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Circa 1905: Theodore Roosevelt (1858 – 1919), the 26th president of the United States (1901-09) sitting at his desk, working. (Hulton Archive/Getty Images)

Whether it's Donald Trump's call to bar Muslims from coming into the United States, or Ted Cruz's call to abolish the IRS or carpet bomb ISIS, today's Republicans sound very different from the Republicans of the past – particularly two who had roots in New York.

Here & Now's **Robin Young** visits Sagamore Hill, the former home of Theodore Roosevelt, and speaks with SUNY political science professor **Gerald Benjamin** about how different today's Republicans are from Teddy Roosevelt, who was president from 1901 to 1909, and Nelson Rockefeller, who was vice president from 1974 to 1977 and New York governor from 1959 to 1973.

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Guest

- [Gerald Benjamin](#), political science professor at the State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz. He's also director and associate vice president for regional engagement at [The Benjamin Center](#).

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Nice revisionist history. Democrats were the party of the confederacy, the party of the KKK, and the party that fillibustered the civil rights bills.

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Have you always been ignorant or is this the beginning of dementia?

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can bury this line of argument?

the pre-Civil Rights Act Democrats are the post-Civil Rights Act Republicans [because too many Democrats voted for the Act- the majority of the votes] and the whistling dixicrats didn't want to be associated with a party that supported equal rights for black people.

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ocdhickson → slfoster01 · 7 days ago

Nice little liberal fairy-tale. Whatever it takes to help you sleep at night.
"the pre-Civil Rights Act Democrats are the post-Civil Rights Act Republicans"
Robert Byrd, George Wallace, Hale Boggs, William Fulbright, Sam Ervin, Russell Long, Wilbur Mills, Jamie Whitten and Charles Bennett All Democrats pre AND POST -civil rights act.
That's just the short list too.
Funny how facts wash away fantasy.

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Greg Camp · 7 days ago

It's sad that "macho" is such a term of disparagement to some people.

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Robin why don't you just come out and say what you really think about Republicans. I'd like to hear it!

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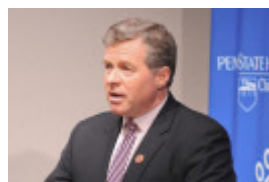


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