

PLATFORM AND PRINCIPLES of the MISSISSIPPI STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Adopted in Convention in the city of Jackson, June 30, 1960:

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...The Democratic Party of Mississippi stands today where it has always stood with feet firmly planted on the solid foundation of the Constitution of the United States, pure Americanism and the traditional Southern American Way of Life.

...We are opposed to strong centralized government, national or state. We believe in States' Rights and local self-government, and are unalterably opposed to any encroachment upon the rights of the states by the federal government, or any department or agency thereof, and upon county and municipal government by the state, or any department or agency thereof.

We believe in the three separate and distinct branches of government...and we expressly condemn the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Brown school case rendered May 17, 1954, and subsequent decisions of that court, and inferior federal courts, striking down state constitutions and laws providing for the conduct and operation of public schools and public education within the states, as gross abuse of its judicial authority, flagrant usurpation of legislative function and an unwarranted invasion of rights of the sovereign states...

We are opposed to any legislation, federal or state, setting up what is known as a Fair Employment Practice Commission...

We believe that every person shall have the right to work and no person shall be denied that right because he or she is not a member of a union or other labor organization...

We are opposed to the enactment by the Congress of the United States of the so-called anti-poll tax measure as being in violation of the rights of the states to fix the qualifications of electors and in violation of the provisions of the U. S. Constitution. We favor the poll tax and are opposed to any attempt to abolish it either by federal legislation.

We believe in the time-honored and cherished traditions of the South and oppose any legislation, movement or policy which would do violence to or destroy them...

We oppose the ratification by the United States of the Genocide Convention of the United Nations, the proposed Human Rights Convention and the Civil Rights Convention...

We believe in the segregation of the races and are unalterably opposed to the repeal or modification of the segregation laws of this State, and we condemn integration and the practice of non-segregation. We unalterably oppose any and all efforts to repeal the miscegenation laws.

We believe in the doctrine of interposition as defined in the appropriate resolution adopted by the (Mississippi Legislature, 1956)

We believe in the separation of the races in the universities and colleges, in the public schools, in public transportation, in public parks, in public playgrounds, and in all spheres of activity where experience has shown that it is for the best interest of both races that such separation be observed...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF MISSISSIPPI ...that we, acknowledging with humility the divine power of Almighty God, and standing fearless in our belief in constitutional government, the rights of the states, segregation of the races and preservation of your traditional Southern American Way of life, do hereby affirm and declare:

(1) that we reject and oppose the platforms of both nation parties and their candidates...

(3) that we wholeheartedly approve the courageous and forceful minority report as to that portion of the National Democratic Platform entitled "Civil Rights" presented on behalf of the sovereign states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

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Excerpts from:

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Mississippi Republicans Endanger Mississippi With Two Party System

The "overnight" Republicans in Mississippi are playing with political dynamite by advocating a two party system in our state.

These inexperienced, so-called Republicans proudly boast that "they are not bound by any deep-seated taboos and prejudices handed down blindly from past generations" but they never discuss the real dangers of a two party political system in a state like Mississippi with a "block-voting" minority group that represents over 45 per cent of our population.

These self-styled "young men and young women and older people with young ideas" either do not know or they deliberately ignore the facts of life as they exist in Mississippi today.

A DIVISION OF CONSERVATIVE MISSISSIPPIANS INTO TWO POLITICAL CAMPS, as now being attempted by these self-styled Republicans, WOULD GIVE THE BALANCE OF POWER IN MISSISSIPPI TO OUR MINORITY GROUP. This would be the end of our way of life in Mississippi and the peace, tranquillity, law and order we now enjoy in all of our communities would soon come to an awesome end.

MISSISSIPPI HAS ALL THE BENEFITS WITHOUT THE VERY REAL DANGERS

...As Mississippi Democrats we are enjoying all of the so-called "benefits" of a two party system, through our State Democratic primary elections, without exposing the people of Mississippi to the disastrous events and conditions that would surely follow the division of conservative Mississippians into two political camps thus giving the balance of power into the hands of the minority.

Our Mississippi Democratic Party is entirely independent and is free of the influence or domination of any national political party, and it offers an adequate framework for candidates of widely varying views to offer their services to people. Mississippi has no need for a two party system that would divide our people and stretch our political campaigning over many additional months with resulting expense, confusion and disunity.

REPUBLICAN PARTY ALWAYS REJECTS THEIR CONSERVATIVE LEADERS

... The truth is that neither national party is "conservative". Both the National Republican Party and the National Democratic Party are the dedicated enemies of the people of Mississippi. The national leaders of both -- consistently, across the years -- have pursued courses of action which have moved our beloved country ever leftward -- which have threatened our citizens with ever more centralized power at Washington.

The National Republican Party has followed the National Democratic Party like a shadow. Both have moved toward socialism as they catered to organized "have-not" minorities in the heavy populated urban centers, ignoring the great, silent, unorganized majority of decent, responsible citizens in this country...

Neither party as constituted today offers any hope to free men and women who value their independence and their honor. Both parties -- if their platforms and their past actions are any guide -- threaten our Mississippi traditions, institutions and segregated way of life.

The Mississippi Democratic Party -- which long ago separated itself from the National Democratic Party, and which has fought consistently everything both national parties stand for -- offers to the citizens of Mississippi and to the troubled white conservative voice in the land...

The Mississippi Democratic Party is not subservient to any national party... Our free electors may vote for any American leader who will espouse the principles in which we believe.

... Let's defeat the National Republican Party's candidates on November 5th by a vote so overwhelming that it will bury forever these "overnight" Republican who would like to divide our State and hand it over to a minority group.