

Study: Blacks solidly favor Clinton

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Despite occasional talk of black disaffection with the Democrats and the potential for a Republican breakthrough among black Americans, a recent national poll indicates that Republicans have made no headway in African-American communities.

Among the poll's respondents, President Clinton is currently more popular with blacks than is Jesse Jackson or Louis Farrakhan and if Bob Dole were the GOP nominee, he would lose miserably to Clinton.

"African American identification with the Democratic party remains as strong as it's ever been. The Republicans, quite frankly, have made no inroads whatsoever in the black community," political analyst David Bositis says in

summing up the results of the survey conducted for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a nonprofit Washington-based think tank that researches issues regarding black Americans.

Only last fall there appeared the real possibility that Democratic hegemony in the black community could be seriously threatened. Farrakhan's Million Man March resonated with conservative themes of self-help and less dependency on government for its help. But the survey found that 81 percent of African Americans identify themselves as Democrats, and fewer than one in 10 as Republicans.

Faye Anderson, executive director of the Council of 100 Black Republicans, says her party has done nothing to broaden its support within the black community. "I've had it," says Anderson. "As Fannie

Lou Hamer used to say, I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired of this party doing nothing and squandering real opportunities. This party has failed miserably in communicating with black



Clinton

folks." She states that the Republicans' election strategy for black voters is the same as it always has been; hoping most of them stay home on Election Day. But, she said, the party "can't just sit here and pray for rain."

Anderson and other black Republicans argue that even if the party did only marginally better with black voters in the 22 states where 95 percent of them reside, it could reap big

political dividends. Emanuel McLittle, editor and publisher of the conservative black journal *Destiny*, says even though there is deep disaffection with the Democrats the Republicans seem disinclined to seize upon it. "I don't see the welcome mat," says McLittle.

The Joint Center poll found that blacks are a little more liberal than other voters, significantly more likely to think race relations are an important national issue and a lot less likely to complain about government. Significantly, in spite of the fact of more blacks having been elected to mayoral, local councils and statehouses, in general, African Americans place more confidence in the federal than state or local government - in contrast with the general population - and are more likely to want federal standards for welfare and Medicaid.

Mandela calls education key to liberation

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lenged JCSU's 1996 graduating class to use their education for the good of their communities.



Nelson Mandela

"We (in South Africa) realize education is the key to (economic) liberation," Mandela said. "Your degree means you have a major responsibility to your community. You must pull along those who have not climbed the ladder.

"Unless you are economically liberated, you are not yet free," she said.

Mandela said there must be a shift in South Africa's resources to the the majority

African population, which suffered economically under the restrictions of apartheid.

Adding to her remarks in an interview after her speech, Mandela said the re-design of South Africa will be a two-way street.

"Blacks have to let go of certain things," she said, using language that could describe America today. "Black people have to see the opportunities (that become available)."

Mandela said most of the whites who have remained in South Africa have done so because they want to see the country succeed.

Noting the difficulty American blacks are having more than 130 years after slavery ended, Mandela said too many African Americans thought they could merge into white America.

"They have lost touch with their roots, their identity,"

Mandela said. "They thought they were part of the whole."

South Africa is a unique example of a democracy, she said, with its first challenge being the dismantling of apartheid, a system which survived more than 40 years because whites felt they had a God-given right to rule over native Africans.

South Africa today is trying to overcome 350 years of oppression by whites of the Africans, Mandela said.

"The behavior of the past structures the behavior of the present," she said.

Mandela said her father is fostering inclusion by having new laws translated into all the African languages, not just English and Afrikaans. "All languages are official languages," she said. "Each has the same status as other languages."

In South Africa, the people are trying to build a democracy, giving the 30 million Africans free speech and the right to choose their government and oppose their government, along with the remaining white minority.

"The government is prepared to extend a hand to the former leaders of apartheid so we can create a new system," Mandela said.

But, she said, blacks must receive some economic benefits, such as better housing, jobs and education.

"There is a vast depth of difference in the economic status in South Africa," Mandela said. "You can't separate political democracy from economic justice.

"It is not possible to eliminate apartheid and leave everybody who enjoyed its benefits as well off as before."

Mammograms at Earle Village

Nationsbank and Mobile Health Outreach are sponsoring free mammograms for residents of Earle Village on April 11.

The free tests for breast cancer will be conducted for women over age 34 between 2 and 8 p.m. at the Earle Village Community Recreation Center on Seventh Street.

"The Mobile Health Outreach is a remarkable organization that is literally bringing preventive health care services to individuals' door steps," said Mike Pitchford, NationsBank senior vice president and director of community development. "We are happy to help sponsor this event as it will positively impact the lives of so many women."

Mobile Health Outreach is a non-profit subsidiary of Metrolina Outreach Mammography. The program was established in 1995 to provide basic health care services, screenings and diagnostic testing to low-income, rural, elderly, minority, uninsured and other underserved

populations.

"We are happy NationsBank is working with us to provide such a necessary service to the residents of Earle Village," said Jean Griswold, founder of Metrolina Outreach Mammography. "Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths for black American women, and with timely screenings we are able to help increase the survival rate for many women through early detection."

The NationsBank Small

Business Investment Corp. provided a \$100,000 capital commitment to Metrolina Outreach Mammography two years ago. NationsBank Community Development Corp. is also under contract with the Charlotte Housing Authority to assist in the administration of a \$41 million federal Housing and Urban Development grant to revitalize the Earle Village community.

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