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Southern Strategy defined: Winning elections in southern states by exploiting anti-African American racism and fear of lawlessness among Southern white voters and appealing to fears of growing federal power in social and economic issues (generally merged under the concept of states' rights).   In American politics, the Southern strategy refers to the Republican Party's strategy of winning elections in Southern states by exploiting anti-African American racism and fear of lawlessness among Southern white voters and appealing to fears of growing federal power on social and economic issues (generally lumped under the concept of states' rights). Although the Solid South had been a longtime Democratic Party stronghold because of the Democratic Party's defense of slavery prior to the American Civil War and segregation for a century thereafter, many white Southern Democrats stopped supporting the party following the civil rights plank of the Democratic campaign of 1948 (triggering the Dixiecrats), the African-American Civil Rights Movement, passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Disenfranchised Justice Act of 1965. The strategy was first adopted under future Republican President Richard Nixon and Republican Senator Barry Goldwater in the late 1960s. The strategy was successful in some respects. It contributed to the electoral adjustment of Southern states to the Republican Party, but at the expense of losing more than ninety percent of black voters to the Democratic Party. As the twentieth century came to a close, the Republican Party began trying to appeal again to black voters, but with little success Although the term Southern strategy is often attributed to Nixon's political strategist Kevin Phillips, he didn't originate it but simply popularized it. In an interview included in a 1970 New York Times article, he touched on his essence: From

now on, Republicans are never going to get more than 10 to 20 percent of the Negro vote, and they don't need more than that... but Republicans would be short-sighted if they weakened enforcement of the Voting Rights Act. The more Negroes who register as Democrats in the South, the sooner Negrophobe whites will leave the Democrats and become Republicans. That's where the voices are. Without prodding from the blacks, the white supremacists will backslide in their old comfortable arrangement with the local Democrats. The Southern strategy was a plan implemented by the British during the Revolutionary War to win the conflict by concentrating their forces in the southern states of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Although the British proposed plans for a southern campaign as early as 1775, the strategy did not come to full fruit until France became an ally of the United States after the latter's decisive victory in the Battle of Saratoga. They shall be 1777. France's subsequent entry into the war in February 1778 forced the British to reassess the war in America, which had become a military swamp. The British Secretary of State for The United States Department, Lord George Germain, reacted soon by addressing the Southern strategy. The strategy depended on the assumption that many Southerners remained loyal to the British. American loyalist support, however, never matched Germain's expectations, and in 1781 the South did not prevent British defeat in the war. In late 1778, Germain instructed the British to begin their campaign in the small, sparsely populated and severely divided colony of Georgia. The southern strategy initially achieved success there with the British conquest of the colony's great port, Savannah, and the disenfranc in thousands of colonists to the British in December 1778. The next year witnessed continued success in the Southern strategy when, due to a series of logistical and diplomatic blunders, a Franco-American siege failed to retake Savannah. Perhaps the most devastating event for America in the entire war then took place in Charleston, an American city since the start of the revolution, in May 1780. After a six-week siege of Charleston by British land and naval forces, U.S. General Benjamin Lincoln surrendered outnumbered and was duped by British forces under Generals Henry Clinton and Lord Charles Cornwallis, over 5,000 troops and an amount of continental supplies. U.S. Maj. Gen. William Moultrie of South Carolina, who helped U.S. forces defend Charleston against the British, noted the desperate state of the American cause, saying that at this time there was never a country in greater confusion and consternation. 1 After the fall of Charleston, Cornwallis, whom Clinton had appointed as head of the Southern Department before returning to New York, began the task of inflating his troops into the Southern Hinterland. The summer of 1780 was demoralizing not only for the South, but for the entire American war effort, especially after the humiliating defeat of The American General Horatio Gates against Cornwallis at the Battle of Camden on 16 September 1940. When the British achieved initial success, their harsh presence in the South, such as the brutality of officers like Colonel Banastre Tarleton, began to incite a large and influential number of loyalists into lesser active campaign for it. Tarleton's actions in allowing his cavalrymen to slaughter most of an American force at the Battle of Waxhaws in late May 1780 made him infamous for cruelty in the South. An American doctor present at Waxhaws told the massacre to be a scene of indiscriminate carnage never surpassed by the ruthless atrocities of the most barbaric savages. 2 As a result, a fierce partisan war between an ever-increasing number of American patriots and a the number of loyalists followed in the south from 1780 to 1782. Cornwallis's plan to subjugate the South involved turning control of one state after another to loyalists. However, the strategy failed when patriotic militiamen and even civilians attacked and gained control of loyalist strongholds left behind by Cornwallis' largest army. Guerrilla bands led by backcountry patriots like Thomas Sumter also began attacking the supply trains of Cornwallis and his army. Southern patriotic militiamen proved their growing strength over loyalist forces in the decisive battle of King's Mountain in north Carolina backcountry in October 1780. The Battle of King's Mountain resulted in the first major American victory in the South since Savannah's conquest and strengthened the morale of the Southern Patriots. The continued success of continental troops under the skilled American General Nathanael Greene, who was elected to lead the Southern Department in 1780, also accelerated the demise of Britain's southern strategy after 1781 went up. George Washington's most trusted commander, Greene, pursued a successful Fabian strategy against cornwallis' army. By dividing his army and allowing Cornwallis to chase him through the Carolinas and into Virginia in early 1781, Greene and one of his equally capable generals, Daniel Morgan, secured victory over the British at the Battle of Cowpens in January 1781. Two months later, Greene secured another strategic victory, although he technically lost at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Cornwallis lost a quarter of his battle, which led him to abandon the backcountry of the Carolinas and move his army to Wilmington on the North Carolina coast to resupply and rest his troops. Cornwallis's unent sanctioned decision to then march his army to Yorktown, Virginia, effectively precipitated the end of the British Southern strategy. Although British troops were still stationed at Charleston, Savannah and Wilmington, Cornwallis' withdrawal of the main British army in the south to Virginia Greene's army, which was still largely intact, allowed the recovery of the Carolinas hinterland. With Cornwallis's evacuation, the loyalists who remained either fled or pledged allegiance to the patriots for fear for their safety. Meanwhile, Cornwallis skirmished with American troops in Virginia during the Marquis de Lafayette during the summer of 1781. In October, Cornwallis' army fell under siege in Yorktown by American troops led by Washington and French troops led by the Comte de Rochambeau. The arrival of French ships on the York River put Cornwallis between the French navy and the French and American forces, forcing him to surrender on 19 July 1944. With the surrender of the British army operating in the south, the British Confederate strategy, as well as the great hostilities of the American Revolution, effectively ended. McBrayer George George University Notes: 1. William Moultrie, Memoirs of the American Revolution as far as it related to the States of North and South-Carolina, and Georgia, (New York: David Longworth, 1802), 421. William Dobein James, a sketch of the life of Brig. Gen. Francis Marion, (Marietta: Continental Book Co., 1948), 4. Bibliography: Ferling, John E. Almost a miracle: The American victory in the war for independence. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007. Print. James, William Dobein. 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[1] [2] [3] As the civil rights movement and the dismantling of the Jim Crow laws of the 1950s and 1960s visibly deepened existing racial tensions in much of the Southern United States, Republican politicians such as presidential candidate Richard Nixon and Senator Barry Goldwater developed strategies that successfully contributed to the political adjustment of many white, conservative voters in the South who had traditionally supported the Democratic Party instead of the Republican Party. It also helped push the Republican Party much more to the right. [4] The Southern strategy refers primarily to top-down narratives about the political alignment of the South, which suggest that Republican leaders deliberately appealed to the racist grievances of many white Southerners to get their support. [5] This top-down narrative of southern strategy is generally believed to be the primary force that transformed Confederate politics after the civil rights era. [6] [7] This view has been increasingly disputed by historians like Matthew Lassiter, Kevin M. Kruse and Joseph Crespino, who have presented an alternative, bottom up narrative that Lassiter has called suburban strategy. This narrative acknowledges the central racial backlash to the political realignment of the South, [8] but suggests that this backlash took the form of a defense of de facto segregation in the suburbs rather than overt opposition to racial integration, and that the story of this backlash is a national rather than a Southern one. [9] [10] [11] [12] The perception that the Republican Party had served as a vehicle of white supremacy in the South, especially during the Goldwater campaign and the 1968 and 1972 presidential elections, made it difficult for the Republican Party to win back the support of black voters in the South in recent years. [4] In 2005, Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman formally apologized to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for exploiting racial polarization to win elections and ignore the black vote. [13] [14] Introducing the Richard Nixon campaign in 1968 Although the term Southern Strategy is often attributed to Nixon's political strategist Kevin Phillips, he did not originate it [15] but popularized it. [16] In an interview included in a 1970 New York Times article, Phillips stated his analysis based on surveys of ethnic voting: From now on, Republicans are never going to get more than 10 to 20 percent of the Negro vote, and they don't need more than that... but Republicans would be short-sighted if they weakened enforcement of the Voting Rights Act. The more Negroes who register as Democrats in the South, the sooner Negrophobe whites will leave the Democrats and become Republicans. That's where the voices are. Without prodding from the blacks, the white supremacists will backslide in their old comfortable arrangement with the local Democrats. [1] While Phillips tried to increase Republican power by polarizing ethnic voting in general, and not just to win the white South, the South was by far the biggest gain in his approach. Its success began at the presidential level. Gradually, Southern voters began electing Republicans to Congress and finally to statewide and local offices, especially since some legacy segregationist Democrats retired or switched to the GOP. [who?] In addition, the Republican Party worked for years to develop grassroots political organizations across the South, supporting candidates for local school boards and city and county offices as examples, but after the Watergate scandal Southern voters came out in support of the favorite son candidate, Southern Democrat Jimmy Carter. From 1948 to 1984, the Southern states, for decades, became a stronghold for The Democrats, key swing states that provide the popular vote margins in the 1960, 1968 and 1976 elections. During that era, several Republican candidates expressed support for states' rights, a reversal of the position taken by Republicans before the Civil War. Some political analysts said this term was used in the 20th century as a code word to represent opposition to federal enforcement of civil rights for blacks and to federal intervention on their behalf: many individual Southern Democrats had opposed the passage of the Voting Rights Act. [3] Background 20th-century reconstruction for Solid South Main The Reconstruction era and solid south during the Reconstruction era (1863-1877), the Republican Party built its base across the South and for a while had control in every state except Virginia, but from a national perspective the Republican Party always prioritized its much better established northern state operations. The Northern Party distrustfully scalawags, found the avaricious carpetbaggers distasteful and lacked respect for the black part of their Republican base in the South. Richard Abbott says national Republicans always stressed building their northern base instead of supporting their party in the south, and when the north and south needs conflicted the latter always lost. [17] In 1868, the Philippine government used only 5% of its war chest in the south. Ulysses S. Grant was re-elected and the New York Tribune advised it was now time for Southern Republicans to root, hog, or die! (that is, taking care of oneself). [18] 1920 presidential map shows Democrat James M. Cox winning only Solid South and Republican Warren G. Harding prevailing in the Electoral College. From the era of reconstruction to the civil rights era, the Southern states consistently supported the Democratic presidential nominee. In a series of compromises, such as the 1877 compromise, the Republican Party withdrew U.S. Army forces that had supported its last three state governors and in return got the White House for Hughes. [19] All the Southern states were now under the control of Democrats, as the decade-long increased their control over virtually every aspect of politics in former Confederate states. There were occasional pockets of Republican control, usually in remote mountainous districts. [20] After 1890, while Democrats used a variety of tactics to reduce the voting of African-Americans and poor whites. [21] In the 1880s, they began to pass legislation that made electoral processes more complicated and in some cases demanded payment of poll taxes, creating a barrier for poor members of both races. Editorial cartoon by Thomas Nast from the January 18, 1879 issue of Harper's Weekly criticizing the use of literacy tests. It shows Mr. Solid South writing on the wall: Eddikashun qualifikashun. The Blak man orto become eddikated before he relatives vote with us Wites. The Republican Nast often satirized the Democratic Party by caricaturing its supporters as poor, ignorant, and violent. From 1890 to 1908, while Democratic legislatures in all Southern states adopted new constitutions or amendments, with provisions so disenfranchising most blacks[22] and tens of thousands of poor whites. Provisions required payment of poll taxes, complicated residency, literacy tests and other claims that were subjectively applied against blacks. Since black their vote, the Republican Party lost its ability to compete in the South. [23] There was a dramatic drop in turnout when these measures took effect, a decrease in African American participation that was enforced for decades in all Southern states. [24] Blacks had a voice in the Republican Party, especially in the election of presidential candidates at the national convention. Boris Heersink and Jeffery A. Jenkins argue that in 1880-1928 Republican leaders at the presidential level adopted a Southern Strategy by investing heavily in maintaining a smaller party organization in the South, as a way to create a reliable voting base at conventions. As a consequence, federal patronage did go to Southern blacks as long as there was a Republican in the White House. The issue exploded in 1912 when President William Howard Taft used control of the Southern delegations to defeat former President Theodore Roosevelt at the Republican National Convention. [25] [26] Because blacks were let out of elected office, the South's congressional delegations and state governments were dominated by white Democrats until the 1980s or later. Effectively, Southern white Democrats controlled all the votes of the expanded population, as Congressional distribution was found. Many of their representatives obtained powerful seats in Congress, giving them control over the precedents of significant Congressional committees. Although the Fourteenth Amendment has a provision to reduce Congress's representation of states that refused votes to their adult male citizens, that provision was never enforced. Because African Americans could not be voters, they were also prevented from becoming jurors and serving in local offices. Services and institutions for those in the segregated South were chronically underfunded by state and local governments from which they were re. [27] During this period, Republicans held only a few new seats in the House of Representatives from the South. Between 1880 and 1904, Republican presidential candidates in the South received 35-40% of that section's vote (except in 1892, when 16% for populists knocked Republicans down to 25%). From 1904 to 1948, Republicans received only more than 30% of the section's vote in 1920 (35.2% who carried Tennessee) and the 1928 election (47.7% that carried five states) after disenfranchisement. During this period, Republican administrations appointed blacks to political posts. Republicans regularly supported anti-lynching bills, but these were filibustered by Southern Democrats in the Senate. In the 1928 election, Republican candidate Herbert Hoover rode prohibition and anti-Catholicism[28] to carry five former Confederate states with 62 of the 126 electoral votes in the section. After the victory, Hoover tried to build up the Republican Party in the South and shift his limited patronage away from blacks and toward the same kind Protestant businessmen who make up the core of the Northern Republican Party. With the start of the Great Depression, which severely affected the South, Hoover quickly became extremely unpopular. The gains of the Republican Party in the South were lost. In the 1932 election, Hoover received only 18.1% of southern votes for re-election. World War II and population changes In the 1948 election, after President Harry S. Truman signed executive order 9981 to separate the military, a group of conservative Southern Democrats known as Dixiecrats split from the Democratic Party in response to the inclusion of a civil rights plank in the party's platform. This followed a floor fight led by civil rights activist, Minneapolis mayor (and soon-to-be senator) Hubert Humphrey. The disgruntled conservative Democrats formed the State Rights Democratic, or Dixiecrat Party, and nominated Governor Strom Thurmond of South Carolina for president. Thurmond carried four Deep South states in the general election: South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. The main plank of the State Rights Democratic Party was to maintain segregation and Jim Crow in the South. Dixiecrats, who did not deny the Democratic presidential nomination in 1948, soon disbanded, but the division lingered. In the fall of 1964, Thurmond was one of the first conservative Southern Democrats to enter the Republican Party just a few months after Democratic president Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act into law. [29] [30] In addition to divisions within the Democratic Party, population movements during The Second World War had a significant effect in changing demographics in the South. From 1940 to 1970, more than 5 million African Americans moved from rural south to medium- and large northern industrial cities, as well as mainly coastal munitions centers in the West during the second major migration to jobs in the defense industry and later economic opportunities during the economic boom after World War II. [31] With control of powerful committees, southern Democrats acquired new federal military installations in the South and after the war. Changes in industry and the growth of universities and the military establishment, in turn, attracted northern transplants to the south and strengthened the foundations of the Republican Party. In postwar presidential campaigns, Republicans fared best in the fastest-growing states in the South, which had the northernmost transplants. In the 1952, 1956 and 1960 elections, Virginia, Tennessee and Florida went Republican, while Louisiana went Republican in 1956 and Texas twice voted for Dwight D. Eisenhower and once for John F. Kennedy. In 1956, Eisenhower received 48.9% of the Southern vote, becoming only the second Republican in history (after Ulysses S. Grant) to gain a plurality of votes. [32] White Conservative voters in the Deep South states remained loyal to the Democratic Party, which had not officially backed segregation. Because of declines in population or lower growth rates compared to other states, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and North Carolina lost congressional seats from the 1950s to the 1970s, while South Carolina, Louisiana and Georgia remained static. Eisenhower was elected president in 1952, with strong support from the new middle-class suburban element in the South. He appointed a number of Southern Republicans as federal judges in the South. They ordered the desegregation of southern schools in the 1950s and 1960s. They included Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judges John R. Brown, Elbert P. Tuttle and John Wisdom Minor as well as District Judges Frank Johnson and J. Skelly Wright. [33] However, five of his 24 appointees supported segregation. [34] Roots (1963-1972) The year of Birmingham in 1963 highlighted racial problems in Alabama. Through the spring there were marches and demonstrations to end the legal separation. The movement's performance in conciliation with the local business class was overshadowed by the Ku Klux Klan, most notoriously in the deaths of four girls in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing. [35] After Democrat George Wallace was elected governor of Alabama, he emphasized the states' rights and segregation, both in speeches and by creating crises to provoke federal intervention. He opposed integration at the University of Alabama and collaborated with the Ku Klux Klan in 1963 to disrupt the court-ordered integration of public schools in Birmingham. [35] 1964 presidential candidate Barry Goldwater won his home state of Arizona and five states in the Deep South, depicted in red. The Southern states, traditionally Democratic up to the time, voted Republican primarily as a declaration of opposition to the Civil Rights Act, which had been passed in Congress earlier this year. Capturing 61.1% of the vote and 486 votes, Johnson won in a landslide. Many of the states' rights Democrats were attracted to the 1964 presidential campaign by conservative Republican Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona. Goldwater was notably more conservative than previous Republican nominees, such as President Eisenhower. Goldwater's main opponent in the primaries, Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York, was widely seen as representing the more moderate, pro-Civil Rights Act, the northern wing of the party (see Rockefeller Republican and Goldwater Republican). [36] In the 1964 presidential election, Goldwater ran a conservative campaign that largely opposed strong efforts by the federal government. Although he had supported all previous federal civil rights legislation, Goldwater opposed the Civil Rights Act and his opposition during the election campaign. [37] [38] He believed that this act was an intrusion by the federal government into the affairs of the state; and secondly, that the law infringed the private individual's right to do business or not, regardless of who they chose, even though the choice is based on racial discrimination. Goldwater's stance appealed to white Southern Democrats and Goldwater was the first Republican presidential candidate since Reconstruction to win electoral votes in Deep South states (Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina). Outside the South, Goldwater's negative vote on the civil rights law proved devastating to his campaign. The only state he won was his home one of Arizona, and he suffered a landslide defeat. A Lyndon B. Johnson ad called Confessions of a Republican, which ran in northern and western states, linked Goldwater with the Ku Klux Klan. At the same time, Johnson's campaign published deep South Goldwater's support for civil rights legislation from before 1964. In the end, Johnson swept the election. [39] At the time, Goldwater was at odds with his position with most of the prominent members of the Republican Party, dominated by the so-called Eastern Establishment and Midwestern Progressives. A higher percentage of Republicans and Democrats outside the South supported the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as they had on all previous civil rights legislation. Southern Democrats were mostly opposed to Southern and Western politicians regardless of party affiliation -- and their presidents (Kennedy and Johnson) -- on civil rights issues. At the same time, the passage of the Civil Rights Act prompted many black voters to join the Democratic Party, which moved the party and its nominees in a progressive direction. [40] Johnson was concerned that his approval of civil rights legislation would put his party in the South at risk. In the 1968 election, Richard Nixon saw the cracks in the Fast South as an opportunity to leverage a group of voters who had historically been beyond the reach of the Republican Party. George Wallace had exhibited a strong candidacy in this election, where he received 46 electoral votes and nearly 10 million popular votes, which attracted the mostly Southern Democrats away from Hubert Humphrey. [41] [42] [43] The concept of Black Power, advocated by student nonviolent coordination committee leaders, captured some of the frustrations african Americans were about the slow process of change in achieving civil rights and social justice. African Americans pushed for faster change, increasing racial tensions. [44] Journalists who reported on the demonstrations against the Vietnam War often included young people involved in violence or burned draft maps and American flags. [45] Conservatives were also appalled by the many adults involved in drug culture and free love (sexual promiscuity), in what called hippie counterculture. These actions outraged many Americans and raised concerns about law and order. Alabama Governor George Wallace Nixon's advisers acknowledged that they could not appeal directly to voters on issues of white supremacy or racism. White House chief of staff HR Haldeman noted that Nixon emphasized that you have to face up to the fact that the whole problem is really the blacks. The key is to devise a system that recognized this while not seeming to. [46] With the help of Harry Dent and South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond, who had joined the Republican Party in 1964, Nixon ran his 1968 campaign on states' rights and law and order. Liberal Northern Democrats accused Nixon of pandering to Southern whites, especially regarding his states' rights and law and order positions, which were widely understood by black leaders to symbolize Southern opposition to civil rights. [47] This tactic was described in 2007 by David Greenberg in Slate as dog-whistle politics. [48] According to an article in The American Conservative, Nixon adviser and speechwriter Pat Buchanan disputed this characteristic. 1968 George Wallace's former Democratic governor of Alabama's independent candidacy partially nullified Nixon's Southern Strategy. [50] With a much more explicit attack on integration and black civil rights, Wallace won all of Goldwater's states (except South Carolina) as well as Arkansas and one of North Carolina's electoral votes. Nixon picked up Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida, while Democratic candidate Hubert Humphrey won only Texas in the South. Author Jeffrey Hart, who worked on the Nixon campaign as a speechwriter, said in 2006 that Nixon did not have a Southern Strategy but Border State Strategy, which he said the 1968 campaign wrote off the Deep South to George Wallace. Hart suggested that the press call it a Confederate strategy because they are very lazy. [51] By contrast, in 1972, Nixon won every State of the Union except Massachusetts, where he won more than 70% of the vote in most of the Deep South (Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina) and 61% of the national vote. He won more than 65% of the vote in the other states of the former Confederacy and 18% of the black vote nationwide. Despite his appeal to southern whites, Nixon was widely seen as a moderate outside the South and won African American votes on that basis. Glen Moore claims that in 1970 Nixon and the Republican Party developed a Southern Strategy for the midterm elections. The strategy involved Democratic candidates being depicted as permissive liberals. Republicans managed to depose Albert Gore, Sr. of Tennessee, and Senator Joseph D. Tydings of Maryland. For the region, however, the net result was a small loss of seats to the Republican Party in South. [52] Regional attention in 1970 focused on the Senate when Nixon appointed Judge G. Harrold Carswell of Florida, a judge on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, to the Supreme Court. [53] Carswell was a lawyer from north Florida with a mediocre record, but Nixon needed a Southerner and a strict construction man to support his Southern Strategy. Civil rights groups, causing a backlash that pushed many Southern Democrats into the Republican fold. The long-term outcome was a recognition by both parties that nominations to the Supreme Court could have a major impact on political attitudes in the South. [54] In a year-by-year analysis of how the transformation took place in the critical state of Virginia, James Sweeney shows that the slow collapse of the old statewide Byrd machine [clarification needed] allowed Republicans to build local organizations by county and city by city. The Democratic Party is factional, with each faction aiming to take over the entire statewide Byrd machine, but the Byrd leadership was basically conservative and more consistent with the National Republican Party on economic and foreign policy issues. Republicans united behind A. Linwood Holton, Jr. in 1969 and swept the state. In the 1970 Senate election, the Byrd Machine made a comeback by electing Independent Harry Flood Byrd, Jr. over Republican Ray L. Garland and Democrat George Rawlings. The new Senator Byrd never joined the Republican Party and instead joined the Democratic Party. Nevertheless, he had a predominantly conservative voting record, particularly on the brand Byrd issue of the national deficit. At the local level, the 1970s saw steady Republican growth with this emphasis on middle-class suburban voters who had little interest in the historical issues of rural agricultural statism and racial segregation. [55] Evolution (1970s and 1980s) Lee Atwater As civil rights grew more accepted across the nation, basing a general election strategy to states' rights, which some would have believed against civil rights laws, would have resulted in a national backlash. The concept of states' rights was created, meaning than simply a reference to civil rights laws. [2] [3] States' rights were considered to include a form of new federalism that would give back local control over race relations. [56] Republican strategist Lee Atwater discussed the Southern strategy in a 1981 interview published in Southern Politics in the 1990s by Alexander P. Lamis. [57] [58] [59] [60] Atwater: With regard to the entire Southern strategy, as Harry Dent and others in 1968, opposition to the Voting Rights Act would have been a key part of keeping the South. Now [Reagan] doesn't have to do it. Everything you have to do to keep the South for Reagan to run in place on these issues he's been fighting on since 1964 [...] and it's fiscal conservatism, balancing the budget, cutting taxes, you know, the whole cluster... But the fact is, isn't it that Reagan isn't coming to Wallace voters and to the racist side of the Wallace voter by abolishing legal services, by cutting back on food stamps? Atwater: Y'all don't quote me about this. You start in 1954 by saying: Nigger, nigger, nigger. In 1968, you can't say - you're talking about forced busing, states' rights and all that. You get so abstract now [that] you're talking about lowering taxes, and all these things you're talking about are totally economic stuff and a byproduct of them is [that] blacks get hurt worse than whites. And subconsciously maybe that's part of it. I'm not saying that. But I say that if it's getting the abstract, and that coded, that we're doing the right thing with the racial problem one way or another. You follow me because of course sitting around and saying, We want to cut this, is much more abstract than even busing things, and a hell of a lot more abstract than Nigger, nigger. Reagan's Neshoba County Fair states rights speech in 1980, Republican candidate Ronald Reagan made a much-noticed appearance at the Neshoba County Fair in Philadelphia, Mississippi. [61] His speech contained the phrase I believe in states' rights[note 1] and was cited as proof that the Republican Party was building on the Southern strategy again. [62] [63] [64] Former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, an African-American, tasked that with his support for states' rights, Reagan signaled that it would be okay to kill when [Reagan is] president. That remark was criticized by Carter's White House. [65] Reagan's campaigns used racially coded rhetoric attacking the welfare state and exploiting anger against affirmative action. [66] [67] Dan Carter explains how Reagan showed that he could use coded language with the best of them, lambasting welfare queens, busing, and affirmative action as he owed arose. [68] During his campaigns in 1976 and 1980, Reagan used stereotypes of welfare recipients, often referring to a welfare queen with a large house and a Cadillac who used multiple names to collect over $150,000 in tax-free income. [66] [69] Aistrup described Reagan's campaign terms as seemingly racially neutral, but explained how whites interpret this in a racial way, citing a funded study by the Communications Research Group. [66] Although Reagan did not overreact mention of the welfare recipient's race, the unspoken impression in whites' minds was that the welfare recipient was black people, and Reagan's rhetoric resonated with the Southern white perception of black people. [66] Aistrup claimed that an example of Reagan coded language in the South was a reference to an unscrupulous man who uses food stamps as a strapped young buck. [66] [70] When informed of the offensive connotations of the term, Reagan defended his actions as a non-racist term common in his hometown of Illinois. In the end, Reagan used stereotypes of welfare recipients in a racial way, citing a funded study. [71] According to Ian Haney Lopez, the young buck term changed to young guy who was less drawn up racist: 'Some young guy' was less drawn-down racist and so far less at risk of censure, and worked just as well to provoke a sense of white victimization. [72] Willie Horton attacked ads During the 1988 presidential election, Willie Horton's attack ads was run against Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis on the Southern strategy of a campaign that reinforced the notion that Republicans best represent conservative whites with traditional values. [73] Lee Atwater and Roger Ailes worked on the campaign as George H. W. Bush's political strategists. [74] After seeing a favorable New Jersey focus group response to Horton's strategy, Atwater acknowledged that an implicit racial appeal could work outside the Southern states. [75] The subsequent ads contained Horton's mugshot and played on fear of black criminals. Atwater said of the strategy: When we're done, they'll wonder if Willie Horton is Dukakis' vice presidential nominee. [76] Al Gore was the first to use the Willie Horton prison fly against Dukakis and, like the Bush campaign, would not mention race. The Bush campaign claimed that they were initially made aware of the Horton issue through the Gore campaign's use of the subject. Bush initially hesitated to use the Horton campaign strategy, but the campaign saw it as a wedge problem to hurt Dukakis, who was battling Democratic rival Jesse Jackson. [77] In addition to presidential campaigns, subsequent Republican campaigns for the House of Representatives and Senate of the South used the Southern strategy. [recon needed] During his re-election campaign in 1991, Jesse Helms attacked his opponent's' alleged support for racial quotas, especially through an ad in which a white person's hands are seen curling a letter indicating he was denied a job because of the color of his skin. [78] [79] The New York Times' opinion columnist Bob Herbert wrote in 2005: The truth is that very little was unconscious of the G.O.P.'s relentless appeal to racist whites. Tired of losing elections, it saw an opportunity to renew itself by opening its arms wide to white voters who could never forgive the Democratic Party for its support for civil rights and its willingness to share political power with blacks and other dark-skinned Americans. [80] Aistrup described the transition to the Southern strategy study it has evolved from a states' rights, rooted in the courts, a interpretation of civil rights laws – including opposition to busing. Nevertheless, on the ascension of Reagan, the Southern strategy became a national strategy that fused race, taxes, anticommunism, and religion. [81] [page needed] Some analysts saw the 1990s as the pinnacle of Confederate or Southern strategy, when Democratic President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were from the South, who won Congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle. [82] During the end of Nixon's presidency, the senators who represented the former Confederate states in the 93rd Congressional and Confederate States were the first to be in the 19th century. At the beginning of Bill Clinton's presidency twenty years later in the 103rd Congress, this was still the case. [83] The role of churches As early as August 1980, Criswell and other Southern Baptist leaders hosted Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan at a rally in Dallas. [84] Certain faiths show strong preferences for membership for certain political parties, especially evangelical Christians for the Philippine government and historically black churches of the Democratic Party, [85] and voter guides are available, either designed for the distribution of churches or easily accessible to it. [86] [87] [88] As a result, churches have played a key role in supporting the Southern strategy, especially the Southern Baptists. [84] [89] According to Forbes magazine, African-American Baptists had their own parallel institutions (to resist Jim Crow), which structure continues today. [84] Changes in strategy (1990s and 2000s) In the mid-1990s, the Republican Party made a major attempt to get African-American voters to court, arguing that the strength of religious values in the African-American community and the growing number of wealthy and middle-class African Americans would increasingly prompt this group to support Republican candidates. [4] [90] In general, these efforts did not significantly increase African-American support for the Republican Party. [4] [90] Pew African Americans voted for George W. Bush and other national Republican candidates in the 2004 election, although he attracted a higher percentage of black votes than any GOP candidate since Ronald Reagan. [recon needed] In his article The Race Problematic, the narrative of Martin Luther King Jr., and the election of Barack Obama, Dr. Rickey Hill argued that Bush implemented his own Southern strategy by exploiting the decline of the liberal label to convince white conservatives to vote for him. Bush's appeal was for the same racist tropes that had been used since the Goldwater and Nixon days. [91] After Bush's re-election, Ken Mehlman, Bush's campaign manager and chairman of the Republican National Committee, held several major meetings in 2005 with African-American business, community, and religious leaders. In his speeches, he apologized for his party's use of the Southern Strategy in Asked about the strategy of using race as a problem to build GOP dominance in the once Democratic South, Mehlman replied, Republican candidates have often prospered by ignoring black voters and even by exploiting racial tensions [of the 70s and into the 80s and 90s], the Democratic Party solidified its gains in the African-American community, and the winning of the African-American vote, looking the other way or trying to take advantage of racial polarization. I'm here today as the Republican chairman to tell you that we were wrong. [92] [93] Thomas Edge argues that the election of President Barack Obama saw a new type of Southern strategy emerge among conservative voters. They used his success with white voters while playing on racial tensions and marking him as a racial boogeyman. [94] Edge described three parts of this phenomenon, saying: First, a nation that has the ability to elect a black president is completely free of racism. Second, attempts to continue the remedies enacted after the civil rights movement will only result in more racial discord, demagoguery, and racism against white Americans. Thirdly, this tactic is used side by side with the veiled racism and coded language of the original Southern strategy. [94] Other observers have suggested that the election of President Obama in the 2008 presidential election and subsequent re-election in 2012 signaled the growing irrelevance of the Southern-strategy-style tactics. Louisiana State University political scientist Wayne Parent, for example, suggested that Obama's ability to be elected without the support of Southern states shows that the region was moving from the center of the political universe to being an outside player in presidential politics, while University of Maryland, Baltimore County political scientist Thomas Schaller argued that the Republican Party had marginalized itself , becoming a mostly regional party through a Southern gubernation process. [82] Scientific debates The Southern strategy is generally believed to be the primary force that turned the Democratic South into a reliable GOP stronghold in the presidential election. [6] Researchers generally emphasize the role of racial backlash in the alignment of Southern voters. The view that the electoral adjustment of the Republican Party due to a race-driven Southern strategy is also known as the top-down viewpoint. [5] [7] Most scholarship and analysts support this top-down view and argue that the policy shift was primarily due to racial issues. [7] [95] [96] Some historians believe that racial issues took a back seat to a grassroots narrative known as suburban strategy. Matthew Lassiter, a leading proponent of suburban strategy viewpoint, recognizing that[t]his analysis is contrary to both the conventional wisdom and a popular strain of scholarly literature. [97] When we talk about suburban strategy, Glen Feldman says that it is the divergent – but rapidly growing – narrative on the subject of Southern partisan adjustment. [10] Matthew Lassiter says: A suburb-centric vision means that demographic change played a more important role than racial demagoguery in the emergence of a two-party system in the American South. [97] [98] Lassiter argues that race-based appeals cannot explain the Philippine government's shift in the South, while it is clear that the real situation is much more complex. [99] [100] [101] [97] According to Lassiter, political scientists and historians point out that the timing does not fit the Southern Strategy model. Nixon had 49 states in 1972, so he operated a successful campaign rather than regional strategy, but the Republican Party remained quite weak at the local and state level throughout the South for decades. Lassiter argues that Nixon's appeal was not to wallcitters or segregationists, but rather to the fast-growing suburban middle class. Many had northern predecessors, wanted rapid economic growth and saw the need to put backlash politics to rest. Lassiter says the Southern strategy was a failure of the GOP and that the southern base of the Republican Party always depended more on the middle-class corporate economy than on the top-down policy of racial backlash. Moreover, the adjustment in the South came primarily from suburban ethos in New South cities like Atlanta and Charlotte, North Carolina, not the growth of working-class racial politics in the Black Belt. [102] Kalk and Tindall separately argue that Nixon's Southern strategy was not to find a compromise on race that would take blacks out of politics so that conservatives in the South could rally behind his grand plan to reorganize national government. Kalk and Tindall emphasize the similarity between Nixon's operations and the series of compromises orchestrated by Rutherford B. Hayes in 1877 that ended the battles over reconstruction and put Hayes in the White House. Kalk says Nixon did the reform impulse and sowed seeds for the political rise of white Southerners and the decline of the civil rights movement. [103] [104] Kotlowski argues that Nixon's overall civil rights record was overridingly responsible and that Nixon tended to seek the middle path. He campaigned as a moderate in 1968, pitching his appeal to the center of voters. Moreover, he continued this strategy as president. As a matter of principle, Kotlowski says, he supported the integration of schools. Nixon, however, chose not to antagonize Southerners who opposed it and left enforcement to the courts in the first place. [105] [106] In particular, Kotlowski believes that historians have been somewhat misled by Nixon's rhetorical Southern strategy, which had limited influence on actual policies. [107] Valentino and Sears conducted their own survey and reported that the South's shift to the Republican Party has been driven significantly by racial conservatism and also concluded that racial conservatism appears to remain central to the adjustment of Confederate party politics since the civil rights era. [108] Valentino and Sears downplay the role of racial prejudice even in modern racial politics. They write that [a quarter of a century ago, what counted was old-fashioned red racism, while, however, that Lassiter's divergent view on this issue, a view shared by Lassiter, Shafer and Johnston in viewing suburban voters and their own interests as the primary reason for the adjustment. He will discount race as part of the reason for the suburban shift, where voters whose crime and school busing. [108] South Davies argues that[t]he scholarship of those who emphasize southern strategizing Nixon is not so much wrong, it ignores one side of the story while unsophisticated and incomplete. Nixon and his enemies needed each other for an offset to the job done. [112] [113] Lawrence McAndrews argues the like and says that Nixon pursued a mixed strategy: Some scholars argue that Nixon succeeded by leading a principled attack on the purist desegregation. Others argue that he failed by orchestrating a politically expedient surrender to de facto school desegregation. 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