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To the Editor:

Do you really know what the Republican and Democrat parties stand for? Which one really is the racist party?

The GOP (Grand Old Party) was founded in 1854 as an abolitionist movement which saw slavery as a violation of the rights of man. Frederick Douglass, abolitionist, stated “I am a Republican, a black, dyed in the wool Republican, and I never intend to belong to any other party than the party of freedom and progress.”

Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president, was the author of the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed the slaves. The Republicans authored the following amendments to the Constitution: 13<sup>th</sup> (banned slavery) 14<sup>th</sup> (due process of law to blacks and all Americans) and 15<sup>th</sup> (guaranteed blacks the right to vote). For the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment ending slavery, Republicans unanimously voted for it. Yet the majority of the Democrat senators and house members voted against it. All congressional Democrats voted against the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment for due process. And for the 15<sup>th</sup> amendment all Democrats voted no to extending voting rights to blacks.

After the Civil War, the southern Democrats started the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). It is estimated that over 3,000 black Republicans and 1,000 white Republicans were lynched by the KKK between 1882 and 1968. They also imposed segregation with Jim Crow laws and fought the 1957 Civil Rights Acts sponsored by Republicans. It was filibustered in the U.S. Senate by the Democrats.

Even now we see the focus on reducing black lives in the U.S. through Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. Margaret Sanger, who founded what is now known as the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, was a racist and eugenicist. She stated, “We don’t want word to go out that we want to exterminate the negro population.” Hillary Clinton (D), winner of the Margaret Sanger award, said “I admire Margaret Sanger enormously, her courage, her tenacity, her vision . . .”

Recent abortion statistics demonstrate that while blacks represent about 13% of the total US population, they have 42% of the abortions, while whites have 46.7%. To further illustrate that racial disparity, the abortion ratio, the number of abortions per 1,000 live births, for black women is almost 3.5 times the ratio for white women. Margaret Sanger’s Negro Project continues unabated, with over 19 million unborn black babies aborted since 1973.

You need to know that Senator Tina Smith (D) is the former Executive Vice President of External Affairs for Planned Parenthood MN SD ND. She consistently votes against proposed legislation that would save unborn lives including voting twice to allow abortionists to kill babies delivered alive after surviving abortions (Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act). She is endorsed by the Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

Vote against racism and the ongoing targeting of the unborn. Vote for Jason Lewis for U.S. Senator!

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