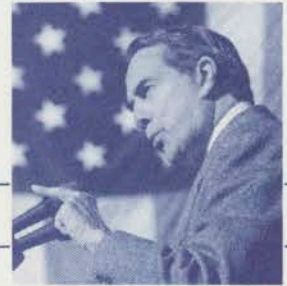


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NEW JERSEY VOTING

STORY PAINTS INACCURATE PICTURE OF GOP, IMPUGNS INTEGRITY OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLERGY

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today issued the following statement regarding the allegations of vote fraud in the New Jersey Gubernatorial election:

The story from New Jersey is unfortunate for two reasons: one, it paints an inaccurate picture of what the Republican Party is all about; and two, it impugns the integrity of the black clergy, who have selflessly provided spiritual and moral nourishment to the African-American community for generations.

The right to vote is one of the most important possessions we have. To suggest that the franchise can be compromised or auctioned off to the highest bidder of any party is to dishonor those who have fought, and even died, to ensure that this most precious of rights is one that can be enjoyed by all Americans.

The best news is that, according to Governor-elect Whitman, the story is thankfully untrue. The Republican Party cannot tolerate the kind of deplorable activity that has been suggested, and as someone who has campaigned with Christie Whitman, I know she would never tolerate it. I have full confidence in her integrity.

The Republican Party is -- and should be -- about hope and opportunity for all Americans, regardless of race, sex, ethnicity, or economic background. We expect nothing less than to be judged on the intellectual strength of our ideas and the quality of all our candidates.

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