



As he struggles to break out of the second tier of presidential contenders, it's increasingly clear that Sen. Cory Booker's peace and love message has little resonance among a party base whose sole motivation is a visceral hatred of all things Trump.

Booker's turn the other cheek plea has largely been ignored and he remains firmly mired in sixth place with support between two and six per cent. His fund raising has been mediocre at best, off the pace set by the top four candidates, but sufficient to maintain viability.

In an atmosphere as politically toxic as that currently blanketing the nation, it is inevitable that civil discourse is cast aside and replaced by personal insults and reckless allegations of misbehavior and illegal conduct.

In this environment, Booker — preaching respect for the opposition rather than despising them — has achieved little headway.

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Borrowing from Abraham Lincoln, Booker's appeal to "the better angels of our nature" has failed to gain any traction in an environment dominated by vitriol, resentment and rancor — qualities more common to demonic forces rather than an

There are, of course, others in the race who share h