In this talk I address why the initial beliefs that the Obama Administration would usher in a new era of inclusion for Black women in politics has not lived up to the expectations. Specifically, I examine the positions of leadership Black women have been given since President Obama’s inauguration, with few being positions of true power. I address the outpouring of protests preceding President Obama’s nomination of Elena Kagan to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace long-time member Justice John Paul Stevens. I also detail the exit of Desiree Rogers (White House Social Secretary until February 2010) and Shirley Sherrod (USDA’s Georgia Director of Rural Development until July 2010), and why the Obama Administration’s support for both women was either withheld or ill informed.

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