

# Jackson's Rainbow Coalition achieves goals

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson didn't win and Walter Mondale appears headed for defeat. But the goals of the Rainbow Coalition have been realized in the 1984 campaign, according to panelists speaking Tuesday at the Nebraska Union.

Donna Polk, the Lincoln director for the Rainbow coalition, UNL political science lecturer Zelma Mosely and UNL Ethnic Institute director Miguel Carranza presented the forum before a small audience in the union's main lounge. UPC Talks and Topics sponsored the forum as part of its series on the 1984 election.

Polk said Jackson's objective was not necessarily to win, but to present the issues of "forgotten" people in the political arena. Not only was that achieved but the Coalition is working against other candidates besides Reagan.

"There are 10 key voting states and only one of them, Texas, has a black congressman," Polk said.

"If we can get that corrected, that would be more awesome than any damage Ronald Reagan can do. If we can get the majority in Congress, there's nothing Reagan can do. Except go back to sleep."

The forum itself dealt mostly with the history and future of Jackson's Rainbow Coalition. All three panelists agreed the coalition's purpose was to support candidates who best represented the coalition's issues, which included peace, equality and education. It was not intended to become a forum for 'left-wingers,' Carranza said.

"The coalition is for those who see themselves as left out rather than left of center," Carranza said. Jackson's intent was to reach out to those groups like minorities, homosexuals and women who the political machines, concerned mostly with popularity, had left out.

But since the Democratic nomination went to Mondale, the coalition has been quiet, even though it was intended to live far beyond Jackson and the 1984 elections.

Polk said part of the reason for that is the lack of charisma from the Democratic candidates.

"I'm not sure how much enthusiasm the Mondale-Ferraro campaign has been able to generate among minorities," Polk said. "I would love to see thousands of people of color take to the streets election day and vote for Mondale, but I don't think it's going to happen. They (the candidates) are just missing something."

Mosley said the black vote alone would not be substantial enough to sway this election. Other factors, such as the rise of the right and the Democratic flow to the Republican ticket, have reduced the significance of the black voting block that greatly helped Jimmy Carter in 1976.

"But people who say the Rainbow Coalition was ineffective are being very short-sighted," Mosely said. "It made a symbolic and dramatic impact on the political process of this country. You have to look at what would have happened if Jesse Jackson had decided not to give any support to the

Democratic ticket."

By running and supporting the ticket Jackson gave previously uninterested black voters a symbol and presented reasons for blacks to become involved in the political process, she said.

William Todd-Mancillas of the UNL speech department moderated the forum, during which

panelists were asked about the effect of the military on minority voters, the Simpson-Mazzoli bill and the college students' preference for "facism."

Talks and Topics will sponsor another forum, "The Impact of the Gender Gap on the 1984 Election," Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Main Lounge.

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lacked experience. "Experience with no results means nothing," she said.

She also told the crowd that Vice President George Bush's polls show that her's is the "strongest challenging campaign" for a senate seat.

"We can feel it snowballing," Hoch said.

If the polls reflect the enthusiasm of Reagan's endorsement, that snowballs might become an avalanche.

Democrats have portrayed the "Gender Gap" as a problem of only the Republican Party, Reagan said. Women, as a group, have more than one set of goals and standards. The only way a political party can serve the diversity of women is by talking "with and through women officers and candidates," she said.

According to Reagan, 440 of the 1,000 women who hold state

and federal offices are Republicans. With 400 more GOP candidates on the ballot in November, Republicans could put more women into office than the Democrats.

"This is the year in which we prove that it wasn't an accident in 1980...that it was only the beginning of building a new majority party and a party that can really look at the future of this country and be the future of this country," Reagan said.

The Republican Party has created a "safety net that people can't fall through" by approaching problems with a combination of government, community and individuals, she said.

Foreign policy is held in that net, she said. The U.S. made a commitment to protect its allies so that nations would not settle border disputes with nuclear arms, she said.

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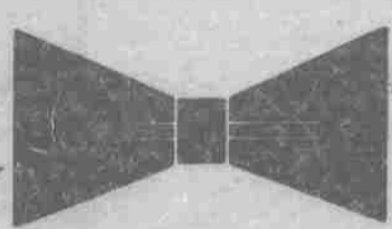
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