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## Has Bush's Views on Racial Profiling Changed?

By KIMBERLIN LOVE  
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

During his campaign, President George W. Bush opposed federal intervention to end racial profiling and as a Senator, John Ashcroft refused to let legislation on racial profiling leave his committee.

Now that Republicans need minorities to win elections, has this "conservative duo" truly found compassion for the cause?

These doubts stem from years of expressed hostility by

these men toward attempts to end racial profiling, from Candidate Bush's opposition to an executive order to end racial profiling, to Attorney General Ashcroft's attempt to kill legislation sponsored by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) and Sen. Russ Feingold to study this issue.

"In 2001 it is inexcusable for people to be singled out for arrest, search, or traffic stops just because of the color of their skin. After years of denial and refusal to act on this pertinent

issue, President Bush and Attorney General Ashcroft say they finally see the tragedy of racial profiling," DNC Chairman McAuliffe said. "I hope that in the coming months we will see their decision to address this issue as an authentic sign of compassion toward the thousands of people who each day encounter this form of racism and not another insincere exhibit of minority outreach aimed at the upcoming elections."

### Bush's Own Words

The following is a text of the speech President George W. Bush gave last week to the Congress of the United States regarding racial profiling:

"As government promotes compassion, it also must promote justice. Too many of our citizens have cause to doubt our Nation's justice when the law points a finger of suspicion at groups, instead of individuals.

All our citizens are created equal

and must be treated equally. Earlier today I asked Attorney General Ashcroft to develop specific recommendations to end racial profiling. It is wrong and we must end it.

In so doing, we will not hinder the work of our Nation's brave police officers. They protect us every day, often at great risk. But by stopping the abuses of a few, we will add to the public confidence our police officers earn and deserve."

## Letters To The Editor

### Freedom Socialists

### Support Women

As a feminist, I am appalled by Bush's first action in office to slash funding for family planning abroad, and put women's health around the world at risk. Fortunately, a few days before, the Freedom Socialist Party, the only feminist party in the state of Oregon, won their case against the Oregon Secretary of State to run candidates under their own party name. Given Bush's all out attack on women's rights, it is heartening to know that I will soon be able to vote for a party that stands up for all people, especially poor women and women of color. Hardy Myers, Oregon's Attorney General, could appeal this victory on behalf of the Secretary of State. It's time to let Hardy Myers know that the Demo-

crats and Republicans do not represent the needs of women and we want the right to vote for a party that will, the Freedom Socialist Party.

Kris DeMaria  
SE Portland

### Survivor Cruel to Animals

Last summer, "Survivor" producers were taken to task for allowing the game show's contestants to cruelly kill rats, and chickens and CBS was in hot water for broadcasting their antics. When Survivor II began shooting in the Australian outback, CBS officials made sure that the animal abuse continued in the network's shameless pursuit of ratings. Recently, viewers were stunned and sickened to watch as contestants stabbed a pig to death, then smeared her blood on his cheeks.

Australia's Animal Protection Act makes it illegal to torture, mistreat, or bait any animal or to instigate such acts.

If Survivor producer Mark Burnett and CBS placed a tame pig on the scene, separated a wild pig from her family group, or baited or corralled the pig so she could be attacked, they are likely to have to have violated the criminal code. "Instigating" cruelty is an offense equal to stabbing an animal.

CBS's relentless pursuit of ratings is as bloodthirsty as the Survivor contestant who was apparently chosen because he was willing to stab an animal to death in pursuit of money. While CBS is earning a reputation as the network of animal haters, growing numbers of former fans are turning off Survivor and visiting PETA's Web site PETA-online.org for a free vegetarian starter kit. For more information on the investigation into what really happened in Queensland or for

humane, healthy veggie recipes, please contact us.

Karin Bennett #  
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

### Vote Carrie Adams for School Board

I am writing to ask you to support my friend and colleague Carrie Adams in her race for the Portland Public School Board. For the past decade, Carrie has served our schools as a volunteer on numerous groups.

A single mom of three, Carrie has volunteered in our schools for over 10 years. In addition, she has served on her local PTA Board as vice president, secretary and volunteer coordinator. She was a Regional Advisory

Committee representative, served on her local Site Council and has been an LSAC member for eight years.

Today, Carrie runs the Technology Center at the Albina Head Start program.

I'm supporting Carrie because she understands how important it is to fix the problems in our under-performing schools where student performance lags behind the rest of the district. Because of her longtime involvement in our schools, Carrie is a great choice to tackle these problems.

Carrie is committed to pushing the district to provide for a quality education for all students. Her #1 priority is to close the achievement gap that exists for low-income students and students of color.

I hope you will join me in supporting Carrie Adams for Portland Public Schools.

Jamie Partridge  
Northeast Portland

## Civil Rights Leader Dies

(AP)—Verdell Rutherford, a civil rights leader who fought to pass Oregon's 1953 civil rights law, died Feb. 27. She was 88.

Rutherford was secretary of the Portland chapter of the NAACP from the late 1940s to 1962. Her husband, Otto Rutherford, was the chapter's president for two terms in the 1950s. Together, the couple worked closely with former U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield to pass civil rights legislation that had failed in 17 previous legislative sessions.

The 1953 law the Rutherfords fought for outlawed discrimination in hotels, motels, restaurants and recreational facilities on the basis of race, religion or national origin.

"There should be a school named for them, institutionalizing their contribution to our state," said Sen. Avel Gordly, D-Portland. "Every school student should learn about the life and times of Verdell and Otto Rutherford. Their work really uplifted the humanity of all of us." Verdell Rutherford used the office equipment of Dr. DeNorval Unthank to do volunteer NAACP work and as a result, Dr. Unthank hired her as a medical secretary. She worked for him for nearly 20 years.

She was the first secretary of the newly rebuilt Bethel A.M.E. Church from 1959 to 1962. She was a member of the N.E.Y.M.C.A. Board, the P.T.A., the Urban League, and the Oregon Association of Colored Women's Clubs. She received the woman of

the Year Award from the Oregon Association of Club Women, an affiliate of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, in 1958. She was a member of the Culture Club, a social and civic club, for more than three decades, serving in many offices.

Rutherford's greatest interest was her collection of newspaper articles and magazines that chronicled the story of people of African descent. She considered herself a local historian. Parts of her collection have been displayed, among other places, at national NAACP conferences, annual meetings of A.M.E. Churches, and at various programs for Black History Month throughout the years.

Rutherford was born Verdell Burdine in Wainwright, Okla. Her family moved to Bend shortly after her birth and lived in Marshfield, now Coos Bay, for seven years before moving to Yakima, Wash.

She married Otto Rutherford in 1936. He died in August. Rutherford is survived by a daughter, a son, two sisters, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Another son died in 1974.

A memorial was held on Saturday in Portland. Internment is in Tahoma Cemetery in Yakima, Wash.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., Suite 1600, 99 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10013.

## Usted tiene una familia que lo respalda

Imagíneselo: hoy cambia todo. "Yo" da paso a "nosotros". "Nuestro" sustituye a "mió". Y vivir feliz el resto de la vida es una meta, no un hecho. ¿Está nervioso? Para nada. Usted cuenta con el apoyo de una familia sólida. American Family Mutual Insurance. Cuando esté construyendo un futuro, la confianza lo es todo; 70 años de experiencia en el campo de los seguros es lo que ambos necesitan para sentirse seguros. En cuanto a compromiso se refiere, American Family mantiene el rango A+ (Superior) que otorga A.M. Best, la respetada autoridad en la puntuación de agencias de seguros. Eso lo dice todo. Sólo llame y, con mucho gusto, uno de nuestros amables agentes le dará más información. Ahora, respire profundo. Luego... ¡avíentese! Nosotros lo protegemos.



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