

Apparently this sort of political strategy is finally starting to back fire. White folks are now having to face the fact that they aren't used to doing the kind of analysis necessary to lead this country into the future. Indeed it is almost as if the grand wizard's curtain has finally been lifted from their eyes!

This election, while still deeply mired in the kind of race baiting of days gone by, is a signal that white folks may be coming of age. They may be coming to a point where they themselves, and not just us Black folks, are now willing to think more deeply about social and fiscal policies. Indeed there may be hope after all.

Most of us would generally agree that white folks can be smart people. However, when it comes to political issues, they like so many others, tend to be lazy about making tough decisions. They like to procrastinate.

They prefer to deflect the responsibility for problems that they themselves have created — entitlements — to those least able to defend themselves from attack.

The truth is that white folks are by far and away the largest recipient of welfare payments in this country. In fact they are by far the largest recipients of all government entitlements. Indeed, if black were eliminated from the entitlement program all together, this country would not even notice it. Of course white politicians would have you believe otherwise.

The bright spot in this election is that white folks seem to be saying to themselves, albeit quietly, "Hey, that is me you are talking about fellah."

Yes this an interesting time in southern political history. The struggle this country is experiencing right now may be the great white awakening. White folks discovering that it wasn't US after all. That Blacks were not the cause of the decline of the economy and the flight of jobs overseas, or the decline of our manufacturing base in this country. Blacks are not the reason we are losing whole industries overseas. Black folks are not responsible for the S & L crisis. No white folks, we didn't do that.

I must say however, that I am not convinced that white politicians are ready for white folks to do their own analysis. I will be convinced of that when I start to see political ads featuring real white folks going to the grocery store with their food stamps, buying beer, steaks, and cigarettes and then climbing in their trucks laughing loud, listening to Tanya Tucker on their way to see Dale Earnhart win another race.

Just once I would like to see a politician run a commercial use the image of white folks — senior citizens, collecting their checks in the mail and then running off to their country clubs to play golf and gin rummy with their friends.

And no need to say that you, white folks, have always been against that kind of welfare/entitlement abuse, cause you know you would be lying. Until now, you have never taken the time to find out that it was white folks who was feeding at the trough all the time.

Only when I see those commercials will we all know that white folks are ready to renounce their history of making a mess and then looking for scapegoats to blame it on. Only then will we know that white folks is ready to do their own voting.



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