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**Opposition to Civil Rights**

**PRIMARY SOURCE DOCUMENT**

Examine the “Platform of the States Rights Democratic Party” handout and answer the following questions.

1. When was this document produced?
2. What was the major goal of this document? What was it creating?
3. Summarize key points #4 and #5 in one sentence.
4. In your own words, what was the main reason the States Rights Democratic Party started?
5. In addition to opposing integration, what did the States Rights Party think about the current Federal Government?
6. Imagine that you are President Harry Truman. You are in a press conference and have just been asked to respond to the States Rights Party’s accusations in this platform.

**How would you respond? What would you say to the reporters?**

Remember, Harry Truman still had to work with many of these people in Congress and still wanted their votes, even though he was opposed to their ideas!