

AFDP



WE, THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI  
WHO WANT TO WORK FOR REAL  
CHANGE HAVE JOINED TOGETHER  
TO FORM OUR OWN POLITICAL  
PARTY .....

The Mississippi Freedom  
Democratic Party.

We did this

- \* because almost all Mississippi Negroes have been kept from having a say in the political processes which affect their lives.
- \* because the present political structure keeps 1000s of people so poor, it is another form of slavery.
- \* because people can no longer believe in leaders ... who ignore them, who say one thing and do another.
- \* because this country is run politically .

THE WAY TO CHANGES.

We can do this by  
political activity.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY is ways  
of organizing so that people  
will get :-

- \* the things they want
- \* the things they want  
to keep.
- \* the things they want  
changed .

PEOPLE get together in small  
and large groups to fight  
for these things.

- \* This is the way that  
parties begin.

THE MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BELIEVES

THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE

A SAY IN THE THINGS THEY

WANT.



WHY DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
SPEAK OUT ?

Because no-one else knows as well as you

- \* what you want.
- \* what you think should be changed in your community.

Because part of your money goes for Taxes.

- \* you have a right to say how it is spent.
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\* THE PRECINCT.

YOUR community is a  
precinct.

THIS is where you  
live.

THIS is where you  
vote.

\* This is where the MFDP  
begins, because the  
MFDP is made up of peop-  
le who live in precincts

\* Several precincts make  
up a Supervisor's distr-  
ict. There are 5 in a  
county.

.....3 people from each  
Supervisor's district  
make up a county execu-  
tive committee.

\* Many counties make up  
the 5 Congressional  
Districts.

.....3 people from each  
district make up the  
State Executive  
Committee.

WHO ARE THESE COMMITTEES  
RESPONSIBLE TO ?

To the people who elect  
them, to EVERYBODY in the  
Mississippi Freedom  
Democratic Party.

HOW THE MFDP BEGAN.....

- April '64 \* A Convention of people officially form the MFDP in Jackson, Miss.
- Summer '64 \* People from all over the State organize and elect delegates to the Democratic National Convention.
- Aug. '64 \* FDP offered two seats at the Convention. Compromise was refused.
- Nov. '64 \* Freedom Vote - Mrs. Hamer, Mrs. Devine, Mrs. Gray... run for Congress.
- Dec. 3, '64 \* Seating of the 5 Mississippi Congressmen challenged.
- Jan 4, '65 \* Congressional Challenge - testimony is taken from Mississippi people and from Miss officials.
- May '65 \* testimony is sent to Congress.

HOW WE GO ABOUT MAKING CHANGES .....

The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party believes that political activity is more than just registering to vote, and voting.

IT IS THINGS LIKE :

\* Running people for public office.

The FDP ran people for Congress last year. It is running people in the Municipal elections this year.

\* DEMONSTRATING AGAINST UNJUST LAWS AND GOING TO JAIL IF NECESSARY.

The FDP has held Freedom Days across the State, picketed schools and a factory.

\* Fighting the laws through the Courts.

The FDP has gone into court to challenge laws made by the State, and those made by cities, such as illegal ordinances banning marches.

\* ORGANIZING MASS VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES.

The FDP is doing this in Sunflower County and other places.

\* ORGANIZING ECONOMIC ACTION.

The FDP gave rise to a Labor Union, the Miss. Freedom Labor Union.

\* Challenging illegal elections.

The FDP is challenging the election of the 5 Congressmen from this State - because Negroes were kept from voting. The FDP is asking Congress to unseat them.

\* HELPING PEOPLE TO FIND OUT WHY DECISIONS ARE MADE, AND HOW TO MAKE THEM.

The FDP does this through Freedom Schools and workshops, where people sit down together to learn together.

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The FDP is a party of people who speak for themselves.