

I, From Religious Politics
~~On~~ Political Religion -
Reverend Doctor Martin Luther
King, Jr. (1929-68) (Born Michael
King)

A. The Logic of Heroic Action
Heroes Are Created by Destiny,
Act + Chosen By the Hero

B. Background:

1. Middle Class Clerical (Religious
Pastor) Background

2. Formal Seminary Training; Yale

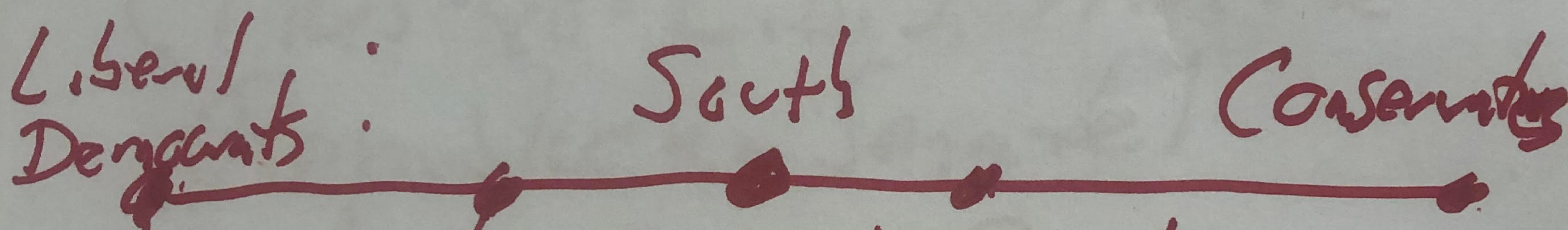
3. Married To Coretta King (Middle
Class, Black Church Background)

4. Assigned to Alabama Ministry

5. Outstanding Speaker And Financial
Manager (Saved Bka Baptist Church)

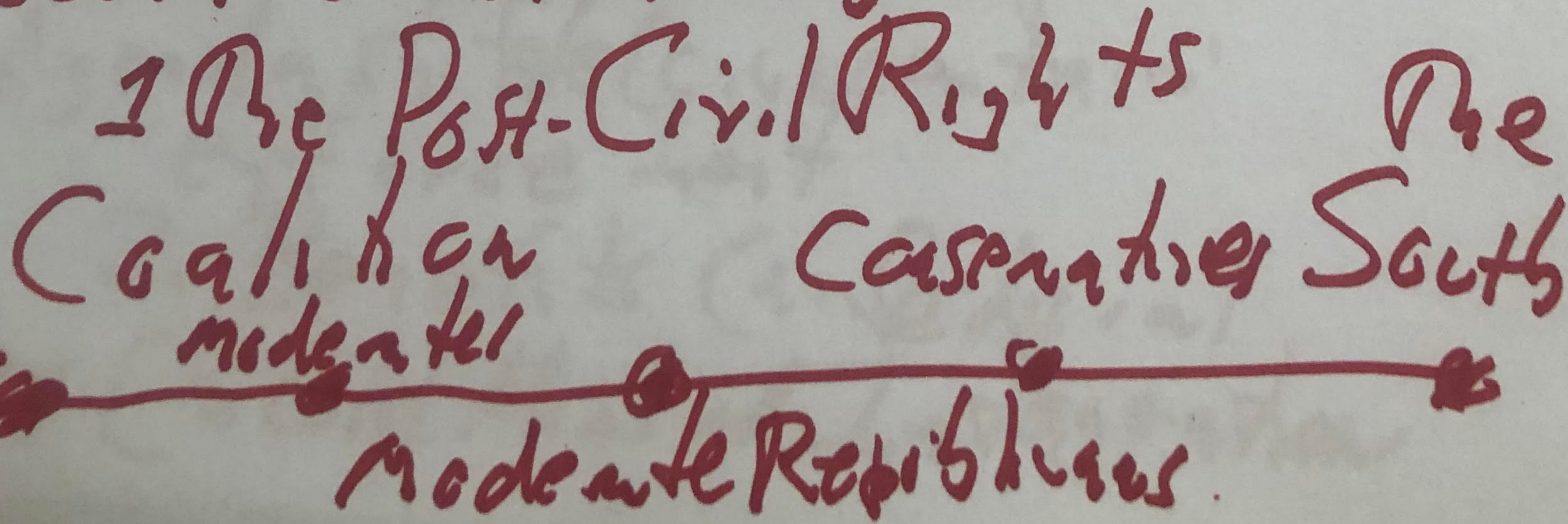
6. American Critic And Patriot

4. The Solid South - If the South maintained cohesion at the federal level (House and Senate) it maximized Southern bargaining power and federal benefits



Moderate Privileged Moderate Democrats vote Republicans

1. The New Deal Coalition (1932-48) Entrained Democrats (Moderate + Liberal) And The Solid South (Welfare Legislation)



5. This New Coalition
Meant That Civil Rights
Legislation Depended On
Attracting The Votes of
Moderate Republicans —
(1945-48 - L.B.J. And The
Republican Senate)

II, King's Possible Strategies
For Civil Rights Reform
(Religious Politics And Political
Religion)

A. Nationalization of Issue
1. Cost (a. Fickle opinion
(b. Agenda shifts (c. uncertain
enforcement
2. Benefits (a. Federal
Power - (b. Old Miss at Integration

II. The Context and Constraints of King's Life - Tim Crow South

A. Tim Crow - The Systematic Legal / Institutional and Social Segregation of the Old South on Racial Lines

1. The Cost to African Americans
↳ Exclusion from oppo-knity, status inferiority, disenfranchisement

2. "Benefit" - Incentive To Create An Alternative Society And Economy (King's Milieu)

3. Benefits For Whites

a. Ensured Status

b. Labor Market Advantages

c. Political Power Locally And Nationally (The Solid South)