WHY CONDI IS NOT BLACK

Condoleezza Rice is not only not black, she is not a woman either. Not as far as the Left is concerned. For the Left, if you're black or a woman, whatever your achievements are, they count only if you got them *because* you're black or a woman - not because you deserved them on the basis of your ability.

If you got to where you are in life because of your ability and talents irregardless of your race or sex, then you are, for the Left, not "really," "truly," or "authentically" black or a woman - like, say, Al Sharpton or Barbara Boxer. Would anybody pay any attention to Al Sharpton if he wasn't black? Would anybody pay attention to Barbara Boxer if she wasn't a woman?

This is why, if he were alive today, Martin Luther King, Jr. would be a Republican.

The most inspiring line from his famous "I have a dream" speech on the Lincoln Memorial steps on August 28, 1963, was that he dreamed of the day when all Americans will "live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." This is exactly what George Bush did with Condi Rice: he chose her as his National Security Advisor and now Secretary of State because of her character, not her color. It doesn't *matter* if she's black or white or man or woman - she's brilliant, she's the best, and that's that.

MLK would look at Condi and think, "Yes, this is what I dreamed of, this is the America I wanted my children to live in." For the Left, for the Jesse Jacksons and Al Sharptons, the Barbara Boxers and Ted Kennedys, this is an America they hate and fear. But just what exactly is it that they are afraid of? A meritocracy, a society where people get what they earn, and don't get what they don't earn.

And so we come to the metaphysical bedrock of the Left. The fundamental desire of a Leftist is to get something for nothing.

Ted Kennedy well knows that he never earned a dime in his life, that he was given everything including wealth, and the memory of his assassinated brother which he lives off of to keep getting re-elected. He has not *earned his life*. And he doesn't want Condi to earn hers. Excellence is always an unbearable insult to the incompetent.

Thus what the Leftist craves is power, power to control the lives of the excellent - so he becomes a bureaucrat, a politician, an "activist," or a university professor. (Not all of these types of folks are lefties, of course - just a preponderance of them are.) His path to power is the creation of victims, victims who need his protection, victims who will give him power to protect them. No victims means no power. Blacks who are not victims, who are triumphantly successful because of their personal excellence and not their race, are a threat whose "blackness" must be denied.

But of course Condi *is*black, American black, and proudly so. She was born in the Jim Crow South and overcame all the ghastly obstacles that society placed in front of her. She is a heroic role model for millions of American blacks to emulate - but not just blacks, not just women, but for *all* Americans to admire. Which is why she strikes such fear and loathing in the dark hearts of the Democrats, and why those hearts sank when they heard Dick Morris predict Condi will run against the PIAPS in 2008.

(No, I'm not going to explain how PIAPS is the accepted acronym for Hillary in the blogosphere. You'll just have to go to Google and be seated firmly when you do - or else you'll roll off your chair.)

It may seem premature to start handicapping 2008, but not for Hillary who has already started her campaign by seeming to go to Bush's right on illegal aliens and to the "center" on infanticide (note to pro-lifers: it's time to stop using the term "abortion," and replace it with "infanticide"; it's time to stop using the term "pro-choice" for the other side, and start using "pro-infanticide" instead).

The plain fact is that Hillary has a lock on the Democrat Presidential Nomination in 2008. The only thing that could prevent this would be for Rudy Giulani to defeat her for re-election to the Senate in 2006. Her approval rating in the latest Quinnipac poll is 65%, but shows her beating Rudy only 50 to 44. Unless Rudy can be persuaded to go for Capitol Hill instead of the Governor's Mansion in Albany, and take the PIAPS down, her nomination is a done deal.

And don't be surprised if her running mate is Barack Obama.

Given this, you can expect the drive to be irresistible for Republicans to nominate Condi. They will dispense with history: only two Presidents have never been elected to a previous office: Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight Eisenhower, both generals coming off winning a major war. Condi's critical role in winning the War on Islamofascism will be clear by then. More problematical is that she is not married and is not enthusiastically pro-life.

If she moves over the next year or so or correct these, then you can be confident she's aiming for '08. The fellow she would marry would be former wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers, Gene Washington, who's now NFL Director of Operations. She's already revealed to National Review that she is "mildly, reluctantly pro-choice." Expect this reluctance to grow.

Condi is fond of recalling what her parents told her as a child growing up in segregated Birmingham, Alabama: That "even though I couldn't have a hamburger at Woolworth's, I could be President of the United States."

Her parents' dream may well come true. When it does, the alphabet media will go schizophrenic. They'll blather on and on about "the first black president" and "the first woman president" - while undercutting her at every opportunity. Hillary will run as a woman - and Condi will not, no more than

she will run as a black. She will run as an American, and as America's best choice for the White House. Which is why she will win, and which is why her color will not matter when she does.

Ps: And who would be Condi's VP? John Ellis "Jeb" Bush. He can't go for POTUS right after his brother and all the froth that would be raised about a "Bush Dynasty." But after eight years as VP under Condi - and in 2016 he'd only be 63 - he can take his shot.