

An Open Letter to Black Voters from a Black Minister who Marched with Dr. King... ABANDON THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the election just weeks away, you're probably thinking about how you will vote. You might also be feeling dissatisfied. Trust me. You're not alone.

It's likely you voted for Democrats in the past—possibly because you were told that the Democratic Party is “for” African Americans.

And you may be considering voting Democrat again, despite the fact that you don't like the nominee.

I am here to ask you to think again. Now is the time for African American voters to abandon the Democratic Party!

It is time we faced the truth. The policies embraced by the Democrats have failed us for decades. They have destroyed our communities, weakened our families, and doomed us to a future of dependency. What's more, the Democrats now take our votes for granted and ignore our voices in favor of other interest groups.

Be honest. Can you really say that Hillary Clinton speaks for you? Or understands the African American experience? We're told that we should vote for her because ... well, because blacks have always voted for Democrats.

That's a terrible reason to vote for someone, especially when you consider what Democratic policies have done to the black community...

It began with President Johnson's Great Society, which introduced a series of welfare and entitlement programs. These programs were continued in spite of the Democrats' knowledge that they would sap the initiative, will, and value of a strong work ethic among African Americans.

Using child poverty as an excuse for their intervention, Democrats crushed individualism and pride among inner city blacks. When Congress mandated food stamps, 100,000 welfare recruiters went into the cities convincing poor people to enroll for welfare and food stamps.

Blacks weren't fooled so easily, however, and rebelled against welfare and food stamps. An Agricultural Department's magazine reported that food stamp workers were finally

able to overcome their target's pride by telling parents, “This is for your children.” Then they loudly trumpeted their success in dismantling our sense of dignity, writing, “Thanks to intensive efforts, resistance of the proud is bending.”

The end result was to encourage illegitimacy and single family homes by creating a system where a father could not be in the home if the mother was getting food stamps and welfare.

As a result, we now see our prisons full of black young men—a direct result of black boys being raised in a home without a father. We have an epidemic of black men who have not been fathered in our nation. The effect on our families, communities, culture, and social strength has been devastating.

highest abortion rate, with a near-genocidal effect on the black community. Despite the fact that African Americans (Democrats' most loyal supporters) largely oppose same-sex marriage and transgender rights, the Democratic Party embraces even the most radical elements of the LGBTQ agenda.

And now, Hillary Clinton has indicated that religious freedom is her next enemy. That's right, she's coming after our churches.

The Democratic platform has no room for freedom of conscience when a church or pastor disagrees with them on abortion, gay marriage, or men in the women's bathroom. So Hillary Clinton will send the government after black churches and try to force them to comply with her brand of politics.

When the opportunity came, I took part in America's great Civil Rights Movement and marched beside leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I wanted this country to be a shining example for the world. I still do.

For most of my adult life, I considered myself a Democrat. I bought into the fiction that voting for Democrats was part of being African American. Now, I feel like I have been bamboozled by a party that doesn't care about me or my community.

I'm not saying that we should turn to the Republicans as the solution to all of our problems. Goodness knows they have their issues too. But if you look closely, you might be surprised at how much some of those candidates reflect your values. I know I was.

As someone who hopes to see our communities grow stronger and more prosperous—and who wants to see family and faith respected and preserved—I find that the Democratic Party no longer has room for me.

I realized that my relationship with the Democrats was completely one-sided. They ask for everything—support, votes, unquestioning loyalty—and give nothing back. If we want to reclaim our power as voters, then African Americans need to demonstrate that we won't allow ourselves to be used.

And so I have decided to abandon the Democrats. I hope you will join me in pledging to vote for your values, not for a political party. It is the only way to ensure that our voices will be heard and our votes respected.

Sincerely,

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And that's not the only way in which Democrats have undermined black dignity and success.

There are the Democratic housing policies that have helped turn inner cities into drug-riddled war zones where black-on-black violence is killing our people.

Moreover, thanks to Democrats' allegiance to the teachers' unions, our attempt at effective education reform—the kind that would rescue black children from dangerous and failing schools—went nowhere. Instead, we got empty promises.

Moreover, Democrats oppose even the mildest restraints on abortion. The result is that black women have the

To say I'm offended doesn't begin to cover it. Our churches have sustained us as a people since the days of slavery. They have given us hope and a path to redemption. And they are now at risk because the Democratic Party no longer has room for our beliefs, faith, or culture.

Isn't half a century of failure enough?

Why are we allowing our votes to be taken for granted?

What do we have to lose by trying something else?

I've been around politics for a long time. As a young man growing up in the Jim Crow south, I dreamt of a better future for myself and my children.

Please sign our Justice Pledge, and be sure to show your support of our work by making a donation. Our mailing address is 2654 West Horizon Ridge Parkway, Suite B5-139, Henderson, NV 89052.

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