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people that I care about. I am not going to agree to put a tool in their hands with which they can whip and harm the people that I'm concerned about. I have raised issues in Omaha, to no avail, both with school officials and with Mayor Fahey's administration. You see, no matter how good white people may think a politician is, none of them has ever been good as far as black people are concerned. We're always talking about the lesser of evils. You all can see some of them as positive goods because they work in your interests and help those people and bring about those results that you want. Not so with us. We're always saying, which one is going to do the least damage to us, because none of them is going to do any positive good. You know the only time they send somebody trucking over to talk to me? When they've got some scheme they want that they think I will stop. They're not interested in talking to me or any other black man or woman who has a genuine concern for our community. But if they can find these kind who are eager to be around white people and accept awards from them, those are the ones that they talk to, and say, well, I've talked to black leaders. First of all, we're not a community needing to be led. I'm not a black leader. I am a black politician who was voted on by a majority of those voting to come down here and do the work that needs to be done according to my best judgment and my ability. White people are the ones who coined the term "black leader." You don't even call George Bush a white leader, and he's leader of all of you, the ruler of you. They don't call Governor...well, they don't call the man who's Governor now a white leader, do they? Have you ever heard any white person referred to as a white leader? White people characterize us. White people define us. Every characterization, every definition is limiting, debasing, and they devalue us as human beings. It's why white people sometimes are confused when they hear a black person say, I'm not for separation, I'm not for integration. They say, well, good God, those are the only two things that are there; well, what did black people want? We want recognition as human beings. That's what we want.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that's not hard to understand. But that's the very thing that has been denied to us in this