

Democracy in Color with Steve Phillips

Podcast

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Steve Phillips, Author of *Brown Is the New White*, Launches New Color-Conscious Political Podcast

Featured guests include Stacey Abrams



Steve Phillips, author of the *New York Times* bestselling book, [*Brown Is the New White: How the Demographic Revolution Has Created a New American Majority*](#), *New York Times* contributing op-ed writer, and founder of [Democracy in Color](#), is the host of a new, exciting color-conscious political podcast, “Democracy in Color With Steve Phillips.”

Phillips is one of the leading voices in the country challenging the Democratic Party to unapologetically embrace the voters of color who comprise nearly half of all Democratic voters. He co-authored the only audit of Democratic Party spending and has written articles on Democratic strategy in the *NY Times* and *Nation* magazine.

The [podcast](#), which will release a new episode every two weeks on Thursdays, launched today.

As the 2020 election season heats up, there remain strong differences of opinion about the right strategy for winning in a racially-polarized electoral landscape. This podcast will facilitate a candid conversation about what strategies make the most sense.

As one of the nation’s top political thought leaders, Phillips invites listeners to learn how the key to Democrats and the progressive ecosystem winning and saving our democracy lies in running towards, rather than away from the societal flashpoints of racial and economic justice. As a thought leader who is unafraid and unapologetic about grappling with some of the toughest topics in politics, Phillips centers the fight against white supremacy and racism and mobilizing the New American Majority—people of color and progressive whites.

This show will illuminate the proven path to victory and also introduce you to the “Hidden Figures” of the movement who are driving the engine of social and political change in this country.

Special Guests

Special guests will include key national leaders, activists, organizers, strategists and writers. Sharline Chiang, Democracy in Color’s director of strategic communications, joins regularly as co-host. Dr. Julie Martinez Ortega, a leading national expert on political data and research, is regularly featured in a segment called, “The Doctor Is In,” where she talks about the math, rather than the myths, that explain what’s happening in national politics.

“I wrote *Brown Is the New White* to issue a warning to the Democratic Party, but sadly it wasn’t heeded,” Phillips says. “With this podcast, we will facilitate an urgent and candid debate about the future of the Democratic Party and progressive movement in American heading into the 2020 election year, during a time when the stakes are enormous.”

This podcast is produced by Democracy in Color, a political organization focused on race, politics and the multiracial, progressive New American Majority.

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Stacey Abrams: “We Have Always Found a Way”

Referring to guest Stacey Abrams, the *Washington Post* recently described her as “the most impressive Democrat [in the country who] may not be running for president.” Abrams, the first Black woman gubernatorial nominee in U.S. history, spoke for all Democrats in America when she delivered the Response to the State of the Union Address in February 2019, and she could be our nation’s next V.P. [LISTEN](#)

Iowa: How Democrats Win in a 90% White State

Iowa, the state that launched Barack Obama’s campaign, is arguably the single most important state in this current Democratic nomination contest. It’s also the quintessential swing state. Two Iowa experts discuss what it takes to win and where things stand in the race. [LISTEN](#)

Impeachment: What’s Race Got to Do With It?

Trump’s power has always been grounded in fanning the flames of white racial resentment, and it’s no accident that the most racially diverse Congress in history is now holding him accountable. [LISTEN](#)

About Steve Phillips

Steve Phillips is the founder of Democracy in Color, a political organization dedicated to race, politics and the multicultural progressive New American Majority, and author of the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* bestselling *Brown Is the New White: How the Demographic Revolution Has Created a New American Majority*. He is host of the color-conscious political podcast, “Democracy in Color with Steve Phillips.”

Phillips is a national political leader and civil rights lawyer. In 1992 he became the youngest person ever elected to public office in San Francisco and went on to serve as president of the Board of Education. He is co-founder of PowerPAC+, a social justice organization dedicated to building a multiracial political coalition. PowerPAC+ conducted the largest independent voter mobilization effort backing Barack Obama, Cory Booker, and Kamala Harris. In 2014, Phillips co-authored the first-ever audit of Democratic Party spending and was named one of “America’s Top 50 Influencers” by *Campaigns and Elections* magazine. In 2016, Democracy in Color organized the first-ever panel on women of color in politics at the Democratic National Convention. In January 2017, Democracy in Color hosted the only DNC chair candidates forum focused on race and diversity.

Phillips has appeared on multiple national radio and television networks including NBC, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, and TV One. He is a columnist for *The Nation* and a regular opinion contributor to *The New York Times*. He is a graduate of Stanford University and Hastings College of the Law.

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