

Excerpts from an Interview with Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey -- October 5, 1966 -- Philadelphia

Question: I would like to bring you back closer to home for a few minutes. You have been campaigning throughout the United States for Democratic candidates. I wonder whether or not you plan to campaign and lend the support of your office and popularity for Lester Maddox, the segregationist who just recently won the gubernatorial nomination in Georgia.

Answer: Absolutely not. I am sure Mr. Maddox wouldn't want it, and I can assure him he won't get it. I believe that I have indicated in public meetings and private discussions that, while I am proud to be a member of the Democratic Party, I believe in supporting the Democratic Party that adopted a liberal platform in 1964. I support the principles of the Democratic Party of Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Adlai Stevenson, John Kennedy, and Lyndon Johnson. I do not support candidates who have repudiated their own party but carry the label. The label is not what counts. What counts is the substance, the policy, and the program. I think you know my position.

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