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Candidate Niger Innis Defends Rancher Bundy, Aims for Congress Seat

Black Congressional candidate and civil rights leader Niger Innis (shown) appeared recently at a dinner honoring [embattled Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy](#). “I don’t consider Cliven racist at all,” Innis, a candidate for Nevada’s 4th Congressional District, said at the event sponsored by the American Independent Party. “I can only tell you my experience with the Bundys. Having eaten with them and broken bread with them, and I don’t consider Cliven or his wonderful family racist at all. Period, end of story.”



“This is the game the media is going to play with us to distract from the real issue, which is that the federal government has too much control over Nevada’s land,” Innis said. “They will try to distract, with the firestorm that Cliven started by using the r-word, the racism word.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Or3W85Tnyqs>

Innis’s views expressed on the Bundy-vs.-BLM matter correspond closely to the facts and perspective as reported by *The New American* in the many articles listed at the end of this story. As we have reported, the *New York Times* and the usual media suspects grossly misrepresented Cliven Bundy’s comments to incite an enormous furor that would undermine public support for the Bundy family and distract public attention from the fact that it is the federal government, not the Bundys, that is acting in a lawless manner in the case. (See: [Is Cliven Bundy a “Racist”? Where’s the PROOF?](#))

Niger Innis is the son of Roy Innis, who has been the National Director of the Congress Of Racial Equality (CORE) since the 1960s. Niger, a former commentator for MSNBC and NPR, is the national spokesman for CORE, as well as a frequent guest on Fox News Channel, CNN, and NBC. He is running as a Republican in Nevada’s June 10 election primary to challenge incumbent Rep. Steven Horsford, a Democrat first elected to the seat in 2012. Rep. Horsford, who is also black, is a member of the radical [House Progressive Caucus](#), and his voting score in Congress on this magazine’s Freedom Index is [a lowly 13 percent](#), placing him alongside the worst voters in the House.

Nevada’s 4th Congressional District covers much of northern Clark County, including the Bundy Ranch, as well as a large section of Las Vegas that is racially mixed (white, Hispanic, black, and Asian). It also includes part of Lyon County, and all of Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, and White Pine counties. Nevertheless, more than four-fifths of the district’s population lives in Clark County, which is the home base for both Innis and Horsford. The 4th District was created following the 2010 Census, when Nevada gained one seat. Rep. Horsford won the first election for the new district in 2012 with 50.11 percent of the vote, defeating Republican Danny Tarkanian, a Las Vegas businessman and real estate developer.

The Cook Partisan Voting Index (CPVI) gives the 4th District a D+2 rating, meaning it has a slight Democratic edge. However, the CPVI is based on presidential election years, and this being a mid-term



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election year with a Democratic president who is less than universally liked, a viable Republican challenge to Horsford is realistic. Niger Innis would likely bring a significant change to the Freedom Index vote for Nevada's 4th District.

He also would be likely to cause continuous indigestion for those in the Congressional Black Caucus. He has confronted the Al Sharpton-Jesse Jackson-NAACP-Congressional Black Caucus forces on many issues. One of the most important areas he has jostled with them, as well as with so-called environmentalists, is on the use of the pesticide DDT. As *The New American* has [reported](#), Innis supports the responsible use of DDT as a safe tool against insect-borne diseases, especially malaria, which now infects hundreds of millions of people worldwide. As many as a million or more victims die annually from malaria, many of them children in Africa. DDT, which is safe, cheap, and effective, could virtually eliminate this dire scourge. Continued bans and restrictions on DDT by the United Nations and the U.S. government constitute [environmental genocide](#) on a colossal scale.

However, before Innis can go head-to-head against Rep. Horsford, there is the little matter of the upcoming June 10 Republican primary, where he faces Nevada State Assemblyman Crescent Hardy.

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