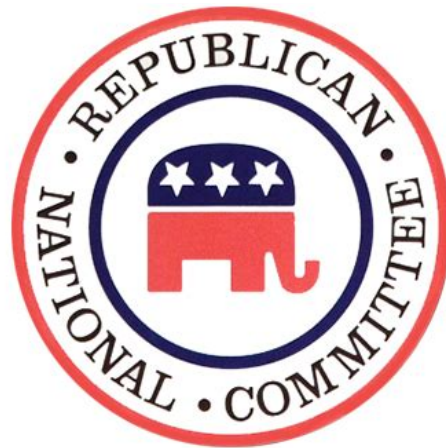


## Trump's "*Big Tent*"

For decades, the *Republican National Committee* pandered to specific demographic groups in an effort to recruit them into the Republican Party. I vaguely recall the RNC funding outreach programs some years ago in which brave souls ventured into very *iffy* neighborhoods to recruit blacks into the GOP. (I don't recall if any were successful or if any even made it out alive.)

Only a few years later, it would have been nearly impossible not to notice the astonishing number of highly intelligent and articulate young women that Donald Trump attracted to the GOP, and who later served in his first administration. Then, on November 5th, he also managed to attract record numbers of those under 30, Hispanics, and the more intelligent blacks to the GOP, especially black males.



The difference between 2024 and earlier recruitment efforts was that Trump **DIDN'T PANDER** to these groups, he let *THEM* find the GOP on their own. In contrast to "*Democrats*," Trump's sincerity drew these newcomers to the GOP without sacrificing principle, such as lavishing money on them or forgiving their debts. His chronicling of America's

decline under Biden/Harris had resonance for anyone with a brain, and was a stark contrast to the gaslighting in which "*Democrats*" engaged.

These demographic groups were also attracted by the unique courage displayed by Trump as "*Democrats*" and their henchmen relentlessly and ruthlessly persecuted Trump based on fraudulent charges. I'm reminded of that line from *Braveheart* in which William Wallace (Mel Gibson) emphatically declares to *Robert-the-Bruce*, "*Men don't follow titles, they follow courage.*"



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That particular principle was also a theme from the movie *Shane*, namely that *courage is contagious*. Trump pretty much defines courage for many of us after persevering through an endless barrage of treason and treachery by so-called "*Democrats*."

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