

Palestinians for derailing the peace process (aaiusa.org). **Sharpton** has made trips to the Middle East and advocates for more balanced United States policy and talks about the "right of Palestinians to a state" (aaiusa.org).

Wesley Clark has not spoken clearly to the Israel-Palestine conflict, although he does think Israel could show "some restraint" and calls for involving other Middle East nations such as Jordan, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia in the peace process: "[W]hat we need in the Middle East, I believe, is something stronger than the current informal bilateral relationships that work on the periphery of the struggle" (www.meetclark.com).

RACISM AND CIVIL RIGHTS

During the affirmative action case against the University of Michigan heard by the Supreme Court this year, **Dennis Kucinich** and Rep. Barbara Lee issued a joint statement: "Affirmative action is necessary, affirmative action is right, and affirmative action must be preserved....Affirmative action is still essential because a truly level playing field is still an elusive goal, not a reality." (www.kucinich.us). Similarly, **Howard Dean** called the Supreme Court's upholding of affirmative action "a victory for the civil rights of all Americans" (www.deanforamerica.com).

As governor of Vermont, **Dean** signed historic civil union legislation giving equal rights to same-sex partners. Dean advocates for universal health care legislation for those under 19 years of age. **Kucinich** and **Moseley Braun** offer more sweeping prospects for health care reform, since both favor an universal single-payer system similar to Canada's. In a similar vein, **Sharpton** advocates for adding an universal health care amendment to the constitution (www.al2004.org). **Lieberman**, **Kerry**, and **Gephardt** do not favor universal health care, and they continue to tie coverage to the workplace. **Wesley Clark's** health care policy is not entirely clear yet, although he apparently does not favor a single payer plan: "We can never ensure that every one has the same education, or health care, or retirement security, nor would we want to do

so" (www.meetclark.com).

Al Sharpton has spent his entire career in the civil rights movement and, as his record demonstrates, has probably the clearest commitment to anti-racism work of any Democratic candidate. Carol **Moseley Braun** is endorsed by the National Organization of Women and the National Women's Political Caucus.

Kerry, **Gephardt**, and **Lieberman** also have an ambiguous relationship to other civil rights issues such as affirmative action. In 1995, for instance, Lieberman called affirmative action programs "inconsistent with the law and basic American values of equal treatment and opportunity." **Wesley Clark** seems to support affirmative action, although this is not a central issue for him.

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