

The Catholic Vote

The major reason for the upsurge of interest in the way Catholics will mark their ballots next November is the emergence of the Catholic vote as a key "swing" vote.

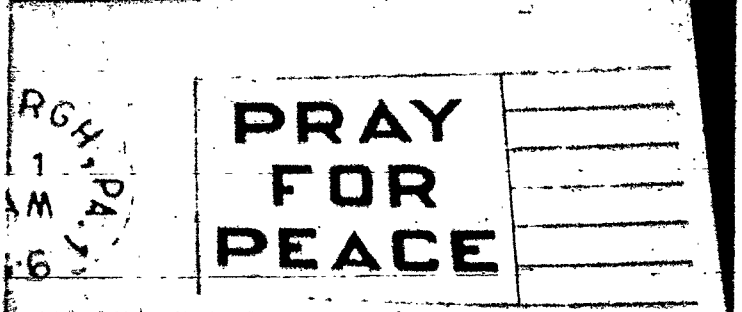
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The University of Michigan nation-wide survey showed that of those voting for one of the two major candidates, over 66% of the Catholics voted Democratic in 1948 but fewer than 51% did in 1952.

Louis Harris of the Roper organization has written that the following shifts were decisive in Eisenhower's election:

- Catholics in general, normally over 65% Democratic, went 47% for Eisenhower.
- German Catholics, previously 83% Democratic, went 55% for Eisenhower.
- Poles, normally over 70% Democratic, went 50% for Eisenhower.
- Irish, normally 65% Democratic, went 53% for Eisenhower.

Thus, in 1952, Catholics, who constitute roughly 25% of the voting population, went approximately one out of two for the Republican candidate, whereas in 1948 they had gone two out of three for the Democratic nominee; and, though they had contributed approximately one-third of the Democratic vote in 1948, they constituted only 28% of Stevenson's vote and 21% of Eisenhower's winning total.



New Mark On U.S. Mail

Pittsburgh — (NC) — Postmaster James C. Smith of the Pittsburgh Post Office shows Father Daniel H. Brennan of the Pittsburgh Catholic, diocesan newspaper, what the new "Pray for Peace" cancellation stamp looks like. The new mail motto is a reminder to Americans and people all over the world, to pray for peace. President Eisenhower signed the law authorizing the special cancellation on July 20th.

Following normally Democratic strongholds: ► Congressman Zablocki won in Milwaukee by 29%, while Stevenson lost by 4%.

► Congressman O'Brien won in Albany by 7% while Stevenson lost by 9%.

► Congressman Delaney won in New York City by 2% while Stevenson lost by 13%.

► Congressmen Addonzo and Rodino won in Newark by 4% and 14% respectively while Stevenson lost by 4% and 7%.

► Congressman Rabaut won in Detroit by 6% while Stevenson lost by 2%.

► Congressman Dodd won in Hartford by 8% while Stevenson lost by 1%.

Similarly, the national Democratic ticket lagged much further behind Catholic candidates for the House than it did otherwise.

In short, American Catholics voters, once a bulwark of the Democratic Party, are no longer a solid Democratic "block" except in their support of Catholic candidates.

There are, of course, many other groups in this country — farmers, Negroes, labor unions, veterans — who are being courted by both parties this year.

It is estimated that about one out of four American voters is a Catholic — a higher ratio than ever before, now that the children and grandchildren of the last million waves of immigrants have grown up.

More important are the statistics based on church membership figures and the fact that more Catholics than members of other religious groups generally exercise their voting rights.

These 14 "swing states" — New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, California, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Maryland, and Montana — include the most important pivotal states in the Electoral College.

Religious Escape From Red Vietnam

London — (RNS) — Two Catholic priests and two nuns made a dramatic escape to the south from Communist-held North Vietnam under a rain of bullets fired by Red coastguards, the Saigon Radio reported.

It said the priests and nuns escaped in a boat from the northern territory along with 26 lay Catholic refugees, and all reached the southern shores unhurt.

is restricted by the "Al Smith myth."

All politicians remember that Al Smith was overwhelmingly defeated for the Presidency by Herbert Hoover in 1928. And all politicians remember, too, that during that campaign the bigots and the uninformed, helped along by those politically opposed to Smith, inflamed and exploited the prejudice and ignorance of many Americans toward the Catholic Church.

A commentator stated flatly over the radio that a New Jersey convent had been purchased by the Catholic Church as the American residence for the Pope after Smith's election.

In Georgia, some Protestant churches exhibited pictures of Smith at the opening of the Holland Tunnel, convinced that the tunnel was actually being constructed to connect with the basement of the Vatican, 3,300 miles away.

On election eve the story spread that Pope Pius XI had already purchased steamship tickets so he could come to the United States as soon as he was reduced news of a Smith victory.

But what many politicians forget is the fact that most competent election analysts in 1928 came to two conclusions which minimized the political significance of the big city vote.

First that Smith was defeated because he was a Democrat in a Republican year — "Wet" when Prohibition sentiment was strong.

Secondly, Smith's Catholicism helped the Democrats far more than it hurt them. They captured 122 northern counties, 77 of them predominantly Catholic, from the Republicans.

In 1952, the sharp decline of Democratic votes in these cities was accompanied by a big increase in the number of Catholics moving into the Republican column and hence by the Democratic ticket's defeat in each of these states.

Thus it has been estimated that the Democratic Party, if in 1956 it recaptured only those Catholics who "shifted" in 1952, could win back six states — New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Of course there was anti-Catholic prejudice in 1928 — but there is considerably less in 1956, after nearly three decades of education in brotherhood and of experience with prominent Catholic officeholders.


Recent Gallup Polls have shown increasing acceptance of the idea of a Catholic President — and the willingness of many conservative Southern Democrats to support Frank Lausche for President indicates that today political philosophy, not religion, is the basic test.

Of those voters who do oppose a Catholic President, it appears that most are Southerners who cannot affect the outcome under the present vote system (unless they constitute a majority in their state, which seems unlikely); some are Northern "intellektuals" who would not oppose a Democratic presidential candidate merely because his running mate was Catholic; and practically all of the rest are dyed-in-the-wool Republicans who would not support any Democratic nominee, regardless of his faith.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the political commitments have talked increasingly of the prospects of two young Catholics, Senator Kennedy and Mayor Wagner, for second place of the Democratic ticket. Both have all the usual "qualifications" — both are veterans, both are married and in good health, both are moderates from major pivotal states — and the Massachusetts Senator, in particular, is well known nationally for his ten-year Congressional record, his attractive personality and his recent best-seller, *Profiles in Courage*.

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Odd \$95.00 Wool Sport Coats	THIRD OFF	Odd \$30.00 Linen Sport Coats	HALF PRICE
Odd \$18.95 Wool Flannel Slacks	13.75	Odd \$55.00 Wool Sport Coats	45.00
Odd \$35.00 White Raincoats	27.75	Odd \$65.00 Suede Leisure Coats	HALF PRICE
Odd \$17.50 Sport Coats	HALF PRICE	Odd \$35.00 Wool Sport Coats	27.75
Odd \$45.00 Wool Sport Coats	37.50	Odd \$5.95 Poplin Zipper Jackets	HALF PRICE
Odd \$85.00 Pure Silk Sport Coats	THIRD OFF	Odd \$39.50 Silk and Cotton Sport Coats	29.75
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A Catholic can also be elected Senator, Congressman, Governor or Mayor. But he is not considered "available" for the Presidency or, in some minds, even for the Vice Presidency. His potential contribution to the nation