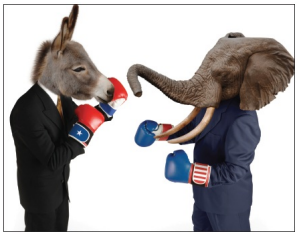

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At its offset the 2012 Presidential Election proved to be a battle of partisans whose ideals were born of elected officials and individuals with shared opinions. Aside from this general occurrence, various individuals within the Republican Party and its affiliates, in particular the "Tea Party," went above and beyond by adopting a collective mindset designed to disrupt the political process through a lack of fair play.

Although any given partisanship is not without its share of questionable sportsmanship, never has a party injected blatant attacks towards the most basic rights of individuals. Given that the collective mindset of an institution, organization or group of several individuals or more is determined by its current occupants, those members are charged with projecting their image to the public. When the decision is made, the policy becomes belief.

As it relates to the Presidential election, a vast majority of the current occupants in the Republican Party and its affiliates, introduced their intent, drew their line in the sand and dug in. Its mission was clear, through all means available, fictional or imagined; eliminate any circumstances that would allow this President to be re-elected.

Described as "This President," what fortuitous circumstances led to this unsolicited recognition? For those that were vacationing on other life sustaining planets from the beginning of President Obama's first term to date, the overall census concludes that racism is the prevalent factor in an attempt to prevent him from serving a second term.

The race card is a hard sale in that it prefers not to be utilized unless the obvious is unquestionable. Perhaps the answer to the question of the President's ethnic background being unacceptable can be found in his opposition's strategy, a strategy that included, not since the deadly battle for voting rights, unprecedented voter suppression within specific segments of the population.

Racism, basically defined as: the belief that people of different races have different abilities, and qualities, and that some races are inherently superior or inferior, takes on a more intense level with the introduction of fear and hatred. It then becomes xenophobia.

Xenophobia further explains how the President's opposition effortlessly persuaded its voter base to believe that their interest and concerns could not be met or understood by someone whose ethnic makeup is not their own. Additionally, because xenophobia is more of a misinformed response towards another race, staunch republican supporters had little choice but to ride the horse they came in on.

With time progressing, political affiliation is taking on a new face and voters are becoming increasingly aware that the party they support may not necessarily contain the candidate they support. This realization has allowed any given voter an alternative to supporting the entirety of a party.

Given the historical accountability of both, the Republican and Democratic Party, partisanship

can not and should not be etched in stone. Neither party's current status reflects their original design.

The Democratic Party, the oldest party in the United States, at one point was a proponent of slavery. It advocated greater equality of white men, and supported the concept of Manifest Destiny; the idea that the United States had the divinely granted right to expand geographically from Atlantic to Pacific with slave labor at the forefront.

The Republican Party established in the mid 1850's opposed slavery and was originally formed to restore the Union by promoting liberty. According to the Black Republican Magazine's (spring 2006 issue), noted Black Republican's include; Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, George Washington Carver, Mary McLeod Bethune, A. Philip Randolph, Jackie Robinson and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

If partisanship breeds divisiveness, then perhaps humility will serve to bring a crisp awareness to partisans who are submissive to the status quo. Humility is introduced in a number of ways. It can be accepted as a non option, it can be completely ignored, or it can be a matter of choice with the decision simplified by one's humanity.

Less we forget, as members of the world arena, this country presents itself as democracy like no other, and it is our examples of unification in the face of adversity that ultimately unites us.