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CBS, ABC ELECTION NIGHT COVERAGE WITH JERRY FALWELL

BOOK BURNING ON WTTG NEWS 10-17-84

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Homosexuality

The feature story on this program was about a woman in San Diego who is in jail because she refused to comply with a court decision which ruled custody of her son to his homosexual father. The boy ran away from the father's home and the whole case is back in court again.

ROBERTSON

"moral outrage...living in a house of sodomy.

"The campaign narrows down Ben...There has been a clash of philosophies with one party accepting this particular lifestyle and advocating it and having a large number of this group of people working actively in the polling. And another party, at least certain members in the platform which has been roundly ignored by so many saying 'we don't approve of this as a legal thing. We're going to make this class of people a protective group along with Hispanics and blacks and women...' Are we going to make them a preferred class?"

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Election Analysis

"Behind me is a map that shows you some of the bell-weather states, some of the key races...You can pretty much tell what's going on by some of these states..."

"We discovered one of the most amazing shifts of voters in the last four years possibly this country has ever seen...86 million people voted in the 1980 Presidential Election. This year with massive voter registration drives across the country record numbers of voters are expected to go to the polls. And one of the voting blocs expected to turn out in big numbers this year are the ones called the evangelical voters...shifts among the evangelicals could be making a very big difference in the election outcome."

Report on Evangelical Voting Bloc

Results of Recent Gallup Poll:

| <u>1980</u> | <u>1984</u> | <u>Party Affiliation</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 23% | 39% | Republican |
| 57% | 36% | Democrat |
| 20% | 25% | Independent |

"Observers claim the evangelical voting bloc is the result of

various religious group and denominations rising above their ideological differences to speak out on issues of common concern...Although the vote may split in many areas like defense spending and the nuclear freeze, there is largely a consensus on moral issues...The gallup poll shows 75% of evangelicals have registered to vote. And they will be voting 63% for Reagan, 30% for Mondale and 7% to others."

ROBERTSON

"[In 1980] The Democrats has 57% of the total evangelical voters...Now in four years later...The Democrats have lost 21% of the evangelical vote. They've lost 6 million down to fourteen. ...It's a studied, calculated attempt in the Democratic party to drive the evangelicals out."

"The Democratic party has embraced social issues plus spending issues, freedom issues, taxing issues, the defense issues that just don't sit well with the evangelicals and you run them all together. Especially such things as homosexuality, the ERA, abortion. These social issues just don't sit well with evangelical voters. And there's been no attempt and I know this for a fact. back to 1976 Jimmy Carter was a born again Christian and this is reflected. The evangelical Christian voted for him overwhelmingly."

"No party in its right mind would throw away 6 million voters ...The evangelicals are the people of God. The sheep of the Lord, if you will."

"[John 10:4-5] And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

"Perhaps, that's a good message to some of those who make political policy."

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Election Results

CBN REPORTER

"We've seen reports that the evangelical Christian vote shifted in massive numbers from the Democrats to the Republicans in the last four years. Why do you suppose the Democrats didn't go after the evangelical vote?"

PAUL LAXALT, (R.-Nevada)

"It's one of the greatest political mysteries that I have, very frankly. I think the evangelical vote has been historically part of the Democratic constituency, but they chose to go in a different philosophical direction, and I think probably most of

them regret it today. The biggest single reason I see for these huge numbers in the South is precisely that."

REPORTER

"What about the Republicans now in the next four years. There's an ideological split within the party. Are they going to be able to keep it together long enough to govern effectively in the next four years?"

LAXALT

"I don't think we have a serious ideological split within the party. In fact the party is philosophically more united than I've ever seen it."

The Evangelical Vote

ROBERTSON

"Why did the Democrats throw away six million voters?"

RICHARD LUGAR (R.-Indiana)

"I think the Democrats will say once again we've got to go back to the drawing boards and indeed for a while Walter Mondale intended to do that for the election of 1980. He may have started back, but perhaps the economic recession in our country in 1982 led Democrats to believe that they could continue on with basically the same programs and simply win with the same coalition. I think they were mistaken. Perhaps beguiled with the ease in which they won the congressional election in 1982, now they really face a soul searching for the heart of their party. It is not a party right now that has an appeal to a majority of evangelicals. As one who enjoys visiting with evangelicals, talking about spiritual and political matters, I would say I hope the Republican party is wise enough to note the extraordinary change that has occurred in the political landscape and to work carefully to preserve it."

ROBERTSON

"If indeed there are now 20 million evangelicals in the Republican party...you will find evangelicals beginning to come to power in the Republican party...Do you see that as a definite trend in the next four years?"

LUGAR

"I think it's a very possible trend and it is important that evangelical leaders who are interested in politics make sure they do organizationally work with Republicans which makes certain that those nominations occur -- that they are effective persons...where evangelicals are on the fighting line they have learned the party apparatus, they've learned practical politics and are developing a base."

NEWT GINGRICH

"Jesse Helms would not have had a prayer of winning if the fundamentalists had not been active and registered voters and making sure in the registration race that their values had an equal chance. I think that across the country, active fundamentalists who were concerned about spiritual and moral values going out and for the first time getting involved in politics made a major impact on America this year."

ROBERTSON

"This is not the time to stop praying for the President and leaders of our government nor is it the time for evangelicals to stop being involved because the policies that are being formulated are going to still be on the basis of who calls whom and who visits and who writes...those who are active will rule...evangelicals are beginning to say we're part of the democratic process too."

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Nicaragua

DANUTA SODERMAN

"Why would Russia send in now, just after the election, knowing that President Reagan has got another four years in office, why would they make that effort now, especially there seems to be a [desire to agree] between the Soviet Union and the United States again?"

ROBERTSON

"There's another bit of news that has never been released in the press. In the state department there was drawn up a memorandum, which my source from the White indicates was seen, which stated we were going to undercut the Contras in Nicaragua and essentially take them out of action. But they way we were going to do it was through the contradora nations so it wouldn't look like we were doing it. And we would pass this initiative to the contradora group. They in turn would suppress the contras. We would then say 'that's the way we want it. We will acquiesce to the contradora influence.' But a day or two before the election this matter was brought up to the President on his plane and he told a particular source, 'I just learned about it last night' and 'no way will I let this thing happen...' It was almost in... You've got this factionalism in the White House. Jim Baker on the one hand wanting this kind of thing and McFarlane, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Casey, Weinberger, on the other. They're together, but there are differences in opinion on how you do policy and that's what the policy differences are."

Pornography

ROBERTSON

"If Ed Meese is Attorney General, don't you think the federal government could really get in there and clean this thing up?"

DON WILDMON, of the National Federation for Decency

"...Everyone I've talked to have told me that if he is Attorney General...he'll take this battle."

"The Liberal media would have you believe that boycotts are not effective...Our correspondence according to Playboy themselves, their advertisers, has been responsible for them losing ten to fifteen percent of their advertising revenue...approximately 400 stores have pulled porn magazines."

ROBERTSON

"It's time that the nation woke up on this thing. This isn't a free speech issue. We're for free speech and I think everybody should be and you should allow a large realm and room for people to express themselves even if you don't agree with them. But [it's] something else to destroy the morality and to incite crimes of violence against women and children. And that's what's happening so often in this."

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ROBERTSON

Nicaragua

"I would like to show what the real game is in Nicaragua. It's almost like the Soviets are bringing in a red herring. As our news department has been analyzing this situation a much different picture is coming to light. Indeed, the Soviets are not putting into Nicaragua at the present time MiGs. Why should they?...They're right up there in Cuba. And that is about an hour or less by air down to Nicaragua...Why bother to take in the planes...when you can fly them over any time you want to?"

HUMBERTO BELLI, Editor of Nicaragua's largest independent newspaper

"The U.S. was the country that gave an open hand to Nicaragua [Carter's Administration]...but yet the Nicaraguans the Sandinistas went to the Soviet Union because of their own Marxist-Leninist ideology."

ROBERTSON

"In other words, we're being told a giant lie in much of our press today saying because of the hard nosed nature of the Reagan administration, we are pushing these nice Sandinistans into the arms of the Soviet Union."

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Abortion

"There's no fundamental right [of a woman to have an abortion]."

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SWAGGART

Armageddon

"I doubt that this nation is prepared for what is coming upon it."

"The nations of the world are headed to judgment. America included."

"It's closing time. The sun is setting."

"Jesus Christ is about to come back to catch his people away. You can almost hear the roar of Armageddon. The world is headed toward judgment."

"I sat across the table the other day from one of the influential Congressmen from Washington and he said, 'Brother Swaggart, if certain things can be done...maybe, just maybe, we can stem the tide a few years.' Maybe we can pull it back from the brink with the help of God just a few years."

Media

"I along with other preachers have been characterized, ostracized, criticized...They have been increasingly, sarcastically critical because of this ministry and other have raised large amounts of money for the work of God."

"You journalists chafe at that, don't you? [that his ministry raised \$80,500,000 in 1983]"

"We did something good with that money. You newsmen, you hypocrites. Why don't you write about abortion?"

"My eighty million bothers you, but I don't hear you saying too much about the five billion dollars spent on rock and roll. The sadistic, horrifying, hellish, demonic, music that's damning and destroying untold millions...you generation of vipers! You hypocrites!"

Judges

"You let the pornographers go free, you judges...you let the communists go free, but you will put in jail a Baptist preacher [referring to the imprisoned Nebraska minister]."

Education

"The state has no right to tell me how to educate my children, has no right to tell me that I have no right to teach evolution..."

Christian Nation

"The state has no right to take the Ten Commandments down from our school walls, for this nation is a nation under God, of God and by God Almighty, and this is the Constitution of the United

States, the word of Almighty God."

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SWAGGART

"America at the Crossroads"

"Historians when they look into ancient dynasties...They basically use a criteria of three investigative areas to learn about the rise and the fall of respective empires...These three areas of investigative areas is, strangely enough, art, sculpture, and literature. They can investigate those three things and ascertain the deterioration of an empire over periods of time...Today...art has been replaced by weird scratches on pieces of paper. That shows the demented minds of those that consider themselves to be artists."

"It only takes one generation to lose a nation. One generation can wreck and destroy the mightiest nation on the face of the earth if that one generation forgets the principles and the foundations on which this nation are built."

Media

"65% of...the media believes that Tv entertainment 'programs' should not be to just entertain, but to influence the public to accept their views of an ideal society which is anti-God and anti-Bible...93% of these media representatives do not attend any kind of church...85%...admit that they are liberals, a term synonymous with secular humanism, which is a term, in my opinion, synonymous with atheist or agnostic...93%...favor allowing homosexuals to teach our children in public schools..."

"This is deciding...what you watch...They are not examples except for evil, for profanity, for filth, for rot and demonic garbage."

"I do not understand why the media has such difficulty understanding communism. Truck drivers know what it is. Carpenters know what it is...but supposedly, the most intellectual brains in this nation do not understand what it is."

Media's Understanding of Communism

"These people seem to have difficulty, the media, in recognizing what communism really is. In country after country from Cuba to Vietnam, Nicaragua right up to El Salvador, communist rebels are inevitably billed by the news media as gentle, well-intentioned and reformers interested only in providing land and civil rights to the little people."

"A country, to our news medias in America is news only while the Marxist forces battle to take it over, aided, of course, by the efforts of our news personnel to halt all U.S. aid to the duly constituted government."

"And we might stand and say, 'Well, Jimmy Swaggart, I've lost nothing in El Salvador. I've lost nothing in Nicaragua, I've lost nothing in these little countries, I don't care what happens.' You'd better care...because the communist effort is to take those little countries to take the United States of America. That's what they want to do."

Central America

"I heard one [media person] so foolishly ridiculously state the other day over television that South Africa is much more enslaved than Nicaragua. That's stupid. Nicaragua newspapers proclaim that they are Marxist-Leninist. They say we're communists. But what do our reporters bring back to this nation? They deny that the Sandinista government is communist. They go on panel shows...featuring the press and state with straight faces that the Nicaraguan government is not communist. How foolish do you think we are? Is it any wonder that leftist bureaucrats within our nation block support for anyone opposing communism throughout the world."

"With the backing of the press, they feel secure in proclaiming their lies while weak-kneed, weak sister Congressmen are also persuaded that it's not politically feasible to take a stand against communism throughout the world."

"God give us men in America. God give us men that'll stand up. God give us men that'll believe in the Bible. Give us men that'll have convictions. Give us Congressmen who'll stand for something. Senators that'll stand for something."

Media

"You get some of your reports in El Salvador with your elbows on a bar."

"When Alexander Solzenitsyn came to this nation he was the darling of the media press. They dogged his every footstep. He was almost deified...Before he was doomed to intellectual exile by the American media -- those that give us All in the Family and Three's Company -- he gave the graduating speech at Harvard."

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SWAGGART

Television in America

"Entertainment...the filth, the moral sewage that flows from gutter minds...the pulp passing for entertainment. One of the greatest themes is sex. Television in America keeps the whole populace in a constant state of sexual excitement...It's destroying our children. It's deadening their minds."

MEMO

TO: INTERESTED STAFF

FROM: CINDY

RE: RECENT TAPES

DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 1984

The following are tapes we have recently acquired and the salient information on each:

1.) Falwell on ABC and CBS -- Election night, November 6, 1984

In response to a question from Peter Jennings about what Falwell would like to have as a legislative agenda the next four years, he replied:

"Now that the President has a mandate, I think you'll see some meaningful arms reduction negotiations going on. And the Soviets now know that they must deal with a very strong president. And in addition to that, I think you'll see some of the social issues becoming front burner items again...In contrast to what Mr. Mondale said, I'll not make those appointments [to the Supreme Court]; the President will. But I believe that judging from the quality of Mrs. O'Connor, we can trust the President to select candidates who stand for the sanctity of human life, born and unborn, and who will stand up for a strict interpretation of the Constitution."

Jennings then asked if Falwell really would like to have a say about who the President selects for the Supreme Court. Falwell said:

"Many of us worked on the platforms with committees and subcommittees in Dallas and before that in Detroit four years ago. The platform for the Republican party is an excellent one. It addresses the issues not only at the Supreme Court level, but all federal judges' appointments are to be persons who are committed to the sanctity of human life, for the constitutional rights of the born and the unborn...I think it's his [Reagan's] platform. I think he's pleased with it and I feel in the next four years Ronald Reagan is going to make the appointments. I've never been asked for a name. I don't have any names in mind, but I did work for Ronald Reagan and I believe in him...We helped register millions of voters these last six years through Moral Majority."

In response to a question about religion and politics and whether it will continue to be an issue in future campaigns, Falwell said:

"I think it's totally been blown out of proportion because conservative ministers for the first time have been involved. We have 102,000 priests, ministers, rabbis involved with us in Moral Majority, six and a

half million active workers, and having a great growth. We're going to register a million voters in 1985. For the first time political conservatives and religious conservatives have joined forces together...we constitute a massive majority in this country because this country's still built on the Judeo/Christian tradition."

On CBS, in answer to a similar question about Ronald Reagan and the Supreme Court, Falwell said:

"He is for voluntary prayer in the public schools, for a strong national defense. He's against abortion. He is as strong on the abortion issue as I am so Jerry Falwell is not getting his agenda, nor is Archbishop O'Connor...Ronald Reagan is Ronald Reagan and I think the last four years he's performed masterfully and that's why he found the conservative religious public massively behind him in this campaign."

2.) Bookburning -- Bowie, MD -- October 17, 1984 -- WITG

We have all the network's coverage of the burning, but only Channel 5 interviewed the Reverend Richard Middleton of the Assembly of God Church, who "sponsored" the event. One of the reporters asked him why Donny and Marie Osmond albums were being destroyed and Middleton replied:

"People who are in a star position have a tendency to influence people toward what they believe. Donny and Marie are Mormons in their belief. If they lead people to their belief in Mormonism, and I believe they shouldn't, they need to be in the fire. The Mormons aren't considered to be a Christian church."

3.) Bill Moyer on CBS Evening News -- October 31, 1984

Bill Moyer's commentary on religion and politics:

"We fear the extremes in this country and have tried to keep religion and politics from making war on each other. Knowing what can lie at the end of the slippery slope, some of us take alarm at the most seemingly innocuous beginnings. For example, in southwest Michigan, a congressional campaign has become an ugly scuffle between synagogues and churches. Jewish members received letters from six members of Congress urging them to support the incumbent who is Jewish. Three born-again evangelical politicians sent a letter identifying themselves as 'elected officials serving under the authority of Lord Jesus' have written ministers urging their congregations to defeat the incumbent and help 'send another Christian to Congress'...I should declare my own interest in this. As a Baptist whose spiritual ancestors were flogged for their beliefs by the Puritans from Massachusetts. But if you want a witness made wiser by immediate experience, consider the politician in Beirut who looked upon his city wasted by religious factions and said, 'we have to get religion out of politics. It's poison.' His warning comes too late for Beirut, but not for America."

Education

"The last crossroads that America is facing that can destroy this generation is the education given in our public school systems in the United States. I want you to see and sense what is being taught in our public schools...God has been forsaken.

Evolutionary dogma. Evolution is taught as unquestionable, scientific fact and in reality it's one of the biggest lies that hell ever concocted...Any teacher that would stand before children and teach evolution is one day going to stand before God and answer God for subverting the minds of the children you stand before."

"Our public schools -- not only evolution is taught, but self-autonomy. Children are repeatedly told that they have to be their own authority on questions of morals and values. Situation ethics is taught -- no right and wrong...In our public school systems, Christianity is denied. Christianity is ridiculed ...that's our public school systems. Sexual freedom is taught. Public sex education...Sex in the public schools is no more than an animal function...Total reading freedom in our schools. Children, they say shouldn't be supervised in their reading. They should be allowed to read anything they want including pornographic material and then choose what they think is right or wrong. That is stupid!"

"They're taught death education...Internationalism. The idea stressed in our public schools that world citizenship is more moral than national patriotism. They don't stress that world citizenship would no doubt occur under world communism."
(Source: Battle for the Family by Tim LaHaye)

"In our public school systems, they're teaching socialism ...socialism is venerated."

"Our children are captive audiences. They are brainwashed -- from a platform of atheistic, humanistic educators."

"I want to show you what cannot be taught, by law cannot be taught in our public schools...the fact that God is the creator and the deity of Jesus Christ...creationism is a scientific subject...They cannot teach moral absolutes...the Biblical perspective on sexuality...that homosexuality is wrong...that there is eternal life..."

"Christian schools are becoming the singular most important facets in American society."

"A short time ago in Louisville, Nebraska, the Fifth Baptist Church. Its doors were pad-locked. Parents of little children who attended its grade school have been thrown in jail...A few days ago I stood in front of the President's advisors with one request. I asked the question, 'Could not the President say

something to draw attention to that terrible problem in Louisville, Nebraska? Those people have broken no law. They've done nothing wrong. They've simply said we want to educate our children without interference from the state according to the word of God and we guarantee that our educational quality will be as good as the state or better.' Just a few days after, the President did say something. He called attention to that debacle of injustice."

"The President called attention to it. That night there were batteries of reporters there, but not one of them mentioned it on the news."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 11-4-84

FALWELL Election

"[We're] praying that God will lead millions as they go to the polls on Tuesday, november 6th to vote for those men and women regardless what party affiliation who are committed to the Judeo/Christian tradition. The Biblical principles on which this nation was founded and which God blesses...that God will give us the government the leadership we need at the local, state and national level."

"I'm convinced that this election is the most serious election, perhaps, in the history of this country. I'm convinced that we're either going to stand up for principles that God can honor and bless, put an end to the murder of the unborn, stand up against every moral cancer in our society; stand up for strong national defense and leadership that will lead us on to place for our children and our children's children or we are going to lose the freedoms and privileges that we have known for so long in this country."

"Go to the polls. I'm not going to tell you how to vote...the spirit of God will lead you in that matter."

"I'm told now that we have registered in the last six years about eight million people. Three, three and a half million this year through the Coalition for Traditional Values."

Abortion

"We have...problem today with the ACLU, NOW, Planned Parenthood. So many other organizations who favor abortion on demand and who favor federal funding for abortion."

Secularism

"We see how Satan rises up those who have a secularistic philosophy to oppose those who like us have a Judeo-Christian philosophy."

Election

"We've gotten it all together. We've been registered to vote. We've been able to register eight to eight and a half million people the last six years. And for the first time in history we can decide or at least have a key voice in deciding who rules over us. We're no longer second class citizens."

Abortion

"I don't see how anybody could vote for anybody who doesn't respect the dignity of the life of the unborn. Period."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 11-11-84

FALWELL

"Becoming a Leader"

"What the world needs today is leadership -- Christian leadership."

"This country's had Ronald Reagan. I'm prejudiced. Everybody knows that. But this country's come back. We wave our flags today. We're not ashamed to do it. And we cheer in this country. We love our country. And our families are coming back together. And divorce rate is down. Abortion rate is beginning to go down. And this country's optimistic today. They're those who are trying to paint gloom and doom, but the fact is America's back. Why? Leadership. Education needs leadership. Our schools are in terrible condition. We watched SAT scores go to an all time low and moral permissiveness and violence in our schools. But they're beginning to turn around now. And all the challenges that are coming from educators, school teachers and administrators and our president and Mr. Shanker with the AFT and all the rest. It's beginning to pay off."

"I take my hat off to Pope John Paul II. A man of leadership who has taken a stand on the moral issues and more recently in Central America has told the priests to get out of that damnable liberation theology and away from Marxist Leninism and take a stand for freedom, democracy and leadership."