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Greetings!

We truly appreciate everyone's involvement.
This War on Oppression will only be won as one mass
movement.

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Our Mission Statement

The continual unification of as many organizations as possible, starting at the local level and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

Spotlight

Mamie Till

How a Mother's Grief Changed the World



Mamie Elizabeth Till-Mobley (born Mamie Elizabeth Carthan
(November 23, 1921 – January 6, 2003))

By DonnaMarie Woodson



Till, released on October 14, 2022, is a profoundly emotional and cinematic film about the true story of educator and activist, Mamie Till Mobley's relentless pursuit of justice for her 14-year-old son Emmett Till, who, in 1955, was lynched while visiting his cousins in Mississippi. In Mamie's poignant journey of grief turned to action, we see the universal power of a mother's ability to change the world.

[Keith Beauchamp](#), the writer and producer of the film, previously made the documentary **[The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till \(2005\)](#)**. *Till* is directed by **[Chinonye Chukwu](#)**, written by Michael Reilly, Keith Beauchamp, and Chukwu, and produced by Beauchamp, Reilly, and **[Whoopi Goldberg](#)**.

It is the second major media property based on Mamie Till to be released in 2022, following the television show **[Women of the Movement](#)**. The film's release coincided with the unveiling of a statue in Emmett Till's memory in Greenwood, Mississippi.

Click below to see *Till* Trailer



<https://youtu.be/rkQi6GBwmSA>

Till had its world premiere at the New York Film Festival on October 1, 2022, was released in North America on October 14, 2022, by United Artists Releasing, and is scheduled to be released in the United Kingdom on January 13, 2023, by Universal Pictures.



[Mamie Till](#) became an educator and activist in the Civil Rights Movement after her son, [Emmett](#), was beaten severely and shot dead, then thrown into the Tallahatchee river with a 75lb cotton gin fan tied around his neck by way of barb

wired fencing by white supremacists for whistling at a white woman, Carolyn Bryant, while visiting his cousins in [Money, Mississippi](#).

Mamie Till insisted that the casket containing her son's body be left open to let the world see what they had done to him. The film is told entirely from her perspective. Emmett Till's murder is heard, but not shown in the film.

I remember learning this of this horrific act of hate when I was in college at the University of Michigan. I cried then as I cry now as today's political climate harkens back to those abhorrent times of Emmet Till, which I find so hard to bear.

This country is no longer progressing forward but be being dragged



back to some of the darkest moments in American History. The Republicans want their white supremacy back: **Definition**

(The belief that white people constitute a superior race and should therefore dominate society, typically to the exclusion or detriment of other racial and ethnic groups, in particular black or Jewish people.)

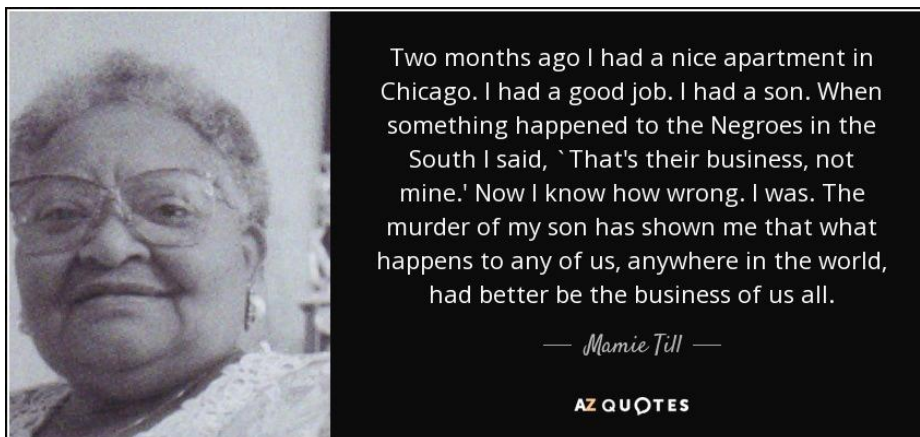
The Republicans want total control over Women's Reproductive Rights, Voting Rights, and no individual autonomy for anyone, *except for themselves.*

Consider:

- **Roe v Wade, gone**
- **Next: Affirmative Action in Education**
 - **Brown v Board of Education**
 - **LGVTQT Rights**
 - **Interracial Marriage**

All the progress we've made over decades destroyed by the loss of a single vote.

We're only 7 days out from Election Day so if you or anyone else you know decides that it's not worth it to Vote, remind them of this quote from Mamie Till:



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Editorial

On the Mentality of Black Conservatives

By Tarik Kiley

10/25/2022

Given the backdrop of Kanye West and Candace Owens wearing “White Lives Matter” t-shirts, and Kanye West being dropped by



Adidas, the Gap, Def Jam Records, Balenciaga, MRC Entertainment, Vogue, UTA, and CAA after making anti-Semitic and anti-Black comments, one must question the

thought process of conservatives such as Kanye West and subsequently, Candace Owens.

Both Candace Owens and Kanye West both, at differing times in the past, spoke up for Black people. Kanye West was noted for saying, “Bush doesn’t care about Black people,” in reference to then President Bush’s response to New Orleans’s Hurricane Katrina. And, even more notably, Candace Owens sued and received a settlement because of receiving racial threats, and racial epithets at Stamford High School.

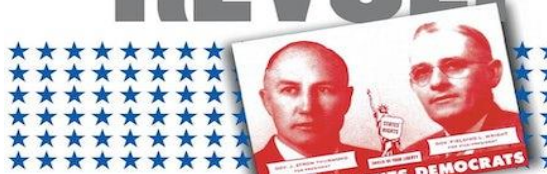
So, how did Candace Owens and Kanye West go from this to embracing Make America Great Again (MAGA), supporting former President Donald Trump, and espousing white nationalist beliefs? Well, the late Malcolm X described this sort of behavior and coined it, “selling out.” He also explained the psychology of the “field slave” vs. the “house slave.” He explained how house slaves are brainwashed into a psychological alliance with their slave masters through psychological conditioning, which creates a sort of false alliance between the house slave and the slave master.



The field slaves had no such bond with the slave master because they didn't receive the perks that the house slaves did. The house slaves received a mental conditioning and a treatment, which the field slaves didn't receive creating a sense of being in a higher class than the field slaves for the house slaves. Whether you agree with Malcolm X's assessment or not, it does remain curious how some Black people espouse views that are antithetical to the very existence of Black people. White nationalism at its core is about the destruction of Black people as an ethnic group, and as a race.

Still, Black people in America do not live in a monolithic society. The fact that Black people can disagree with one other in our political views, shows that we are indeed a diverse and culturally cosmopolitan people. While speaking for your own destruction seems stupid to me, still the fact that Black people have such varied trains of thought shows that we in fact do cherish political and intellectual freedom.

the DIXIECRAT REVOLT



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THE SOLID SOUTH
1932-1968 KARI FREDERICKSON

We also must consider the fact that prior to the 1960's, many Black people identified as Republicans. This is probably due to the historical fact that the Republicans supported the abolition of slavery during the US Civil War era.

Unfortunately, though the Dixiecrats, or the loyal southern portion of the Democratic Party, left the Democratic Party in the post 1960's in a reaction to the Democratic Party embracing racial diversity.

So, the modern Republican Party is more the party of Strom Thurmond and Jesse Helms, and less so the party of Abraham Lincoln.

It should also be considered that many Black people are devout Christians and are quite socially conservative. It is really racism, which divides Black Christians and White Christians, even though they will agree on other issues if you look at it on its face.

Also, some Black conservatives believe that the post 1960's Democratic Party has taken Black votes for granted. They argue that Blacks have been voting with the Democrats for some time now and have not had our socioeconomic situations significantly improved as a result. This is the reasoning behind Candace Owens', "Blexit." This stands for "Black Exit" from the Democratic Party and uses rhetorical appeals such as Blacks leaving the Democratic "plantation."

Still, for most Black people, white supremacy is a deal breaker. So, even if you support a strong work ethic and self-reliance for Blacks, denying the fact that racism affects your life chances in American society is non-sensical to the everyday experiences of most Black people. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., himself, questioned how Black people could pull up ourselves by our bootstraps, if we can't even afford boots. Black people in the USA live in a disproportionate and strange level of poverty due to historical racism.



It is also interesting how, through observation, you can see the effects of racism on Black communities throughout American history, and still deny that racism exists.

Yes, it is true that through incredible effort, Black people in the USA have come a long way and have achieved much. Still, the privileges historically given to White people, have not been given to

Black people. Whether you talk about redlining or economic disinvestment in Black neighborhoods, or other policies, the disadvantaged position of Black people has historically been codified into law and acted out in customs in this country.

Also, under Trump, the Republican Party has shifted far to the right. The Republican Party under Trump is not the Republican Party that General Colin Powell, and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice could reasonably belong to. There is no “compassionate conservatism” in Trump’s Republican Party. And the conservative appeal to low taxes, anti-abortion, gun rights, a strong military defense, and a strong personal work ethic are completely overshadowed by the revival of white nationalism.

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Announcements



Democrats of North Mecklenburg: Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 PM

Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctdemgrjwuH9wmmrd59uJvEwO-npicACIq?mc_cid=0d6d5dc893&mc_eid=e90d0cd318

• GOTV OPPORTUNITIES

- Canvas for Christy Clark (and Cheri Beasley and other Dems) or simply drive people who will canvas. See dates and times and sign up [here](#). (There's no option to indicate that you are driving rather than canvassing.)



Make phone calls. See dates, times and sign up [here](#). Once you're trained, you can make phone calls at any time (between 10am and 9pm). And if you can't make a scheduled training, you can reach out to Jared at jared@christyclarknc.com to schedule a training.

Announcements



Democratic Women of North Mecklenburg County

**November Membership Meeting
2023 Executive Board Elections
Wednesday, November 9th
Caldwell Presbyterian Church
6:30 PM – Meet and Great
7:00pm Program**

Senior Democrats of Mecklenburg County

**Monthly Meeting
Friday, November 11th at 11:30 AM
ZOOM**



**Please submit your group events to donnamarie93@gmail.com
by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.**

Happenings Gallery



Monday, October 24, 2022
1:00 - 2:00 PM



The Executive Corner:

Executive Director - Jade X. Jackson

Rev Rodney Sadler, Joel Segal, DonnaMarie Woodson

Rev Glencie Rhedrick

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