

Can Centrist Group Steer US Politics to Bipartisan Future?



A political organization called “No Labels” is intent on shaking up the 2024 presidential race. There’s talk of creating a third-party unity ticket if voters face a choice of Joe Biden vs. Donald Trump once again.

The national co-chair of the group talked with CBN News about the way forward. Civil rights leader, Dr. Benjamin Chavis, an ordained minister and former CEO of the NAACP, is navigating political waters to support this centrist effort.

“The reason why I’m moving to the center with No Labels is because I want to see further change,” Chavis said. “I want to see our nation do better. I want to see our nation, open up more opportunities for all of God’s people.”

Dr. Chavis added, “We promote and support bipartisan solutions, bipartisan common sense solutions to our nation’s problems.”

No Labels has been a Capitol Hill presence for years, supporting the “House Problem-Solvers Caucus.” It’s helped lead to bipartisan achievements such as the recent infrastructure bill.

As 2024 approaches, members believe Americans want a moderate, common-sense alternative, and point to polling that shows nearly 60% of citizens would support a centrist presidential candidate.

Critics push back on those numbers.

Could This Be the Third Party Alternative You’re Looking For?

We asked Chavis about the claim by the political group 538 and some others, who have said the middle ground in the electorate is not that large, and that among the polarized electorate—both left and right—many people have already chosen their candidate.

He responded, “The middle is growing. The middle is expanding, and it’s intergenerational: Millennials, Generation Z, but also elders, middle-aged people.”

No matter how big or small the middle is, No Labels believes these voters really don’t want to see a Trump/Biden rematch.

I asked Chavis, “What is it about that rematch that has No Labels concerned, exactly?”

He replied, “I would like to see President Biden moved more to the center, not to the left. And I would even like to see former President Trump move more to the center, away from the extreme.”

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