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Catholic voters provide politicians with puzzle

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Throughout U.S. history, politicians have attempted to charm blocs of voters by appealing to their economic interests, religious sympathies, ethnic backgrounds and civic beliefs.

In 1992, for example, observers note that audiences listening to both Republican President George Bush and Democratic nominee Bill Clinton hope primarily to hear about solutions for the nation's economic problems.

At the same time, both candidates are acutely aware that such other issues as national health care, abortion, racial relations and education are also on voters' minds.

Like a child putting together the pieces of a puzzle, politicians attempt to determine how they can align voters' myriad concerns in order to create an harmonious electoral bloc large enough to put them in office.

As members of the largest Christian denomination in the

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