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NAACP LEADERSHIP: OUT OF THE MAINSTREAM

EARLIER TODAY, THE NAACP LEADERSHIP TOOK A NOSEDIVE INTO THE CREDIBILITY GAP BY PUBLICLY OPPOSING THE NOMINATION OF JUDGE CLARENCE THOMAS TO THE SUPREME COURT.

UNBELIEVABLY, THE NAACP LEADERSHIP CLAIMED THAT JUDGE THOMAS'S PHILOSOPHY WAS "REACTIONARY" AND DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF BLACK-AMERICANS.

IS IT REACTIONARY TO OPPOSE QUOTAS AND OTHER UNFAIR PREFERENCES?

IS IT REACTIONARY TO PROMOTE A MESSAGE OF SELF-HELP AND RESPONSIBILITY?

IS IT REACTIONARY TO TRANSFORM THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FROM A BACK-WATER FEDERAL AGENCY TO A HARD-NOSED ENFORCER OF OUR NATION'S ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS?

AND IS IT REACTIONARY TO BE A BLACK AMERICAN, WHO ALSO HAPPENS TO BE A REPUBLICAN AND CONSERVATIVE?

IT'S NOT JUDGE THOMAS WHO IS OUT OF THE MAINSTREAM.

IT'S THE NAACP LEADERSHIP.

THE NAACP LEADERSHIP SHOULD COME BACK TO AMERICA, WHERE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND HARD WORK ARE VALUES EMBRACED NOT ONLY BY JUDGE THOMAS, BUT BY THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF AMERICANS, BOTH WHITE AND BLACK.

THE NAACP LEADERSHIP MAY OPPOSE JUDGE THOMAS, BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE RANK-AND-FILE VIEWS JUDGE THOMAS QUITE DIFFERENTLY -- WITH THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION HE HAS EARNED THROUGH A LIFE OF DETERMINED ACHIEVEMENT.

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