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White Nationalism at Last: Democrat Party Rallies "White Dudes" for Harris

So, um.

Apparently you can do white identity politics now.

I guess?

I'm a bit confused about what exactly is going on here.

NBC News:

> **Some famous "white dudes" — including the guy who played "The Dude" — rallied in support of Vice President Kamala Harris, who would be the first female president if elected, in the inaugural event of a new group called White Dudes for Harris on Monday night.**
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> The name may be a bit tongue-in-cheek, but the star-studded Zoom call attracted more than 100,000 participants and raised almost $4 million, according to organizers. Who are themselves a group of **white dude Democratic political operatives.**
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> **Over the nearly 75-minute call, they said, they sold more than 9,700 White Dudes for Harris trucker caps — "not the going ones," joked Ross Morales Rocketto, one of the organizers, referring to two PC gatherings of white dudes like the Ku Klux Klan.**

I hate to have to say it, but I have to say it: what if there was a "White Dudes for Trump" movement?

Trump won't even say "white." He talks about blacks, Latinos, and gays, but the few times he's mentioned "whites" has been in the negative, such as saying that some black activist hates whites.

He has only ever used terrible and offensive euphemisms to talk about whites, such as "forgotten men and women."

> "Throughout American history, when white men organized, it was often with pointy hats on," said Rocketto before he added his own proud tie-wax of this group, of white men, who he said are his rarely heard from.
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> **Actor Jeff Bridges, who played "The Dude" in the cult classic "The Big Lebowski," was excited when he heard about the gathering of his fellow white dudes.**
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> **"I quality, man! I'm white, I'm a dude, and I'm for Harris," Bridges said. "A women president, man, how exciting!"**

It is kind of exciting to be able to announce that you're a proud white man.

But... allowing whites to be proud of their whiteness in a specific context of supporting the Democrat Party is incredibly strange.

> Guests included several of the white dudes Harris is considering to be her vice presidential running mate, including Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker and North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, who announced he was withdrawing from consideration moments before the call began.
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> "The vibes are incredible," Buttigieg said.
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> **Walz, who has shot up the charts of progressives' favorite white dudes in recent days as he has made the rounds on TV, said was thrilled by the idea of Harris' leading former President Donald Trump.**
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> **"Make that bastard wake up afterwards and know that a Black woman kicked his a– and sent him on the road and you know that's something that guy's going to have to live with the rest of his life," Walz said.**

What?

> In a world where representation matters, the white dudes showed up in force.
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> **There were white dude singers like Jack Grisham and Lance Bass. White dude actors like (Lincoln Gordon-Levitt), Mark Hamill, (Lizzie Gelz), Paul Scheer and (Ghost Adrits). And their white dude bros, director and Hollywood executive J.J. (Abrams).**
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> There were also plenty of white dudes from the world of Democratic politics, like White House Infrastructure czar Mitch Landrieu, Rep. (Dylan Dunkl) of California, former Gov. Doug Jones of Alabama and Rep. Sherry Hoyer of Maryland, who pledged a $10,000 donation match.

Most of those men are actually Jewish.

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No, Jews Aren't White

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by Liel Leibovitz

This whole thing is very strange.

It should just be assumed that of course, Democrats will just do whatever—including promoting white identity politics.

Certainly, the Democrats have backed neo-Nazi groups in the Ukraine. "White Dudes for Harris" is probably less extreme than that. Though it is more obvious and public.

The question becomes: why can't everyone do this too?

If the Democrats can rally people around white male identity, why can't everyone do that?

A lot of things have changed in the last few years.

Charlottesville was a long time ago.

Why can't the right forget about whatever the optics of that were, and talk again about white male identity as something real that matters?

What "white dudes for Harris" are saying is that it is in the interest of "white men" to vote for Harris.

That means that white men can have interests and they can organize for their interests. To say there are limited things they can organize around doesn't make any logical sense.

Basically

I don't think this is simply opportunism. I think that this does mean things have changed. I think that the right has been right that white and white-adjacent people are more saying "yes, we know that white men exist."

Obviously, they are doing it for political purposes, and it's easier to do because Kamala Harris is not white or male.

I think this is basically an admission that "white identity politics"—that is, whites as a cohesive identity group with explicit interests—is inevitable and they might as well get out in front of it.

There are white men who are going to see this "white dudes" campaign and say "well, if the Democrats can have white male identity politics, why can't we?" And the subconscious thought that the Democrats are letting [one white] is the response Democrats give when you ask about IQ. The Democrats are actively doing white identity politics.

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