Sunday	6:42 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Sunday	10:51 p.m.	11:29 a.m.	First
Monday	6:43 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	Monday	11:23 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	
Tuesday	6:43 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	Tuesday	11:59 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	
Wednesday	6:44 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	Wednesday	none	3:00 p.m.	

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Aiken, SC	90 72 94 72 90 72	90 72 90 70 1	Myrtle Beach, SC	88 76 88 77	88 76 88 77	88 76 88 77	88 76 88 77	
Atlanta, GA	92 72 94 72 92 72	92 72 92 72 1	Norfolk, VA	87 72 89 75	87 72 89 75	87 72 89 75	87 72 89 75	
Charleston, SC	88 76 92 75 89 75	89 75 89 74 1	Raleigh, NC	92 70 90 72 1	92 70 90 72 1	92 70 90 72 1	92 70 90 72 1	
Columbia, SC	90 75 92 74 90 73	90 73 90 72 1	Richmond, VA	90 69 87 72 1	90 69 87 72 1	90 69 87 72 1	90 69 87 72 1	
Durham, NC	92 69 90 71 85 69	85 69 84 68 1	Roanoke, VA	89 68 88 70 1	89 68 88 70 1	89 68 88 70 1	89 68 88 70 1	
Greensboro, NC	88 70 87 71 83 69	83 69 84 68 1	Savannah, GA	82 75 82 75 1	82 75 82 75 1	82 75 82 75 1	82 75 82 75 1	
Greenville, SC	88 72 90 72 88 71	88 70 88 70 1	Wilmington, NC	85 74 91 74 1	85 74 91 74 1	85 74 91 74 1	85 74 91 74 1	
Knoville, TN	89 71 87 71 89 71	89 71 89 70 1	Winston-Salem, NC	90 71 90 72 1	90 71 90 72 1	90 71 90 72 1	90 71 90 72 1	
Lynchburg, VA	91 66 89 65 81 65	81 65 84 65 1						

U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	88 73 90 73 87 74	87 74 89 73 1	Miami	90 80 91 80 91 80	91 80 91 79 1				
Boston	65 66 76 82 76 82	76 82 76 65 1	Minneapolis	60 69 82 82 85 88 85 85 1					
Chicago	68 66 80 64 80 64	80 64 80 66 1	New Orleans	93 76 90 78 91 78 91 79 1					
Cleveland	82 64 77 65 80 67	80 67 85 88 1	New York City	89 70 82 68 81 66 80 71 1					
Dallas	100 78 100 78 100 77	100 77 96 76 1	Oxnard	94 75 94 75 94 75 94 75 1					
Denver	53 66 63 59 68 59 64 59	64 59 64 59 1	Pittsburgh	84 65 82 61 79 60 82 65 1					
Detroit	84 66 80 64 82 67	82 67 86 88 1	Phoenix	102 86 102 85 104 85 106 86 1					
Houston	94 76 94 76 92 75	92 75 93 76 1	San Francisco	72 56 72 56 72 56 74 67 1					
Kansas City	98 76 92 69 92 72	92 72 90 70 1	Seattle	72 52 74 54 76 56 76 56 1					
Los Angeles	88 66 84 66 82 66	82 66 82 66 1	Washington, DC	89 73 86 72 84 68 85 70 1					

WORLD CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	66 55 66 54 66 54	66 54 66 55 1	Paris	72 50 70 54 72 52	72 52 70 50 1				
Berlin	75 53 73 54 73 54	73 54 75 55 1	Rio de Janeiro	84 71 81 69 83 70	83 70 83 70 1				
Buenos Aires	57 53 62 51 63 55	63 55 65 54 1	Rome	86 56 86 68 86 68	86 68 86 68 1				
Cairo	99 74 104 78 102 73	102 73 97 74 1	San Juan	87 78 91 77 91 78	91 78 88 76 1				
Jerusalem	81 64 85 67 86 62	86 62 82 63 1	Seoul	90 73 88 73 90 77	90 77 90 75 1				
Johannesburg	62 41 64 42 67 44	67 44 70 43 1	Sydney	63 46 63 50 67 49	67 49 65 49 1				
London	68 52 66 50 65 50	65 50 66 54 1	Tokyo	86 75 86 77 88 77	88 77 90 76 1				
Mexico City	74 53 73 55 73 54	73 54 72 53 1	Toronto	77 60 75 56 75 56	75 56 79 60 1				
Moscow	57 46 62 46 65 54	65 54 71 59 1	Zurich	69 52 63 49 67 52	67 52 61 47 1				

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