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Argumentative Essay: History repeats itself

In 1972 elections, Richard Nixon was a strong candidate for Presidency in 1972 elections. The objective of his campaign was to seek the favor of black voters and for that purpose, he reached out to Davis. Davis accepted Nixon’s proposal, and Nixon invited him and his black wife to the White House for a night. At Republican National Convention in 1972, Davis recommended Nixon for Presidency. Davis was very happy with the attention Nixon and his staff was giving to him and he even hugged Nixon on stage. However, this recommendation and hugging did not prove well for the African Americans as they considered Nixon at that time like they see Donald Trump today. They considered him a racist and an extremist. During the Vietnam war, Davis visited South Vietnam several times. The purpose of these visits was to build up the morale of the confidence and spirit of the soldiers. (Admin) However, the real problem was that black Americans did not consider this war important because,

* they were unable to figure out the objectives of the fight.
* numerous black Americans were getting killed.

Due to these two reasons, black Americans started considering Davis as a betrayer or Nixon’s puppet. Once Davis started supporting Nixon’s campaign, the black community slowly moved away from Davis as well. However, Davis later on implicated Nixon in making false promises regarding civil rights and regretted his decision of supporting Nixon. Davis supported and assisted Dr. Martin Luther King. The donations for Jesse Jackson’s PUSH organization came from Davis for a long time. He won many awards for his extraordinary achievements as a black American. But his hug and endorsement for Nixon completely changed the perception of black Americans about him. They considered him a sell-out. (Viera)

**History repeats itself**

Donald Trump won the 2016 Presidential Elections. Most of the black Americans did not support and like Donald Trump. In order to gain some support from the black Americans, The Trump organization arranged a meeting between Trump and a few black celebrities such as Kanye West, Steve Harvey, and Chrissette Michelle. As expected, all of these celebrities were strongly criticized and condemned by black Americans. The interactions between West and Trump almost doubled as they publicly met in the Oval Office. West even put on a MAGA hat! (make America great again). After these meetings and interactions with Trump, and due to his senseless political orations, the black American community ridiculed West further and disowned him. (Hill)

The repeated half-hearted efforts of the American government to gain the trust and support of Black Americans is quite questionable. However, the Republicans seem to do fine with winning the elections without their (black Americans’) support. They repeat the same process every time, by getting the services of a black entertainer, musician or any other famous personality and making them endorse and recommend the republican party. The republican parties, however, deny this fact by saying that they are not some intractable group that will simply follow and escort the endorsement of a random celebrity. The only result from this endorsement is that the reputation of the particular celebrity gets mutilated. None of the Republican parties have ever cared about the stature and reputation of these celebrities and it doesn’t help them to get the votes from black Americans either. Black celebrities must not repeat the same mistakes as committed by Davis and Kanye West. They must realize that the Republican party is and have always been using them for their own agenda and not for any universal reason.

In order to get an endorsement in 2020 Presidential Elections, the campaign of Donald Trump will again search for some black celebrity. However, it won’t have any effect on the black American voters (they definitely won’t vote for Trump), and the celebrity will again become a sell-out for the black American community. Likewise, history repeats itself.

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