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When a Republican is alleged to run a racist political campaign, it is generally the top story on the nightly news and front page in the New York *Times*. Unless you read RedState regularly, [you probably have not heard about an intra-Democratic primary battle](#) that has exposed the deep, deep racial divisions within the party of Jim Crow.

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In 2006, Steve Cohen (D-TN) won Harold Ford's 9th Congressional District seat in Memphis in a bitter contested race. Cohen beat Nikki Tinker barely. This year, Nikki Tinker is back for another challenge and she's using race and anti-Semitism as weapons against Cohen. The election is this Thursday.

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Last year, some black ministers caused a stir against Cohen because he supported federal hate crimes legislation that included gay rights. Robert Poindexter, one of the angered ministers, gave away the game saying, "He's not black and he can't represent me, that's just the bottom line."


In just the past few months, black ministers (started by one who is not even in district) have passed out fliers that say "Steve Cohen and the JEWS HATE Jesus." Nikki Tinker has refused to denounce the fliers.

Tinker is finding support with black members of Congress who denied Steve Cohen membership in the Congressional Black Caucus after his

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2006 victory. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH), according to Congressman Cohen, is actively helping Nikki Tinker because they are both black and female. Tubbs Jones coyly claims it is because Tinker is a sorority sister in Delta Sigma Theta, a black sorority.

But it's not just Tubbs Jones. As Chris Bodenner points out, of the 42 members of the Congressional Black Caucus, only Charlie Rangel, John Conyers, and Jesse Jackson, Jr. have been willing to support Congressman Cohen. All 42, however, signed on to Congressman Cohen's successfully passed resolution apologizing for slavery and Jim Crow laws.

Last Friday, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) refused to give Cohen funding for his race, but the Democratic leadership turned a blind eye to the Congressional Black Caucus giving Tinker \$5,000.00. And now Tinker is on the air [accusing \(falsely\) Steve Cohen](#) of stopping a name change to a park. The park happened to be named for Confederate hero Nathan Bedford Forrest, one of the founders of the Ku Klux Klan.

And where is Barack Obama? Steve Cohen got on board early with Obama's campaign. Nikki Tinker only did after Hillary was toast. Neither campaign thinks Obama will weigh in, but why not?

In Georgia, Obama gladly taped a radio commercial for Congressman John Barrow in the 12th Congressional District. Barrow looks conservative next to Cohen. In fact, Barrow, a Blue Dog Democrat, was opposed by most left-wing organization in his primary challenge by Regina Thomas, a

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prominent black state senator for Savannah. Seventy percent of the ballots in the Democratic primary in Georgia-12 are generally cast by black voters; yet, Barack Obama was willing to weigh in for the white guy.

In Tennessee-9, Barack Obama has remained silent. Barack Obama could weigh in publicly for Steve Cohen. Barack Obama could denounce the anti-semitism and racism (and [blatant sexism](#)) being hurled toward a sitting congressman. He has chosen instead to stay silent.

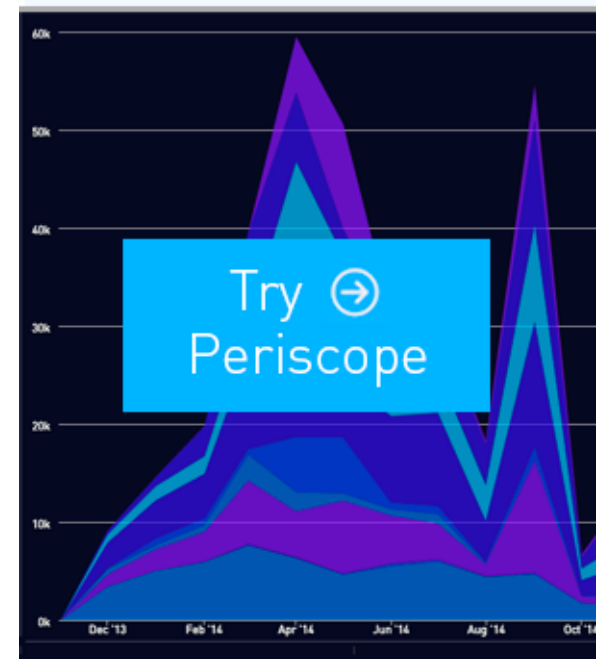
Liberal Republicans Try To Kill Conservative Republicans in Kansas Polling

The Kansas Traditional Republican Majority (KTRM) is a Kansas organization tied the liberal Republican Main Street Partnership. [KTRM is working hard to tar and feather conservative Republicans](#) in Kansas before today's primary election there.

As Kansas Progress notes

The group calling itself "Kansas Traditional Republican Majority" is a small but well-funded group of Republicans who support judicial activism, oppose school choice, support tax increases, and are generally liberal on social issues (when not liberal, then indifferent). KTRM has strong ties to elected officials in Johnson County, the county's business community, the National Education Association, and the current Kansas Senate Republican leadership. . . . [N]ow-Democrat Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson (a previous GOP state party

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chairman) is a former supporter of KTRM.

The Kansas Traditional Republican Majority ("KTRM") has gone on the attack against both Kansas District Attorney Phill Kline and former congressman Jim Ryun. Both are on the ballot today in close races against fairly liberal Republicans.

The KTRM attack, which you can find [here](#), attempts to paint Jim Ryun and Phil Kline as racists. You get the idea from the opening:

Traditional Republicans demand that Phill Kline and Jim Ryun explain their association with Family Research Council Action (FRCA) whose executive director Tony Perkins has ties to the Ku Klux Klan and other white-supremacist organizations.

“This disgusts me,” said Kansas Traditional Republican Majority Executive Director Ryan Wright. “Kline and Ryun are cut from the same cloth; they owe it to voters to prove that they do not share these racist beliefs. Ryun and Kline must explain their association with the Family Research Council.”

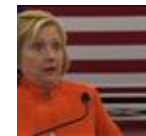
Perkins, formerly a Louisiana legislator, purchased a mailing list from a company that David Duke was connected to. In Louisiana, at least, it is widely known that no one, Democrat or Republican, knew David Duke was connected to the company until after Perkins left elected office.

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What's even more disturbing is that KTRM has ties to the Kansas Republican establishment in the State Senate. Republican leaders in the State Senate have refused to rule out tax hikes and are funneling money to KTRM to take on Republicans who would fight tax increases. Conservative watchdog group Kansas Liberty reports

According to the latest available campaign finance reports, the Senate Leadership PAC contributed \$45,000 to "Kansans for a Traditional Republican Majority," a group that supports liberal candidates running against conservatives by distributing negative material widely condemned by both moderates and conservatives.

The group has especially targeted conservative candidates for the state senate, as well as Johnson County DA Phill Kline, who is running as an incumbent.

The battle for the heart and soul of the Republican Party of Kansas continues today at your local Kansas polling precinct.

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