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The half-hour television
program "Republicans Are
People, Too," which the Republican National Committee
paid \$124,000 to produce and
broadcast earlier this month,

brought in only \$4,600 in contributions to party head-quarters. Yet the party is in sisting that the prime-time network experiment was a hit of sorts.

"We may have hit the bottom of the Nielsens," says a spokesman, "but we still hit three and a half million homes for half an hour. Of 505 letters we received on the program, 450 were positive—and that's a very favorable rate." The second and last of the current series will got out over the NBC network on July 1 with the theme that "Republicans are people who care about other people."