



To the editor:

Your article (news story, May 28) on the mainstreaming of the Newman/Fulani cult into the political fabric of New York and their alliance with leading Democrats and Republicans, severely understates the highly toxic level of their extremism and bigotry.

Among other things they, or their various enterprises, have praised Abu Jihad (the PLO terrorist whose group killed 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics); actively supported Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi, even during the height of his terror attacks against Western democracies; blamed the United States for the horrid events of September 11; and produced a play which distorted the events of Crown Heights into an anti-Semitic story line.

Well before they developed a relationship with some mainstream politicians, they ran the late Dr. M.T. Mehdi on their New Alliance Party line for U.S. Senate, despite Mehdi's opposition to Holocaust education in New York City schools. (He called it "an attempt by the Zionists to use the city educational system for their evil propaganda purposes.")

Fulani and Newman haven't changed; rather, they have cleverly exploited control of a ballot line to make themselves seemingly indispensable to some politicians of both parties.

The excuse that Lenora Fulani is only one member of a larger party is a fiction. If David Duke were a leading figure in a Louisiana third party, no one in New York would accept such an excuse from politicians eager to take that ballot line.

Sincerely,
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