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## Opinion

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### Democrats need a platform

The American public cannot be expected to support Democratic candidates until the party unifies behind a solid, respectable platform. Double-speak and double standards are a sure sign of weakness, confusion and overwhelming disorganization. We cannot demand equal treatment for gays, then turn around and intimate that some Republican candidates and officials are closeted homosexuals.

We cannot claim that disadvantaged black Americans are capable of excelling if provided access to opportunity, then publicly and maliciously deride some of our most educated and successful examples as Uncle Toms and sell-outs.

What kind of message does such behavior send? These mixed messages are conflicting, confusing and disrespectful to all. Why must the modern Democratic Party be perpetually negative? We are more likely to succeed if we choose to compete honestly and by directly confronting the issues. The party must stop allowing mouthpieces on the radical left to be its only public representatives.

The Democratic Party must do better. Whining complaints can be replaced with serious solutions. Name-calling can be stopped to make room for open, informed debate of critical issues. We need a viable two-party political system. America deserves better.

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