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CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964: DON'T BE MISLED!

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Here's what provoked me:

Hey SB! I was reading the Des Moines Register the other day and came across the claim that Republicans are, and always have been, the racist party. Try to find that item in the editorial letters. They don't like me down there in Iowa, so I suggest you try to get some facts published in that newspaper. I think they'll at least consider your offering. – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – SB's primary "go-to guy."

Here's my response:

Civil Rights Act of 1964: Don't Be Misled!

An August 22 letter deals with the history of racism. The writer recalled passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and stated: "Then all those southern Democrats stampeded over to the now conservative Republican Party.....it's easy to see which side is, and has always been, more racist."

I suggest readers consider some facts about Democrats becoming Republican, particularly "Dixiecrats." To understand this "migration," we must go back to the 1930s and follow various developments through at least 1990. In fact, there was only one segregationist who changed parties as a direct result of the 1964 legislation: Strom Thurmond. Democrat/"Dixiecrat" segregationist leaders such as Robert Byrd (a former Klansman) and William Fulbright, permanently remained democrat. Al Gore Sr., who also voted against the Act, also stayed.

80% of Republican Representatives and 82% of Republican Senators voted "FOR" the Act. Democrats voted only 61% and 69% "FOR" in the House and Senate respectively. One statement by Democrat Lyndon Johnson, confirmed by historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, is: "These Negroes, they're getting pretty uppity these days and that's a problem.....we've got to give them a little something, just enough to quiet them down, not enough to make a difference."

Let's consider all the facts!