

An Open Letter To: Reverend Jesse Jackson From Independent Presidential Candidate Dr. Lenora Fulani

Dear Jesse,
Election Day, Nov. 8, is less than three weeks away. That day marks the end of a journey we began more than a year and a half ago, a journey that started with both of us on the same road—the pursuit of your nomination as the Democratic Party candidate for President of the United States.



Dr. Lenora Fulani

Since Atlanta and the nomination of Michael Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen, we began traveling different roads—you advocating for the Democratic ticket and me conducting my national independent Presidential campaign to offer the African-American people an opportunity to expand and enhance our political leverage by refusing to give the Democratic Party a blank check so long as it continues to reject our Black Agenda.

Although some have tried to use our differences to force one of us to repudiate the other we have gone our separate ways while maintaining our mutual respect. When I appeared on the Larry King show last week, for example, King tried to turn our differences over strategy into a fight between us. Despite his hysteria (so extreme that his producer telephoned me right after the show to apologize for his behavior), I refused to take the bait.

There are, however, some in the upper echelons of leadership in the Black community who have taken to disrespecting my campaign publicly. In an interview on KCBS-TV in Los Angeles Ron Brown, a strategist for your 1988 Presidential run who is now a key adviser to Michael Dukakis, said that what I am telling the Black community to do is "ridiculous." He said that my strategy will perpetuate the Reagan/Bush years and that won't be good for the constituents I "claim to represent." My response to that charge continues to be that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans' policies benefit us as a people. Until we are independently organized, the Democrats will never respond to our agenda, but will continue to chase after the Reagan Democrats whose votes they covet.

Why are Mr. Brown and Dr. Walters, neither of whom spoke to me about my candidacy during the last 15 months—as I became the first African-American in the history of this country to qualify for the ballot in every state and the first Black woman to qualify for federal primary matching funds—suddenly so eager to get Black folks to think I'm "ridiculous" or untrustworthy?

Why are they so willing to make a slanderous attack on a Black sister, to try to convince people to stay away from me and my campaign? And why are Black leaders in the church, in the community, in the trade unions and on the campuses getting threatening late night phone calls telling them that I am a supporter of the neo-fascist Lyndon LaRouche, or that I am a cultist, a brainwasher or someone who has been brainwashed, or that I am the puppet of white folks? All of this is nonsense. I believe it is part of a coordinated effort to snuff out open and democratic debate in the African-American community about which direction is best for our empowerment.

This debate on the future of the Black Agenda, on the question of which electoral path best serves the interests of our people, this dialogue on the Black-led Rainbow movement and its impact inside and outside the Democratic Party, is crucial to our people. Our right to that debate—and my right to be respected as part of that debate—is unquestionable. Mr. Brown, Dr. Walters and the late night phone callers certainly have the right to disagree with me. Indeed, I welcome open discussion on these issues. But smears and mudslinging have no place in democratic dialogue.

Throughout the 1988 Presidential contest you have set a high tone for dialogue and disagreement. As a candidate and as a spokesperson you have insisted that white America, the media and the other candidates treat you and the process with respect. As Dukakis and Bush have fallen into negative campaigning, you have insisted on putting out a positive message, and to your everlasting credit you have not allowed your disagreements with me to degenerate into mudslinging or repudiation.

Unfortunately, others have taken a lower road. And while they may wear expensive suits, they are in point of fact arm-twisters using strongarm tactics to intimidate the Black community from exercising its right to self-determination and its vote to support whomever it truly chooses.

Jesse, I know that you do not in any way control Brown, Walters and the others who are on a smear crusade against me. But I urge that you do whatever is possible to discourage and prevent this kind of campaign, most especially since those who are conducting it implicitly and explicitly use their association with you to validate their unethical attacks. The Black community deserves and demands a fair campaign and the opportunity to make its own choice.

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Statement Of Michael Dukakis On The Reagan Administration's Policy Towards Angola



continent. In Angola, the United States is standing with South Africa and against the rest of Africa, harming our own national interest on that important continent.

Third, U.S. policy in Angola has provided a pretext for Soviet and Cuban presence in Angola. U.S. military support for UNITA has only increased Angolan dependence on the very Cubans and Soviets that we want to see leave.

Finally, our policy of linking the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola to the withdrawal of South African military from Namibia has delayed the implementation of United Nations Resolution 435, which calls for South Africa's immediate withdrawal from Namibia.

Meanwhile, U.S. companies continue to operate successfully inside Angola and to work effectively with the Angolan government. The result is absurd: U.S. oil companies are being protected by Cuban troops from attacks by UNITA, supported with American tax dollars. And the United States and South Africa stand alone in refusing to recognize the Angolan government.

The continuing military aid to UNITA fans the flames of regional conflict in southern Africa and should be halted. I support efforts to negotiate a withdrawal of all foreign troops from Angola.

As President I will focus U.S. policy on ending the continuing illegal occupation of Namibia by South Africa. It is not enough for South Africa to withdraw from Angola; it must also get out of Namibia—immediately.

Throughout my campaign for President, I have made clear my view that the Administration's policy towards South Africa has been a disaster for the United States and for the people of the region. Nowhere is that more apparent than in our policy towards Angola. That policy must be changed for the following reasons:

First, the Administration's decision to provide military support to UNITA has made us an ally of apartheid and of South Africa's policy of aggression against its neighbors. The time is long overdue for opposing South Africa's policies, not supporting them.

Second, the Administration's policy has put us at odds with all of the other countries on the African



DEBI THOMAS—a pre-med student at Stanford University, skated her way into the history books in 1986 with a dynamic combination of artistry, grace, athleticism and determination. At the 1986 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Thomas landed all five of her triple jumps in the freestyle program to upset defending national champion, Tiffany Chin.

No small feat, one month later Thomas travelled to the World Championships in Geneva where she once again defied the odds by outperforming Olympic gold medalist and two-time World Champion Katarina Witt for the championship. This dramatic victory completed a perfect season for Thomas and was one of the reasons that she was chosen amateur athlete of the year by the Women's Sports Foundation.

Thomas began competitive skating in 1976, and was quickly spotted by Scottish coach Alex McGowan who was her coach throughout her amateur career. Her mother, Janice, also advises her on striking the balance between her demanding studies at Stanford University and her rigorous touring and competition schedules. During her amateur days this balancing act had Thomas skating for six hours a day and then studying for six. Her attitude to such a routine was typically relaxed: "Why should I worry about sleep?" she asks, "I never got any in high school either."

Debi Thomas recently fulfilled a lifetime dream of representing the U.S. in the 1988 Olympics, and won the Bronze medal in the figure skating competition.

For the future, Thomas hopes to combine her two loves, sports and medicine, to become an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine. In the meantime, her commitment to skating, and her enormous talent, ensure that she will remain one of the world's most accomplished performers for many years to come.

Thomas takes yet another big step in her career, this year, headlining the Discover Card Stars on Ice tour in 30 cities across America.

Healthy Minds And Bodies Promotes A Healthy Spiritual Life

MEMPHIS (UMNS)—Healing for individuals and communities—cannot be accomplished until persons learn to mesh mind, body and spirit into a healthy whole, according to speakers at a national United Methodist church and health symposium here Oct. 17-19.

The interrelationship between health and spiritual and emotional vitality was explored by nearly 300 United Methodists from across the United States during "Health, Healing and Spirituality in the Wesleyan Tradition," a forum co-sponsored by The Upper Room and Methodist Health Systems here. The Nashville-based Upper Room is a unit of the United Methodist Church which produces meditational resources and encourages spiritual life development.

Participants learned practical methods for forging healthy minds, bodies and environment in workshops that ranged from prayer techniques to ecological concerns.

The Rev. G. Scott Morris, a United Methodist clergyman and physician, encouraged churches to support and even help establish health clinics for the poor, emphasizing the need for physical and spiritual care.

"We have to approach people's entire problem to be good physicians," said Dr. Morris, who, with the help of Local church donations, launched the Church Health Center in Memphis which serves persons with low-incomes. "What's easier, to treat a kid who has an infection every month every time he has the infection, or to find a way to get screens on the door to keep (germ-carrying) flies off his food?"

"I personally think it's easier to get the screens on," he said.

Spiritual renewal enthusiast Flora Wuellner, a United Church of Christ clergywoman, taught participants methods for reducing both physical and emotional stress.

Keep realistic expectations for yourself, receive as well as give nurturing, listen to your body, make daily prayer your link with God rather than just a discipline and "don't shoulder every cross dropped at your feet," Ms. Wuellner told listeners.

"If we pick up a burden and it gives us nothing but frustration, then we probably picked up the cross meant for someone else," she said.

"That's a source of stress God did not intend for us."



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