

ARE THERE ANY ADULTS LEFT IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY?

The RNC just released an ad attacking the bailout their president and their presidential candidate have been pushing. Sure, ostensibly it's an attack on Obama's plan to provide stimulus for the economy—but the whole thing is premised on Bush's bailout.

It turns out, the ad was sent to stations yesterday morning, before the bailout bill failed.

The ad, however, seems to assume that it can safely attack a successful plan. And the reason may be the timing: Though it started airing this morning, the spot was released to stations yesterday morning, ad executives at stations in Michigan and Pennsylvania said.

Kae Buck of WLNS in Lansing said her station received the ad at 7:55 a.m. Monday. Luanne Russell of Pittsburgh's WTAE said her station received it at 10:49 Monday morning.

The ad taps into deep resentment of the plan, but it comes at a time when the candidate it supports, John McCain, is urging its package, and asking that it not be referred to as a "bailout," but a "rescue."

If I were Reid and Pelosi, I'd condition any further bailout negotiations on the RNC withdrawing the ad and apologizing for it. It's bad enough Bush fucked up the economy so badly. Now his party wants to use his own failure to beat Democrats over the head for their plans to fix the broken economy.

Update: Just fixed bone-headed grammar mistake in the title.