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# Michelle Alexander You Don't Know Hillary Clinton

## Do You Know Bernie Sanders - I Do

Ms. Alexander, I have read with dismay your article denigrating Hillary Clinton and lavishing praise on Bernie Sanders. There was nothing new in what you said about Hillary because it all came out of the Republican playbook. The basis of your negative view of Hillary is that she is owed Blacks allegiance and votes because of what she and Bill have done for Blacks on civil rights and social justice issues. How would you suggest that Black voters make their decision? We should of course take your word and vote for Bernie.

I see and hear in your lines the "mantra" from the same racist Republicans who have savaged Barack Obama throughout his two terms. I know you mean well but I ask that you tell me how many times you have personally talked to Hillary Clinton. I have known the Clintons for many years and I am Black. I don't see that they expect that I owe them anything. I vote for Hillary Clinton because she has truly been on the front lines at many levels for me and my people. She does not have to attempt to reach out to me or my people - to introduce herself as Bernie Sanders has to do. Have you asked yourself why? We are and have been part of her life and history since she left college. Sure she and Bill have made mistakes. They have admitted to that.

We all have!!! Who is perfect? Certainly not Bernie!!! Where has he been? We are not being unfair to Bernie - we are just being real. Again where has he been? What has he done for me or Black people? What has he accomplished for me and my people? What has he stood up for in the past? Gun rights!!!! The NRA!!! Derivatives!!! You tell me. Why has he lied about that lame way that he says that he was involved in fighting for my rights!!!! Who knows this guy??? Why does He have to reach out to introduce himself to me and the Black community now!!! Is it because he is running for office and needs my vote? Hell Michelle he has been a politician for over 33 years and has accomplished nothing. What makes you think that is going to change now? How much is he paying his Senior Campaign Staff? Do you know? Have you asked? I bet that you did not even know who he was before he ran for President and still can't list anything that he has accomplished or even stood up for any people of color?

Where has Bernie been during the tough times when my neighborhood was being ravaged with crack cocaine, murders, and robberies? Where were you? You can't know what it is like to watch not only your neighborhood but your city deteriorate right in front of your eyes. Brothers and Sisters murdered all around you all in

the name of crack cocaine. I know where Bill and Hillary were and what they did!!! They signed the Crime Bill that Bernie voted for.

Michelle, Bernie Sanders is a fake and I am surprised that someone as intelligent as yourself would not see through his offensive rhetoric. What could this 75 year old accomplish if he were to win and that is a big if? How would he pay for all of those "freebies" that he is offering you and the rest of the country? If he is the nominee and loses, than what? TRUMP !!! Where would we be if that were to happen? Right wing Supreme Court for the next 20 to 30 years, more restrictive voting, more gerrymandering, more control by the 1% and on and on and on.....

You can support who you would like and I would fight for your right to do so, but don't presuppose that you can drop this Bernie Sanders crap on me or my people. Have you vetted this man? Have you talked to his Black constituents? Have you asked them how he has treated them? I have researched this issue and the Black Leaders in the state of

Vermont have said that he has ignored the State's Blacks. I would never vote for this man and I wonder how you will. I respect what Bill and Hillary Clinton have done for Blacks and I will vote for them because they have been there for me and my people and now I have their back. Not because I am expected to do so, but because I want to!!!

Bernie is an interloper who has done nothing for me in the past and based on our Government structure can do none of what he is promising to do in his or my lifetime. He can keep his free trinkets!!! We have fallen for that in the past but not now Michelle - I know Hillary Clinton and I will vote for her - so go away with your nonsense!!!! Hill Yes

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