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THE 1982 ELECTIONS

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Political
Activism.

Pat Robertson interviewed the Public Affairs Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, Bob Dugan. Dugan said that slightly more evangelicals were registered to vote than the national average, but that the way to increase that clout is to encourage them to actually get out and vote. He said,

"I am seeing a tremendous improvement in Christians, getting their salt out of the shaker and into political party activity.... I really do think that evangelicals and many other Americans who feel the same way, for these are not just evangelical issues, do have the clout to restore voluntary prayer to the schools and to curtail, to restrict abortion. And these elections, thus, become a considerably important referendum on these issues. They are the hidden agenda I think."

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Elections.

The CBN analysts appeared on the show to present their predictions; Michael Patrick and John Waage stated that there would only be 9 Democratic gains in the House of Representatives and that there would be no seats picked up by Democrats in the Senate. Pat Robertson said that he trusted their judgement because, out of all of the political analyses offered in 1980, Michael Patrick was the only one who correctly estimated the extent of the Reagan "landslide." Robertson said,

"I would urge Christian people, number one, get out and vote, be good citizens,...get registered, get involved, because good citizenship

demands that we act.... If you're going to be a ruler, if you're going to have your wishes carried out by the body politic, you've got to be diligent, you've got to work."

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Election
Results.

Pat Robertson said his wife had received a call from the wife of Senatorial candidate Paul Trible requesting prayer because the Virginia race was so close. Robertson said that Trible was a righteous, God-loving Christian, and had prayed for God to help him. God gave him a "real peace and understanding" of the results, so he knew Trible would win. Robertson had also been personally "very concerned about California," but God had given him a peaceful feeling about that situation; he knew that "it was going to happen the way it happened," that Wilson would beat Brown.

Ben Kinchlow pointed out that in both these cases the candidate God had favored was a Republican. He said,

"It sounds, for example, that somebody could be sitting out there now, saying: 'Well now, I didn't have a chance, there's no way I could win my race in California or Virginia, if God is Republican.'"

Robertson responded,

"God isn't Republican: it's just in these two particular races. I'm not so sure God gets into these things. I remember years ago, praying for one particular presidential candidate and the Lord said: 'Don't pray.' And I said: 'Why not?' And He said: 'The people don't want him. They don't want what he stands for. Period. End of story.' And then the Lord showed me also that this person wasn't the great person that we had all hoped he was anyhow. That he wasn't sweetness and light to begin with.... So, the Lord, I think, may give us wisdom of what's going to happen, but he isn't saying: 'I'm going to be out there changing things, necessarily, in every race.' He has [gotten] in who he wants, but in a free society, apparently, he allows people to do what they want to do."

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Election
Analysis

Richard Viguerie, the conservative fund-raiser and Victor Kamber, a political consultant who had worked for the AFL-CIO, were interviewed via satellite from Washington, D.C. Viguerie thought that the mid-term elections could have been a "wipe-out" for President Reagan, but that he came out fine. Kamber disagreed, saying that the elections were a rejection of the economic policies of Reagan and the Republican party. Viguerie said he thought the emphasis placed on the economy and unemployment during the campaigning hurt Republican candidates, but that the pro-life movement had gained three votes in the Senate.

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The Evan-
gelical
Political
Program.

Ben Kinchlow introduced a segment on evangelical Christians in the latest elections. Tom Sine, a CBN correspondent, claimed that this is "one powerful political group coming on the scene that needs to be reckoned with." But, he asked: "Just what is the future of evangelical political action?" Sine continued,

"Ronald Reagan's victory two years ago solidified an alliance between the political right and the religious right. Evangelicals were hopeful that the nation could be redirected on a new path. But conservatives like Jesse Helms led Congressional battles on issues like abortion and school prayer and lost. The political-religious coalition of the right began re-evaluating where they'd gone wrong.

"Within the evangelical church there is a broad range of viewpoints. Many moderates like Billy Graham spoke out in favor of a nuclear freeze. Senator Mark Hatfield wants to find some way to stop abortion on demand without changing the U.S. Constitution. Christian groups like Sojourners and Evangelicals for Social Action believe that world hunger and justice for the American poor and the nuclear arms race are pro-life issues along with abortion.

"The Christian political position isn't waning, not one bit, but we do stand at a crossroads. Pat Robertson said it best: 'We cannot afford to become captive of the political right or the political left. We need to develop a new agenda, a new agenda for political action based on the scriptures.'

"George Gallop estimates a total of 50 million Christian evangelicals presently live in the United States. Now, as a consequence of our failure to work together, we have lost political clout. There is little doubt that if evangelicals as a whole backed a particular piece of legislation, let's say on abortion, for example, it would pass."

"We need to start working together for a biblical agenda to make a difference in American society in the '80s and '90s. We are still in the early stages of childhood in our involvement in political action.... We need to repudiate Ceasar's methods in our efforts to defeat Ceasar. In fact, I would like to urge Christians from the entire spectrum of evangelical Christianity to convene a conference where we could explore together an agenda for political action for the future of our country. And, hopefully, together we could mount a new, united, evangelical, political offensive to bring God's righteousness, justice and peace to our nation and our world."

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Christian
World View.

Dr. Francis Schaeffer presented his analysis of the current situation confronting Christians. He said that the Western world has thrown away the traditional basis for the political and personal freedoms that we enjoy today. Schaeffer urged Christians to act now to preserve their freedoms before humanism takes control. He said,

"You must realize that these people who are trying to do this, some of the Civil Liberty Union [sic] people and so on, their view is not just to keep religion out of our public schools;...what they want to do is shut [off] our freedom, our religious freedom, away from the whole stream of public life."

Pat Robertson said that "the origin of the ACLU is clearly Communistic," and its aims are the same as the Soviet Union's. Schaeffer replied,

"I do think that we have to be careful, Pat, not to be always seeing a Communist plot under the bed. Because, if you have people in the media, in the schools, and these other things, that have a world view that the final reality is material and energy shaped by chance,...you don't have to have a plot, these people don't even have to be Communists, they could be anti-communist; but, if they have this viewpoint, they're going to work together even if they never meet in a smoke-filled room. This is the real danger."

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Nativity
Scene.

In Pawtucket, Rhode Island, a controversy has developed over the traditional display of a nativity scene, as a part of the city's Christmas display. Pat Robertson accused the ACLU of filing suit based on the objections of only a very few people. Robertson said,

"It gets to the point where nobody can do anything anymore. And the basic liberties which this country was founded on are thrown out the window. This is just one more effort to erode away, very gradually, some of the liberties that make America the land of the free and the home of the brave."

RELIGION

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Gospel.

Robertson declared that the Gospel is the "most exciting, revolutionary concept in the world" and the "old Gospel" should be full of the power of God, manifested by miracles and anointing. He said that there ought to be a special purgatory for ministers who make Jesus boring, where they would be subjected to replays of "the average church service every hour."

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Sex.

Robertson claimed that Christians have more successful marriages, and one of the reasons is because they enjoy sex more. He said the best-kept secret of Christianity is that Christians have a better sex life.

GAY RIGHTS

11/11

Gays and the
Church.

Robertson interspersed segments of two interviews with Dr. Frank Kameney, a gay-rights activist, and Father Enrique Rueda of the Free Congress Foundation, author of The Homosexual Connection.

Rueda said that homosexuals are merely using the Church and its facilities to further their political aims. He said,

"Within all the major denominations, there is a network of people and organizations which are fighting to install the homosexual ideology as the teaching of the Church, if not in theory in practice.... And, I'm telling you, once they win, they are going to discard the Church like an old rag. And at that point the Church will deserve to be discarded that way, because it would have prostituted fundamental values."

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Gays in
Politics.

Pat Robertson introduced Congressman Robert Dornan of California as an expert on the rise of homosexuals into political prominence. Dornan commented,

"It's the networks, really, who have given this [gay rights] an aura of respectability.... Occasionally, those who go as far out front as they can to embrace homosexuality as a cause will lose, like Governor Jerry Brown of California and Mayor Tom Bradley."

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National
Security.

Congressman Dornan claimed that 90% of the spy scandals in England involve homosexuals as security risks. He said that no matter what area you look at, homosexuals "have hurt the security structure of the Free World." Dornan said,

"What their main goal is, because this is a national security problem, is to break the back of the CIA, the FBI, to make security forces, starting with the police departments, take in homosexuals on a quota system, lesbians also. Think about the CIA, forced to take in people who have a built-in problem, not of sexual orientation, but of controlling their sexual drives and lusts.... That's what, I think, will be the cutting edge of what they want to accomplish in what remains of the 20th century."

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Herpes II
and AIDS.

Dornan then stated his concurrence with even "slimy people like the editor of Screw magazine, Al Goldstein" when he suggested that the epidemic of incurable Herpes II and the out-of-control spread of Acquired Immunological Dysfunction Syndrome are due to the wrath of God. Dornan said that, in the homosexual community,

"They have so many protozoa, amoeba, parasites and germs of all kinds inside them from their constant lustful contacts, that have destroyed their immune system to every type of disease. And we see them in terminal stages appearing on talk shows to suggest that this is God directly coming down on them."

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Homosexual
Marriage.

Robertson read a report that had been telephoned in from San Francisco. He said that survivor benefits had been awarded to the homosexual lover of Harvey Milk, the city supervisor who was slain four years ago by "somebody who couldn't stand that." Another report, from Indiana, indicating that homosexual marriage had been legalized there, was later announced to have been false.

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Gays as a
"Minority".

Ben Kinchlow compared homosexuals who express themselves and commit sodomy (which, Pat added, is a felony in Virginia) with Blacks who might shoot a white person and claim that it is an expression of their being Black.

Pat Robertson said,

"That's the logic, that's where it would go. Because that would mean every murderer, every adulterer, everybody who does anything that's now illegal, could have his own little society; if he's got enough political clout."

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Job Discrimination.

Pat Robertson went on to describe what would happen if the "Gay Bill of Rights," now before Congress, were implemented,

"What does that legislation say? Well, it says that there will be no discrimination on the basis of sexual or affectionate preference. Now that means that a church would have to hire a homosexual minister, or be guilty of breaking the federal law. You'd have to have a homosexual organist, you'd have to have a homosexual principal of your school, you could not keep a homosexual from teaching school or leading young people, you couldn't keep them, for example, from being Boy Scout leaders, or any other particular thing. You couldn't discriminate in any fashion at all!"

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

11/10

Sentencing Criminals.

Pat Robertson advocated that victims be given restitution and be involved in the sentencing of those convicted of the crimes committed against them. He said that currently murderers and rapists were going free or serving only a fraction of their sentences, but noted that Massachusetts had recently voted to restore the death penalty.

Robertson interviewed George Sutherland, "an expert on the criminal justice system." Sutherland said,

ACLU.

"There have [sic] been an element, I suppose, the ACLU and those like them have been almost like, as Ed Meese said, like a lobby for criminals. It's almost as if their whole thrust has been to help the criminal."

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Prisons.

Sutherland later said that, "prison isn't all that bad. I have never seen a prisoner suffer as much as you suffer in the Marine Corps."

GOVERNMENT POLICIES

11/18

National ID Card.

Pat Robertson aired a segment on the problem of illegal immigration from Mexico into the United States. He discussed one of the proposed solutions, a requirement that everyone carry a national identity card. Robertson stressed the dangers of having numbers entered into a computer that would keep track of the movements of every American in a "Big Brother" scenario. He said that the idea would not be as pernicious if there wasn't a number that could be used for centralized control, but that it still would be an erosion of "our physical freedoms...for the convenience of the police and the government." Robertson said,

Illegal
Aliens.

"Whether you realize it or not, we're under assault from Central America and South America, particularly Mexico.... And as our people are going out of work in American industry, there's a great resentment being built up about people who are not American citizens who slip across the border and take jobs.... And what one survey I saw indicated, in a few years what will be the result is [sic] what's happening in Germany with Turkish laborers, where you have a whole subculture living within your society.... The population would grow to around 300 million, and 100 million of those would be people who essentially came here illegally, not through the normal immigration and assimilation.... We have a great mix of people here, and that's our strength. But to have a whole subculture of people who still speak their language, don't take up the American culture, don't speak English, etc. If you get a third of your people like that, you've got the opportunity for the same kind of civil strife they have in Europe."

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Social
Security

The CBN political analysts discussed the Social Security system as an election issue. Pat Robertson commented on the advertisements that the Democrats were airing which falsely accuse the Republicans of trying to destroy Social Security. He said that the ads lied about the intentions of President Reagan and were just creating the issue as "campaign fodder." Robertson told viewers that he had been warning that the Social Security system was going broke, and that now the old-age trust fund was truly out of money.

Robertson talked about the social welfare system in Europe which is "busting" its economy. He said that the United States government cannot afford to spend any more of the GNP on social programs. Robertson concluded that Social Security should be shifted into the private sector and that workers could invest the tax savings into their own companies.

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Social
Security.

Pat Robertson said that the White House Office of Religious Outreach had telephoned to ask his opinion on the issue of Social Security. Robertson then conducted a poll of his viewing audience on the problem of Social Security. He asked, given that changes needed to be made, whether people would rather have taxes raised or benefits limited. The votes were counted automatically by placing a 50¢ call to one of the two telephone numbers displayed. By the end of the show Robertson reported the vote as 81% to 19% in favor of limiting Social Security benefits; he said the results would be passed along to the President.

11/17
Debt.

Pat Robertson interviewed John Exter, a banker and conservative economist. Exter predicted that there would be a collapse of our economy, and that the institution of banking would become obsolete. He advised viewers to begin buying gold and keeping their cash assets liquid, since paper money would then be worth nothing.

Robertson claimed that in an earlier interview, Donald Regan, Secretary of the Treasury, had said we did not have to worry about the debts of other sovereign countries. Exter exclaimed: "That's a gross misconception!" He

said that the loans our banks have made to places like Mexico and Brazil are already bad and when they default, American investors will start a run on our financial institutions that will cause them to fall.

Robertson said the safest investment, besides ultimate trust in the kingdom of God, is in Treasury Bonds.

"Only the Federal Government has the taxing power; it will be the last to go.... [So] Treasury securities are the safest. The Lord spoke years ago to me and I'm just convinced of it."

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The Federal
Budget.

Pat Robertson commented on the rising debt of the federal government caused by overspending on unnecessary programs. Robertson then discussed spending on the military,

"We are for a strong defense. I don't think that you can unilaterally disarm yourself when there are a bunch of bullies in the world. I think I read yesterday that Irving Kristol from NYU mentioned that the Soviet leadership, despite whoever is in power, he said they're liars and thugs, [that] it doesn't matter. He said if you really want to see what they're like, go watch the Godfather and you get a pretty good feeling of what the Soviet leadership is like, whether it's Andropov or it's the previous leader or some subsequent leader; that's who you're dealing with. So, if you're going to deal with the Mafia or with organized crime, you really need some strong police. And so, I think it's wise to have strong police. But, at the same time, when I was a little younger,...I worked for the Defense Appropriations Committee...and I found \$200 million worth of duplication in the Pentagon.... There are some experts that say, really without cutting any of the 'muscle' out of our defense budget, that we could maybe take \$25 billion of waste out and we'd still just be as strong as ever."

11/17
Feeding the
Poor.

Pat Robertson stated that private Christian charities have been and should be the means by which we take care of the needs of the poor. But, he complained, the federal government has taken over this function.

"Part of our problem in America is that...church people [are] saying: 'Let's get the federal government to do it [feed the poor].' But what I was saying was: 'Let's not get the federal government to do it. Let's us do it! Let's Christians do it. We can do it a whole lot cheaper and a whole lot better, and we can also help lift these people up without a whole lot of bureaucracy.'...The government spends 75¢ of every dollar on themselves."

SECULAR HUMANISM

11/3
Humanist
Manifesto.

Pat Robertson interviewed William Murray, the son of Madeline Murray O'Hare, a famous atheist. Murray explained that there is no difference between atheism and humanism, that "they are identical philosophies." He described the "Humanist Manifesto," published by the American Humanist

Association, which says that humanists do not believe in God, the Creation, a Savior and life after death. He said that if their belief that man should rule is ever implemented, national boundaries would be torn down and wealth would be redistributed, which would result in collectivism.

EDUCATION

11/12

Textbooks. Pat Robertson made this announcement,

"The cranky atheist Madeline Murray O'Hare is back again. She has decided that there are too many textbooks in the schools that teach that America is a Christian nation founded on Christian principles. Mrs. O'Hare wants to rewrite history now, and she wants to take out of the schools all these books. And her group plans to file formal complaints in New York and Colorado to do just that. Can you imagine that? Now she's going to book burning! So we'll have to expunge all of our history, all of the way back to the founding of our nation. We'll have to take away the Thanksgiving at Plymouth, we'll have to take away the cross at Cape Henry, we'll have to take away the prayer meeting at the Constitutional Convention. All these things to satisfy this atheist. I don't think it's going to happen, but we didn't think it was going to happen when she went after us the last time."

ABORTION

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Pat Robertson warned his audience that they weren't going to find the first part of the program pleasant. He said: "You might not want to know some of the things that are happening in this country, but we're going to show you about it." A report from Fort Charlotte, Florida, showed the remains of two 4-5 month-old fetuses which had been aborted by a local gynecologist. Two women spoke for the people who had retrieved the remains from trash bags outside of the doctor's office. They said that they could not live with this sort of disregard for the remains and were putting them on display inside caskets.

11/16

Pat Robertson discussed with Ben Kinchlow the subjects of abortion, homosexuality and the "sexual revolution among teen-agers." Robertson accused the "humanists" of trying to make the product of sex between a man and a woman something that is not a human baby, but only "the product of conception, so you can kill it."

Sex.

Robertson recounted the results of a University of California study which said that teen-age girls really don't enjoy sex, but that they are encouraged to have sex at a very young age by the "humanists" who say, "sex is OK in any form you want to do it." Robertson said that the study concluded:

"[These teen-agers] have sex with their boyfriends because they crave affection.... They really just want to be cuddled and held and have somebody pay attention to them. And often time the parents are out working. So they'll give sex in order to get affection. But after the loss of virginity, the girls experience guilt, sadness, shame and

regret, just like the Bible says. But the high priests of our culture say: 'Oh boy, get them in bed as fast as you can.' As a matter of fact they teach them how to do it. The study goes on to say the increase in single parent homes and homes where both parents are working has contributed to the problem, and there's no doubt about that."

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Sexual
Abominations.

Pat Robertson discussed the sins of adultery, homosexuality, bestiality and child-abuse. He said that these "abominations against the Lord" are creeping into our society and that eventually they will cause our expulsion from America.

"If you wanted to get America destroyed, if you were a malevolent, evil force and you said: 'How can I turn God against America? What can I do to get God mad at the people of America and to cause this great land to vomit out the people?' Well, I'd pick five things, I'd begin to have incest, I'd begin to commit adultery, wherever possible, all over the country, and sexuality. I'd begin to have them offering up and killing their babies. I'd get them having homosexual relations and then I'd have them having sex with animals.

Robertson declared that this is already happening in our society and that it seems as if "somebody is orchestrating" the downfall of America.

"Indeed, it is almost as if there is orchestration. Who's orchestrating it? Satan is. You cooperate with Satan in any of those things, and what you're doing, if you permit it at the highest levels, if our courts permit it, if our Congress permits it, if our government permits it, if we endorse it, if we allow it, if we applaud it, then we are all buying into the ultimate judgement."

Robertson said that the daily symptoms of decay indicate that the rot has begun.

"There are 20 million cases of Herpes, that's just a start, 3 million cases of gonorrhoea and gonorrhoea, now, you can't cure, that's just a start. New strains of syphilis, that's just a start. The women who are now sterile because of abortion, it's just a start.... Unless something is done in this land, family after family after family, it's going to be like a curse right in their midst and it's going to rot the fabric of their family."

MEDIA

11/5

Attacks on
on Christians.

Pat Robertson reported a new onslaught of abuse of Christians by the media around the advertising of a new book, Holy Terror. He said that the authors were a couple of atheists, but that the media never explained that this was the reason they had tried to discredit evangelicals. Robertson mentioned that the publishers of the book, Doubleday, were actually "very good supporters of CBN over the years" and had given a large gift once.

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Anti-Christian Slant.

Pat Robertson discussed with Pat and Shirley Boone their new TV show, "Togetherness," sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, and the problems they have been experiencing with slander by popular magazines. Pat Boone noted that "the overall bent of people in the media is extremely liberal," because of the University environments where they are trained and the peer pressure from humanists in the business. Boone continued,

"And, therefore, when Christians and anybody espousing a fundamentalist point of view, a Judeo-Christian, Bible-based point of view, not only is the press often hostile to them individually, but somehow they take what they say and paint it in the worst possible light."

11/8

Middle East.

Pat Robertson presented a CBN report on the PLO in Lebanon and the Soviet-made weapons found there. Dany Shamoun, the son of the former Lebanese president, was shown saying that the PLO fighters were being indoctrinated with Communist ideology and trained in Russia to spread violence throughout the world.

Ben Kinchlow commented on negotiations with the PLO,

"There doesn't seem to be anything moderate about the attempt to annihilate a whole people.... It's interesting to note that those arms caches that were found in Lebanon are on open display in Isreal. And yet, the world press has not said a single, solitary word about the fact that there were tons and tons and tons of military ammunition and stuff. Much more than could be used by a rag-tag group of troops over there. There had to be something more to it than that, but there has not been a single word."

FOREIGN POLICY

11/15

Interview with Begin.

Pat Robertson aired a two-year old tape of an interview with Menachem Begin. The interviewer, Harold Bradis, concentrated on the spiritual side of Begin. Robertson followed the piece with a comment on other countries, particularly in the Middle East, whose leaders have deep religious faith. He mentioned Anwar Sadat, who been born-again into Christianity, King Fahad of Saudi Arabia and President Reagan.

Robertson said,

"In today's world, there will be an all-out effort by the one who hates God, which is Satan himself, to discredit and to eliminate the Jew, and right behind the Jew will be eliminating the Christian. And that is the way it has gone. And sometimes people in the name of the cross do Satan's work for him and we deplore that."

11/19

The Iranian Hostage Crisis.

Pat Robertson interviewed one of the two women who was a hostage in Iran. He explained that it was the election of Ronald Reagan and the prospect of having to face him as the American president that accelerated the

negotiations. Robertson praised the decision to attempt a "bold rescue operation," because the situation "seemed hopeless, and it seemed so frustrating for a giant nation to be enmeshed in the unfolding tragedy of Iran, as our diplomats were held hostage in our embassy and moved around at the whim of these 'revolutionary' guards."

11/9
The China
Card.

Pat Robertson described how the International Monetary Fund is making an interest free loan to "Red China" for the development of its agriculture. He contrasted this with the plight of the American farmer who can't get loans anywhere. Ben Kinchlow said that we have gotten "too involved in foreign policy" when we need to bribe China in order to prevent a "marriage" with Russia. He continued,

"We should...communicate as best we can with all of them: the Soviet Union, Communist Chinese [sic], and all the rest. But we really need to keep one thing in mind when we talk about the so-called split or the ideological differences between the Red Chinese Communists and the Russian Communists.... The Chinese Communists and the Russian Communists both have the same ultimate aim, and that is world hegemony. They intend to take over the world. Now, the difference may well be the technique. The Russians, kind of like the python or boa constrictor, want to swallow the whole thing at a single gulp. Whereas, the Chinese on the other hand, are not able to do that, so maybe they just want to take it a bite at a time. But, whatever you do, we need to remember that we are the prey. So leave us not get them all fat and strong, so they'll be ready to come in and munch out on the friendly yours---trulies, OK? Keep that in mind. By the way, write your Congressmen, your Senator, as well as praying for them, and express how you feel about American dollars being funneled out of the country, four billion dollars worth, interest-free, to somebody whose stated objective is to take over the world, while our own people can't get enough to keep their heads above water."

The Old Time Gospel Hour

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Special on
Liberty
Baptist
College.

Rev. Falwell devoted the entire hour today to a special entitled "The Difference," a program devoted to Falwell's Liberty Baptist College -- its history, philosophy, academics and finances. At LBC, Falwell said, we teach young people "how to live." Falwell described the lifestyle there as a rigid one -- no alcohol, no drugs, no cigarettes, no co-ed dorms. He said life at LBC is "like it was 50 years ago everywhere and still is here at Liberty." He said they teach the value of family life -- "one man for one woman for one lifetime," no premarital or extramarital sex. Falwell said he teaches his students to "love America and to love the free enterprise system." He praised the discipline at the school, saying,

"Young people haven't gone bad, They're just looking for authority of leadership that's also exemplary. And, my friends, that's what Liberty is all about."

A large portion of the program was devoted to raising money. Falwell told his viewers if they felt the traditional family was worth saving, if they wanted to stop pornography, drug abuse, the "biological holocaust [of] legalized abortion," and if they wanted to open more Christian schools, they should give money to LBC "to help train our young people."

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- Liberty Baptist College Certification. Falwell continued his fund raising for Liberty Baptist College. He opened the show by saying that LBC received state certification for 7 of the 8 majors they teach this week. Falwell said the State Board of Education certification for biology is "still under study." He did not even mention the evolution/creationism controversy.
- School Prayer. Falwell encouraged those who agree or disagree with "religious liberty and voluntary school prayer for our children" to dial a toll free number and voice their opinions. Falwell said he would relay their message to their Congressmen and Senators.
- "It doesn't really matter how much filibustering and fussing goes on. If that many Americans want something and there's enough prayer and effort behind it, you cannot deny such a consensus for religious liberty."
- Falwell said 97% of the hundreds of thousands who have called so far have favored school prayer. Falwell said he's aiming for one million families to vote.
- Chaos and Control. Falwell said that despite the appearance of lack of control in the affairs of the world and of government, God is in control. Falwell said that if his viewers wanted to voice their concern to their president, they should, "talk to God and God will talk to the President for you.... Everything is under control."
- Abortion. Falwell said that a majority in the Senate want to stop abortion. He said, I "believe in abortion, just before conception."
- Israel. Falwell compared the Lebanese massacre to the MyLai massacre. He said people didn't call for Nixon's resignation after MyLai, but they're calling for Begin's resignation now. Falwell attributed this difference to anti-Semitism.
- Arms Control. Falwell said,
- "I wish there had never been a nuclear bomb created.... It is out of control, and the answer is not to disarm and say, 'Look Russia, we're nice guys. Look what we've done. Now do the same thing.' Unless you like slavery and unless you want Old Glory to come down and put the hammer and sickle up there."

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Church/
State.

Falwell discussed the Louisville, Nebraska church/state controversy. He said 42 other states allow religious schools to teach children daily without curriculum and teacher certification requirements, and that the other 8 should as well. He said, "Children belong to parents, not to the states."

Moral Living.

In a sermon on credibility, Falwell touched on the topics of school prayer, family ("one man for one woman for one lifetime"), abortion, disciplining your children, and sexual immoralities (premarital sex, extramarital sex, promiscuousness, homosexuality). On each topic, he repeated his often-stated opinions on these topics.