**Why Did the Democratic South Become Republican?**

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[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiprVX4os2Y**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiprVX4os2Y)

**(5:19)**

**Below is the transcript - with my replies following each of her claims (italics)**

***Once upon a time, every student of history – and that meant pretty much everyone with a high school education – knew this: The Democratic Party was the party of slavery and Jim Crow, and the Republican Party was the party of emancipation and racial integration.***

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**Contrast Swain’s opening statement with this snippet of history from Wikipedia:**

[**https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1864\_United\_States\_presidential\_election**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1864_United_States_presidential_election)

**So ... do you believe that a professor of political science and law at Vanderbilt University could be far less knowledgeable than a simple Wikipedia entry?**

**I don’t.**

**When people are willing to appear uneducated and stupid, I have found that it is because they are trying to conceal something far more damning than mere ignorance: they are trying to conceal ... dishonesty.**

***Democrats were the Confederacy and Republicans were the Union.***

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**That’s called the logical fallacy of “Hasty Generalization.”**

[**https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulty\_generalization#Hasty\_generalization**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faulty_generalization#Hasty_generalization)

***Jim Crow Democrats were dominant in the South and socially tolerant Republicans were dominant in the North. But then, in the 1960s and 70s, everything supposedly flipped: suddenly the Republicans became the racists and the Democrats became the champions of civil rights.***

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**Supposedly?**

**Let me get this straight ... you are a PROFESSOR?**

**(If I would have made the mistake of enrolling in one of her classes, I’m sure I would have been kicked out before the midterms. History is very clear that the flip she mentioned didn’t “supposedly” happen ... it did happen).**

***Fabricated by left-leaning academic elites and journalists,***

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**“fabricated” she means “recorded” and by “left-leaning academic elites and journalists” she means “historians” (who, by the way, are pretty much in agreement on the facts; facts which can be verified by anyone willing to invest the time in research).**

***the story went like this: Republicans couldn't win a national election by appealing to the better nature of the country; they could only win by appealing to the worst. Attributed to Richard Nixon, the media's all-purpose bad guy, this came to be known as "The Southern Strategy."***

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**No. That was not “The Southern Strategy.”**

**This is what historians call The Southern Strategy ...**

[**https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern\_strategy**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_strategy)

**Let me get this straight ... you are a PROFESSOR?**

**I understand that Prager University is a fake university**

**just like everything else connected to conservatism.**

**But the only explanation that comes to mind for figuring out how you got hired by Vanderbilt is that you benefitted from affirmative action. Sadly, you have chosen to reward that affirmative action by betraying your own race.**

**Congratulations ... you have just earned your conservative street cred!**

***It was very simple. Win elections by winning the South.***

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**You can’t win an election simply by winning the South.**

**You should read the Wikipedia article on The Southern Strategy where it explains that Republicans needed to add voters to their team. Republicans chose to sell out Lincoln’s legacy and court the Klan.**

**No wonder “you people” (conservatives) have to lie about everything.**

**That also explains how you can prostate yourselves at the feet of a man (Trump) who tells a lie every time he takes a breath.**

***And to win the South, appeal to racists. So, the Republicans, the party of Lincoln, were to now be labeled the party of rednecks.***

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**They weren’t “labeled” the party of Rednecks ... they ARE the party of Rednecks. ALL the Rednecks are on your team.**

**When Trump was elected, perhaps you remember this parade?**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnXRCjCykIg**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnXRCjCykIg)

**I wouldn’t be surprised if you didn’t remember it since Republicans worked 24/7 to bury the story as much as they could.**

**As a black woman that must make you extremely proud, huh?**

**I’m surprised that ANY black person in America would be seen with you ... anywhere.**

***But this story of the two parties switching identities is a myth.***

***In fact, it's three myths wrapped into one false narrative.***

***Let's take a brief look at each myth in turn.***

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**Okay ... it’s your funeral.**

***Myth Number One: In order to be competitive in the South,***

***Republicans started to pander to white racists in the 1960s.***

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**Nice Straw Man fallacy.**

**The Southern Strategy doesn’t encourage Republicans to become more competitive; it encourages them to become dominant in the South.**

**Sadly ... it worked.**

**(and yet again, Lincoln turns over in his grave)**

***Fact: Republicans actually became competitive in the South as early as 1928, when Republican Herbert Hoover won over 47 percent of the South's popular vote against Democrat Al Smith.***

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**You must HATE Wikipedia.**

**Fact (that you ignored): according to this election map, nearly all the states that Smith won were ... in the South:**

[**https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1928\_United\_States\_presidential\_election**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1928_United_States_presidential_election)

***In 1952, Republican President Dwight Eisenhower won the southern states of Tennessee, Florida and Virginia.”***

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**Once again, virtually every state the Democrat (Stevenson) won ...**

**was in the South:**

[**https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1952\_United\_States\_presidential\_election**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1952_United_States_presidential_election)

**Come on, keep your guard up. You are making this ...**

**Way Too Easy !!!**

***“And in 1956, he picked up Louisiana, Kentucky and West Virginia, too.”***

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**Once again you ignored the fact that all of Stevenson’s support came from the South and that 7 states went to him.**

**Let me get this straight ... you are a PROFESSOR?**

**You are lucky that Vanderbilt doesn’t require proof of honesty,**

**because based on this video, you failed spectacularly.**

***And that was after he supported the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education that desegregated public schools; and after he sent the 101st Airborne to Little Rock Central High School to enforce integration.***

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[**https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brown\_v.\_Board\_of\_Education#Reaction\_and\_aftermath**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brown_v._Board_of_Education#Reaction_and_aftermath)

**What a proud history the South has.**

**But a black woman betraying her race and her sex**

**to pimp for the Klan leaves me almost speechless (notice the “almost”).**

***Myth Number Two: Southern Democrats, angry with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, switched parties.***

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**Conservatives try to convince Americans that evolution and climate change are myths. So this myth #2 comes as no surprise. Since you have no rebuttal to reality, you simply do what “you people” (conservatives) always do ...**

**go into denial**

**After all, what other option do you have?**

**(since truth is NEVER a conservative option)**

***Fact: Of the 21 Democratic senators who opposed the Civil Rights Act, just one became a Republican. The other 20 continued to be elected as Democrats, or were replaced by other Democrats. On average, those 20 seats didn't go Republican for another two-and-a-half decades.***

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**I’m not sure why you think that is an argument which helps your claims.**

**All you demonstrated was that The Southern Strategy didn’t happen overnight. Everyone else (besides you) already knew that. In fact, it took about 50 years for all the Democrats to be eliminated ... but they were.**

**Now ALL the racists are in your party. Congratulations!**

**You must be one of the loneliest people on the planet.**

**I would pay big American dollars to listen to Republicans talk about you after you’ve left the room. That would be an absolute scream.**

***Myth Number Three: Since the implementation of the Southern Strategy, the Republicans have dominated the South.***

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**Seriously?**

**You are seriously going to try to dispute that?**

**You have the worst case of denial of reality that I have seen outside of church.**

***Fact: Richard Nixon, the man who is often credited with creating the Southern Strategy, lost the Deep South in 1968.***

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**That’s when it was just beginning!**

**Read the Wikipedia article above.**

***In contrast, Democrat Jimmy Carter nearly swept the region in 1976 - 12 years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964.***

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**Why does that surprise you since Carter is from ...**

**Friggin’ Georgia !!!!!**

***And in 1992, over 28 years later, Democrat Bill Clinton won Georgia, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.***

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**Clinton was from Arkansas for Christ’s sake!**

**These are not surprises, nor are they refutations of The Southern Strategy.**

**These are people voting for their own leaders.**

**Is this really all you’ve got?**

**Why did you even bother?**

***The truth is, Republicans didn't hold a majority of southern congressional seats until 1994, 30 years after the Civil Rights Act.***

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**For the umpteenth time, no one said it was an overnight success.**

**The fact is ... it was a success. It was a process, that over time, convinced people to switch allegiance from the Democratic party to the Republican party (now known as ... the party of the KLAN).**

**Maybe you should scroll back up and watch that YouTube video again.**

**I’m not aware of a single klansman in the U.S. who isn’t a Republican.**

**Maybe you could provide some names?**

**Didn’t think so**

**As Kevin Williamson of the National Review writes: "If southern rednecks ditched the Democrats because of a civil-rights law passed in 1964, it is strange that they waited until the late 1980s and early 1990s to do so. They say things move slower in the south -- but not that slow."**

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**No one is saying they waited. The process was slow and steady.**

**In fact, “you people” (conservatives) are counting on that to keep the Klan voting Republican for a long time to come, aren’t ya?**

**So, what really happened? Why does the South now vote overwhelmingly Republican? Because the South itself has changed. Its values have changed. The racism that once defined it, doesn't anymore.**

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**You must be talking about a planet other than Earth.**

**I can’t even begin to tell you how vile and vomit-inducing it is,**

**to hear this racist propaganda coming from a black women.**

**30 pieces of silver Professor ... 30 pieces of silver**

***Its values today are conservative ones: pro-life, pro-gun, and pro-small government.***

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**Conservatives are anything BUT pro-life. They are pro-birth.**

**After birth ... you had better hope the stork dropped you off in a rich house,**

**and even if it did, Republicans will spend the rest of your life trying to take it away from you.**

**Pro-gun is not something to be proud of. As a member of a race that is disproportionately affected by gun violence ...**

**that is something that you should not have to be told.**

**It’s pretty obvious why they are pro-small government. Government is how the masses protect themselves from their rich predators. Of course they want small government. It makes it easier for them to steal everything as Trump is doing right now.**

***And here's the proof: Southern whites are far more likely to vote for a black conservative, like Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina, than a white liberal.***

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**That proves that political brainwashing overwhelms both race and religion.**

**Conservatives are trained to obey. Nothing more.**

**Like the James Jones cult that killed 1,000 people when they ordered them to poison their own children with Kool-Aid, Maga cult members are sending their own children off to death camps (schools) on the orders of the cult.**

**There is no difference**

***In short, history has moved on. Like other regions of the country, the South votes values, not skin color.***

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**They vote how they are told to vote, even if it means giving away their hard-earned cash, their clean water and air, and their own children’s lives.**

**Behold the awesome power of brainwashing**

***The myth of the Southern Strategy is just the Democrats’ excuse for losing the South, and yet another way to smear Republicans with the label "racist.”***

***Don't buy it.***

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**I buy based on facts – not on lies and propaganda.**

**You apparently have me confused with a Maga Moron.**