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ROBERTSON

Religion and Politics

"President Reagan was stressing economic themes and basking in the latest L.A. Times poll which shows him 27 points ahead of Walter Mondale. But the democratic contenders from coast to coast are attacking the President for 'self-righteousness in religion.' Walter Mondale, whose brother had been a signer of the Humanist Manifesto II, left the hard rhetoric to Geraldine Ferraro who said that it was wrong for one religious group to impose its views on others. Meanwhile, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, not worried about religion and politics, was spending his Labor Day in Norfolk, VA campaigning for the Mondale and Ferraro ticket."

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ROBERTSON

B'nai B'rith Speech

"I know of no evangelical who wants to take control of the government and force their brand of religion on somebody else. I have never heard anybody say that and I'm surprised that the candidates say that. But we must realize that all of our laws and all of our public structure represents some kind of intellectual or moral framework. There is a law against murder. Well, that comes from some conviction that human life is precious...you can't steal somebody's property...all those laws come from some kind of a moral and spiritual base. The existence of checks and balances in our government comes from a concept that man is sinful...you have to have a conviction before you frame a law."

Supreme Court and the Constitution

QUESTION

"Where in the Constitution does the Supreme Court have the power to interpret the Constitution?"

ROBERTSON

"I don't think it's in there. Because of Justice Marshall in the case of Marbury vs. Madison, they decided that they had the power...of what's called judicial review of laws of Congress to see if they accorded with the Constitution [and] for better or worse, we let them go along with it. They have usurped unto themselves such power...Just a few years ago they declared that the Supreme Court decisions are the law of the land. The Constitution says no such thing...the Constitution is no less than what four or five judges say it is."

"Certain people have been the intellectual leaders in the last 20

years or so who've been taking the government...and spending hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of billions of dollars to promote their particular brand of humanistic thought and they regard this as their own province and they dislike anyone else getting involved in it."

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ROBERTSON

PFAW Ad

"**People of the American Way**" apparently has enough money to afford a \$10,000 full-page ad in the New York Times, is adding to the confusion [of the church-state separation issue]...there is no Chapter 1, Verse 1, of the Constitution, nor is there such a statement 'Thou shalt not mix church and state'[referring to ad]. They quote me, of all people at the beginning of their rhetoric..."

Public Perception of the Church/State Issue

GEORGE GALLUP

"I think what the public is saying essentially is that certain religious leaders should speak out about principles and values related to political issues...but the public does tend to draw the line in terms of ministers telling their congregation to vote for a specific candidate or ministers trying to encourage a specific piece of legislature."

ROBERTSON

"Say an ad like this ad for **People For the American Way** which say...people would think that's part of the Constitution...it's a deliberate disinformation attempt."

ROBERTSON

"We have not government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.' Quote direct President John Adams. I paraphrased it somewhat and I have been pilloried in the New York Times by PFAW for quoting one of the founders of our nation."

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Government

"What kind of government best serves the interests of you and me?"

"One way you can get involved...volunteer for a get out to vote campaign...Whichever side you happen to be on -- the fact that

you're there helping people to get out to vote for your particular side of the game would be very important."

One spot featured a local country sheriff race in Texas, showing how one of the contenders with no financing or notoriety was "prayed" into receiving the nomination.

CLIP OF JERRY FALWELL

"We had prayer that very day for him, and we also at the meeting of some 200 pastors...we were able to make them aware that this man is deserving of your prayer, your support...nothing is too hard for Him, for the Lord."

JIMMY SWAGGART MINISTRIES 9-9-84

SWAGGART

Why Jews are Suspicious of Christians

"Do you know why the word Christian stinks in the nostrils of our Jewish brother? And I love the Jewish people. Every Christian that's a real Christian loves the Jewish people. And every Christian that's a real Christian is not going to fight the Jewish people. You're crazy if you do...you know why they're suspicious of Christians? Adolf Hitler called himself a Christian. That notorious butcher...called himself a Christian doing the work of God. Now you wonder why they feel the way they do towards Christians."

"I have completely resigned myself to be completely maligned by the establishment of religion...and that they are going to hate me. They're saying now that I'm taking up millions and millions of dollars for charity and only a few pennies get to charity...well, this is not charity...this is a ministry."

Why We Need Revival

"The humanists are trying to take over our schools, the socialists are trying to take over our government, the atheists are trying to take over our worship of God, but I want to tell you why the Devil is mad and angry...there is Holy Ghost revival on the way."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 9-2-84

FALWELL

School Prayer

"The voluntary school prayer amendment will come up next spring when he [Ronald Reagan] begins his second term, if elected...and if that happens, that is also what we want -- voluntary prayer, free speech, free religion..."

Baby Doe

"The Baby Doe bill passed the Senate...This has been bantered around like equal access, doomed by the House before now."

"Now, with all that, you have to agree, we are on the upward turn as a country. God is blessing our country. We haven't won the battle yet. The ACLU, NOW, the American Atheist Society, the pornographers, the abortionists are having hernias because we are getting their attention. We are making progress."

Pornographic Magazines Removed

"Penthouse, Playboy, Hustler, and scores of pornographic magazines are grossing billions of dollars in America every year. Good news comes from Don Wildmon from the National Federation for Decency...Eckhardt Drugs, the nation's largest drug chain with approximately 1,000 stores has notified the NFD that they are pulling all pornographic magazines from all their stores. Jack Eckhardt, chairman."

"The NFD is also targeting the Southland Corporation. That's the major offender in pornography sales...Seven Eleven."

"Their next step is to boycott the major advertisers in pornographic magazines among which Toyota is a leader."

Winning With Christian Leaders

"I think winning is important. I think it's important for us in Congress to have men and women who stand up for traditional values, who oppose the murder of the unborn, who believe in strong national defense, who want to keep our children and nation free and are willing to take a stand on Central America to do it."

Catholic Bishops/Ferraro

"I thank God for those Catholic bishops and priests up in New York who got together and said that these politicians -- I think they were referring to Mondale and Ferraro and Cuomo and Weicker -- who say, 'I'm personally opposed to abortion, but if someone else wants to have one, I believe in choice for them'...Those Catholic bishops said that's the same as a 19th century Christian saying, 'I'm personally opposed to slavery, but if my neighbor wants to own two or three that's all right.'"

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 9-16-84

FALWELL

Voting on November 6th

"On november 6th, millions of Americans will go to the polls and choose the leaders of our societies for the next few years. We'll choose a President, a Vice President, 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, many members of the U.S. Senate."

We'll be selecting governors, state legislators, school board members, city council members, etc. So very important that men and women are elected that support the Judeo-Christian tradition, who believe in the dignity of human life, who oppose abortion, who stand against the murder of the unborn. Some call it free choice; God calls it murder. We must have men and women elected to office at every level who believe in freedom of religion. The right of little children to pray in their schools, who support moral values. Family and traditional values. In other words, the time has come, and I believe on November 6th, we may well seal the fate of America if we elect the wrong persons to represent us in leadership in this very crucial time in history."

National Day of Fasting and Prayer

"We're proclaiming a National Day of Fasting and Prayer which will begin at sundown on November 4th and continue until sundown on Monday night, November 5th. If we can pray that God will speak to our people, we can elect the men and women who can lead us, who can judicially reconstruct the courts of this land, who can add the moral and righteous leadership...The Bible says when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice."

Preachers who Take a Stand

"I thank God for those preachers all over America who are taking a stand on moral values. It thrills my heart when I tune in Charles Stanley and he's saying the right thing. Jimmy Swaggart and Pat Robertson and Jim Bakker and Jim Kennedy...we may not agree theologically on a lot of things and maybe we can't do a lot of things together, but we agree on one thing -- religious freedom...we agree on America."

Falwell Awards Gold Medals

"I want to pass out some gold medals this morning to some other Americans who decided to take a stand...First of all a gold medal to the Salvation Army in New York City. Mayor Ed Koch and the city government of New York City decided that the Salvation Army, if they were going to receive \$4 million of tax monies...you must sign a statement that you will not discriminate against homosexuals meaning you must employ homosexuals on your staff...And the Salvation Army said 'Hang your four million dollars around your ear.' Well, Mayor Koch didn't mind because the Salvation Army's a small organization. They couldn't hurt him politically. But then he didn't count on Archbishop John O'Connor...they asked Archbishop O'Connor sign the same statement and he told them 'Hang it on your other ear.' They couldn't ignore John O'Connor so the city renigged, recanted, pulled back and said, 'Well, we didn't really mean it.' And so they're getting the \$4 million and getting the 76 million."

"A gold medal to Jack Eckhardt, chairman of Eckhardt Drugs...who decided we don't need to make money off Playboy, Penthouse...pornographic magazines, and jerked them off their

shelves. A gold medal to millions of Americans who in the last few years have registered to vote. Please go get registered to vote and please vote your convictions based upon the word of God...We need all of God's people to be registered."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 9-23-84

FALWELL

Religion and Politics

"Religion and politics -- have you heard that discussed lately? If you've been listening to the late night news or the three networks or reading The New York Times or The Washington Post, whenever conservative ministers get involved in social, moral and political issues, they get upset. Doesn't bother them when the liberal preachers are out there, but it shakes them up when the Jerry Falwells go out there."

Supreme Court/Abortion

"Now suppose President Reagan were re-elected...and we had two to five Supreme Court Justices appointed for the Supreme Court by 1988 who were pro-life...That's why I went to Dallas...to talk to the Platform Committee [to recommend] that judges appointed to the federal courts were pro-life. We tried to do the same thing in the Democratic convention. I'm not a Republican. I'm not a Democrat. I'm a Christian who's interested in moral and traditional values and interested in the plight of the unborn and I can vote for any candidate. I'm not here telling you how to vote. I'm simply telling you that if abortions were judicially or legislatively stopped today, what would be the situation?"

Liberal Preachers

"A great deal is being said about religion and politics. I didn't hear much said back in civil rights days when preachers...were reading the civil rights movement...But oh, when Jerry Falwell a few years ago got into it. When Tim LaHaye. When Jim Kennedy...Oh, the outcry...'they're intolerant'...You know you're intolerant if you're conservative."

"If you're for the Judeo-Christian ethic and you speak out then you're intolerant. If you believe in abortion and no national defense and capitulation to the Marxists and all the rest and you speak out as a clergyman you're very tolerant and caring and loving and, or course, intelligent."

Religion and Politics

"Religions and politics is on the front burner and it's there to stay. This Bible is God's law and it's the basis for Constitutional law and the Judeo-Christian ethic upon which this country was established."

"We have two false interpretations. The first one..religion and

politics don't mix...The other one...the First Amendment forbids religious people from being part of the government."

First Amendment and Church/State Separation

"All the Constitution does is protect the church from the government. It does not protect the government from the church. What is the church? People. Two-thirds of the American population belongs to somebody's church or synagogue. You mean to tell me that two-thirds of the American people should be quiet -- we're second class citizens? They thing the conservative part of that two-thirds should be second class citizens, but I want to tell you that this sleeping giant has stood up and we're gonna continue to stand and we're not going to be shouted down."

How To Vote

Falwell read from an article published in The New York Times (8/24/84) about Republican activism and the support from evangelicals and Christians who have given Reagan his clout. "That's a political fact...We just want to know where you stand on the issues. And the issues are the Judeo-Christian tradition, strong military defense and support for the state of Israel...it is wrong for us not to be involved."

Reagan at Prayer Breakfast

"The President said something that was tremendous...he spoke to 17,000 people at a prayer breakfast in Dallas. And he closed out the prayer breakfast saying, 'the truth is politics and morality are inseparable and as morality's foundation is religion, religion and politics are necessarily related...If we ever forget that we're a nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under'...We need to take that position."

How to Help Country

"How do we help our country?"

"[Pray] I pray for my President, members of Congress, Supreme Court, my governor, state and local leaders...every morning... I call them by name."

"[Read and study the Word of God.] Why am I against abortion? Because God is against it... I could care less what NOW says about it or Planned Parenthood..."

"[Win souls] You won't find a born again Christian who's not against Marxist Leninism...when you really get born again you find out that this godless Marxism is anti-Christ and if they're against Christ, they're against you."

"[Engage in holy living] I go a lot of places where they have a lot of stuff around and I don't have to drink any of it to get along with anybody. I can get me a Pepsi or a glass of orange juice and say 'No thank you, I'm a Christian.'"

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 9-30-84

FALWELL

His Involvement in Politics

"I saw our families fall apart. I saw the drug epidemic and I saw the country going headlong overspeed, overdrive into hell and I realized that Edmund Burke was right -- all that's necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing...One day I had had it up to here...and I got me a Bible in one hand and a Bible in the other and started going up and down the streets...of this country. And for these many years, God has been blessing and today...102,000 churches are registering voters in their church lobbies...representing 30 million Americans."

"We have those on the left who don't want us to get involved. They don't want us to be out here swinging. But thank God for those rabbis and preachers and priests who do believe that America is a nation under God and we can turn this country around if we're willing to pay the price."

Homosexuality

"A lot of our young people are driven off to homosexuality by parents who don't show compassion and love and help at a crucial time in their lives."