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Rats A-Jumpin'

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When the ship starts sinking, the rats start jumping.

In politics, when a party or movement is soundly demolished at the polls, you can expect to see stalwarts flake off and go the way of the opposition, or “their own way.”

But the *honorable* time to do that is *before* the insider position becomes untenable. Not *after*.

Late timing smacks of opportunism.

Case in point: Karine Jean-Pierre, former Press Secretary to President Joe Biden.

Ms. Jean-Pierre was the African-American woman hired to obfuscate for the Democrat cabal who ran the federal government’s executive wing while the Man Sworn In was out—to lunch.

[Now](#) she’s [formally left](#) the Democratic Party and is shilling a book, *Independent: A Look Inside a Broken White House, Outside the Party Lines*, scheduled for publication this fall. It sports a great cover.

Like CNN’s Jake Tapper, Jean-Pierre focuses on a critical period in Joe Biden’s administration. “She takes us through the three weeks that led to Biden’s abandoning his bid for a second term and the betrayal by the Democratic Party that led to his decision,” her publisher [blurbles](#).

Also like [Tapper](#), she has no standing to preach any virtuous sermons on verity or clarity or even non-insularity. She was absolutely in the thick of Democratic insider corruption.

Her spin is in her title: she’s going *independent*, not *switching sides*.

“I think we need to stop thinking in boxes and think outside of our boxes,” she [posts](#) on Instagram, “and not be so partisan.”

Now that her PR for her president’s party has been repudiated.

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