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We Are the Christian Coalition of America

One of the Largest Conservative Grassroots Political Organizations in America

Christian Coalition offers people of faith the vehicle to be actively involved in impacting the issues they care about from the county courthouse to the halls of Congress.

Our Mission

- **Represent** the pro-family perspective before local councils, school boards, state legislatures and Congress
- **Speak out** in the public arena and in the media
- **Train** leaders for effective social and political action
- **Inform** pro-family voters about timely issues and legislation
- **Protest** anti-Christian bigotry and defend the rights of people of faith

About Us

- The Coalition is a political organization, made up of pro-family Americans who care deeply about ensuring that government serves to strengthen and preserve, rather than threaten, our families and our values. To that end, we work continuously to identify, educate and mobilize Christians for effective political action.
- Our hallmark work lies in voter education. Each election year, Christian Coalition distributes tens of millions of voter guides throughout all fifty states, (up to seventy million in 2000 alone!). These guides help give voters a clear understanding of where candidates stand on important pro-family issues – *before they go to the polls on Election Day*.
- Our efforts do not stop with voter guides. We actively lobby Congress and the White House on numerous issues and hold grassroots training seminars and events all around the country that draw thousands of pro-family supporters and help organize activists on critical issues facing our country.
- **Today, Christians need to play an active role in government again like never before.** If we are going to be able to change policy and influence decisions, it is imperative that people of faith become committed to doing what Ronald Reagan called “the hard work of freedom”. We are driven by the belief that people of faith have a right and a responsibility to be involved in the world around them. That involvement includes community, social and political action.
- The Christian Coalition is committed to representing the pro-family agenda and educating Americans on the critical issues facing our society. Whether it is the fight to end Partial Birth Abortion or efforts to improve education or lower the family’s tax burden, the Christian Coalition stands ready and able to work for you.
- In politics, every voice counts. If you are interested in having a positive pro-family impact on your government, then Christian Coalition is your organization.
- **Your involvement is critical to our success!** Please take some time to investigate the resources our site has to offer and decide how you would like to get involved.

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Robertson Finds the Christian Coalition

In 1989, following his unsuccessful bid for the Republican presidential nomination, Pat Robertson founded the Christian Coalition, a grassroots organization aimed at mobilizing right-wing evangelicals and conservative Christians in American politics. The organization emerged from the heightened political awareness and activism generated by Robertson's earlier campaign, which focused on restoring America's moral values in response to societal issues like crime and family breakdown. Spearheaded by Ralph Reed, the Coalition quickly built a substantial support base, launching initiatives such as "leadership schools" to educate members on local political engagement.

By the early 1990s, the Christian Coalition had grown significantly, boasting nearly one million members and playing a key role in political campaigns, including the successful confirmation of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. At its peak in the mid-1990s, the organization had 1.7 million supporters and a substantial budget, advocating for conservative positions on issues like abortion and religious expression. However, after leadership changes and a decline in influence in the early 2000s, the Christian Coalition faced financial difficulties and a decrease in political activity. The Coalition's history reflects the broader impact of religious organizations in shaping American political discourse, particularly through the lens of the Religious Right's response to cultural shifts.

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Date 1989

After his failed bid for the U.S. presidency, Pat Robertson created the Christian Coalition to mobilize his base in the service of other Christian conservative political causes and campaigns.

Also known as Christian Coalition of America

Locale Chesapeake, Virginia

Key Figures

- Pat Robertson (b. 1930), Baptist minister and founder of the Christian Coalition as well as the Christian Broadcasting Network, the American Center for Law and Justice, and Regent University
- Ralph Reed (b. 1961), executive director of the Christian Coalition, 1989-1997

Summary of Event

In 1987, [Pat Robertson](#), an ordained Baptist minister and founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), announced that he would seek the Republican Party's presidential nomination. Robertson had a significant following of viewers of his television program *The 700 Club*, a religious talk show that also provided conservative analysis of political events. The theme of his presidential campaign was restoring the greatness of America through moral strength. He also attributed the decline of the United States to the breakup of the American family, the rise of crime and drug addiction, and abortion. While Robertson received many contributions from regular viewers of his television program and outspent Republican challenger [George H. W. Bush](#) three to one, he fared poorly in the Republican primaries.

Following Robertson's [primary election](#) defeat, some political observers were inclined to write off the role of the Religious Right in American politics; however, Robertson's campaign had actually activated thousands of supporters at the grassroots level, many of whom were right-wing evangelicals or charismatics. These individuals had discovered the power of grassroots politics through their involvement in the Republican Party in 1988 and were ready to continue their involvement in order to build a political base of individuals supportive of traditional values.

In 1989, Robertson decided to build on his political base by starting a new organization. In September, he held meetings in [Atlanta, Georgia](#), with his top political advisers. He also invited Ralph Reed, a twenty-eight-year-old doctoral student in history at Emory University, to attend one of the sessions. At the end of the meeting, Robertson introduced Reed as the first staff member of the still unnamed organization that was to become the **Christian Coalition** of America. Shortly thereafter, Reed and his wife, JoAnne, moved to Virginia to become the organization's staff.

Reed first generated money for the Christian Coalition by using the mailing list of persons who had contributed to Robertson's presidential campaign. His initial letter appealed to religious conservatives by attacking [National Endowment for the Arts](#) (NEA) subsidies of artists and exhibits that the Christian Coalition found offensive. In addition to asking for contributions, Reed asked supporters to volunteer to start local and state chapters of the Christian Coalition. Reed used this money to gain national publicity by running full-page ads in a number of newspapers, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *USA Today*, calling on Congress to prohibit the use of NEA funds to underwrite [pornography](#), obscenity, or attacks on religion.

Reed followed the ads by holding "leadership schools" in states where the response to the first mailing had been greatest. At these meetings, he showed a video presentation, *America at the Crossroads*, in which Robertson talked about the need for Christians to stop America's moral slide. He then instructed his audiences on how to participate in local politics and how to form local, state, and regional organizations throughout the United States. Reed then expanded his political base even more by recruiting individuals who came from other segments of the pro-family movement. He compared this mobilization of white evangelicals to the mobilization of African American Christians by the [Civil Rights movement](#) in the 1950's and 1960's. Reed also presented to religious and social conservatives a more moderate image than that of Robertson, which allowed him to build an organization that would appeal to mainstream conservatives.

In 1990, the Christian Coalition showed its effectiveness by distributing seventy-five thousand voting guides in North Carolina, helping conservative Republican senator Jesse Helms retain his office. By 1991, the Christian Coalition had more than eighty-two thousand members. Its main effort that year was mobilizing its base in support of the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court. Coalition members and supporters made tens of thousands of phone calls in support of Thomas's nomination and, despite strong liberal opposition to the appointment, Thomas was confirmed.

The Christian Coalition grew considerably following the election of Democrat [Bill Clinton](#) as president in 1992. Clinton's views, such as his advocating allowing gays to serve in the U.S. military, alienated social conservatives. The Christian Coalition was able to capitalize on this [alienation](#), and by the end of 1993 the organization had almost a million individuals listed as donors and activists. The group had become a major actor in the political process in general and the Republican Party in particular. At its peak in 1996, the Christian Coalition claimed to have 1.7 million members and supporters; it had seventeen hundred local chapters operating in the United States, produced two periodical publications (*Christian America* and *Religious Rights Watch*), and had an annual budget of more than \$26 million.

The principles of the Christian Coalition were summarized in its publication *The Contract with the American Family*, released in 1995. The contract opposed abortion, pornography, and the Equal Rights Amendment. It also advocated the passage of a Religious Equality Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would allow voluntary student- and citizen-initiated free speech such as prayers in noncompulsory settings, including courthouse lawns, high school graduation ceremonies, and sporting events. Finally, it advocated [school choice](#), a Parental Rights Act, the transfer of funding of the U.S. Department of Education to local school boards, and the privatizing of [the arts](#) by making the NEA a voluntary organization supported by private as opposed to public funding.

While the Christian Coalition did not endorse or make monetary contributions to candidates, it affected political campaigns through its distribution of voting guides listing the candidates' positions on issues that were important to its followers. The organization's ability to distribute more than thirty million pieces of literature, almost exclusively through churches on the eve of elections, gave it considerable political influence throughout the 1990's.

In 1997, Ralph Reed resigned as executive director of the Christian Coalition and moved to Georgia to set up a political consulting business. The departure of Reed marked the beginning of a rapid decline of the organization. Four years later, in December, 2001, Pat Robertson resigned as Christian Coalition president, saying that he wanted to spend more time on his broadcast ministry and Regent University. Roberta Combs replaced Robertson as president as the fortunes of the organization continued to decline. Within a year, Combs closed the Washington office of the group and moved its headquarters to her home in South Carolina. In 2004, the Christian Coalition reported revenues of only \$1.3 million and expenses of \$1.5 million. The organization was mired in debt and faced more than a dozen lawsuits by creditors for nonpayment of bills, but it continued to function.

Significance

Religion and religious organizations have played a major role in the politics of the United States. In the last quarter of the twentieth century, the Religious Right became more involved in the political process because it perceived a shift in the values of the country away from those to which it adhered. Issues such as family values, divorce, sexual freedom, public prayer, abortion, and gay rights activated evangelical Christians who were attracted to organizations that defended traditional values. The Christian Coalition was the largest, best organized, and most effective of these groups. It was instrumental in the growth of conservatism in the United States in the 1990's and in the election of social conservative Republicans to public office during that decade.

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From "Christian Coalition Leadership Training" –

"In the original 1989 memo Reed sent Robertson about how to form a grassroots organization, he laid down a basic principle that has made the Christian Coalition a dynamic institution able to respond to the exigencies of electoral

politics and to energize and educate its core members. He insisted that the organization launch and maintain "an ambitious training program modeled after the leadership schools of Morton Blackwell." [Reed, Active, p. 13] Like Reed, Blackwell had served as the executive director of the College Republican National Committee and later had set up his own conservative Leadership Institute in Virginia. Reed used this connection to develop the Christian Coalition's training program, now carried out in two-day workshops throughout the United States. As the Christian Coalition has grown, these training schools have proven vital to the organization's ongoing practice, educating Coalition members as socially effective activists, especially its 550 county chapter organizers and its even more numerous precinct leaders. In particular, the training schools teach a detailed understanding of political process and develop sophisticated public relations skills. Conducted over a period of a weekend, these Leadership, Citizen Action, or Schoolboard Training Seminars are frequently held in many moderate-sized cities; in spring 1995, for example, the Coalition's internet posting listed upcoming seminars in Anchorage, Alaska; Topeka, Kansas; Fargo, North Dakota; Albany, New York; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Aurora, Illinois; Alexandria, Virginia; Charleston, North Carolina; as well as in Queens, New York. [CC World Wide Web site, January 16, 1996]

In the videotapes made for the Christian Coalition Leadership Schools, one of the speakers is, in fact, Morton Blackwell, and some tapes bear introductory remarks from Pat Robertson. These tapes were filmed in 1992 or 1993, although the leadership manual accompanying these tapes has an earlier 1990 copyright date, indicating that this particular set of tapes comes out of several years' experience on the part of the Coalition's national organizers [Fisher]. At the seminar where most of these tapes were shot, attendees indicate that many are running for local or state office or are working on the staff of an avowedly Christian candidate, suggesting that many are already active politically in the electoral sector. Although the speakers and the audience members do not contrast themselves to other Christian conservatives involved primarily in single-issue organizing campaigns, such as right to life picketing at clinics, most of the tape's presenters insist that electoral politics has to focus on winning votes from the undecided center -- a crucial 15%. Although the tapes' speakers occasionally use religious rhetoric for motivational purposes, the political advice they offer is general enough to be of use to anyone entering electoral politics. And clearly some of the presenters have worked for both Republican and Democratic candidates since they speak from the perspective of high-powered professionals who run public relations or public-opinion survey firms. They offer advice that is more secular than religious.

Christian Coalition members have used this leadership training to great advantage, with particular success in local elections to county commissions, city councils, and school boards. After their initial organizing experiences, Coalition members seek even more ways to share and gain political acumen. As a follow-up to the initial leadership training in a group setting and their subsequent political experience, many Christian Coalition organizers or local political office holders look forward to attending the yearly Christian Coalition National Conventions, where they go to more how-to workshops and, equally important, swap political wisdom among themselves, often about tactical victories achieved at the grassroots level by people new to politics."



Here are images from the early 1990's collected by creativity champion Tom Tresser over the decades regarding the Christian Coalition and its attacks on the arts and freedom of expression and how it is part of the Far Right civic movement and infrastructure that has been relentless, focused, and tremendously successful.

CHRISTIAN COALITION:

National Fundamentalist Religious
Political Action Group

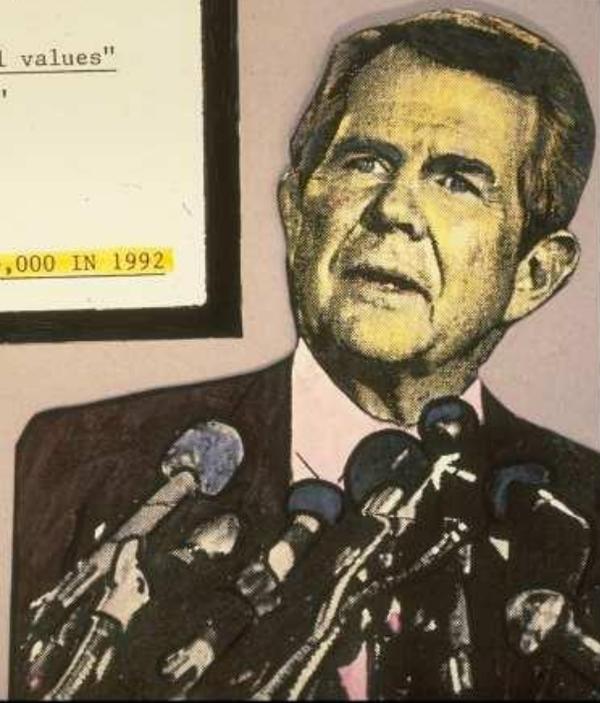
PURPOSE: to "Restore traditional values"
and "Save America for God"

ACTIVE IN 45 STATES

175,000 MEMBERS

SPENT \$5,000,000 IN 1991

expected to spend **\$10,000,000 IN 1992**



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FLORIDA ARTS COUNCIL FUNDS HOMO-EROTIC, ANTI-CHRISTIAN "ART"

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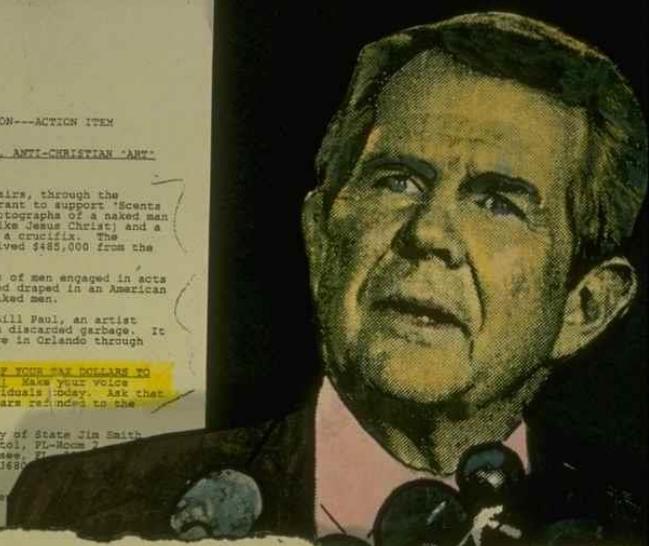
"Scents and Shivers" is the work of Bill Paul, an artist from Athens, Georgia, who creates art from discarded garbage. It is on display at Valencia Community College in Orlando through March 29--which is Easter weekend.

WE MUST PROTEST THIS OUTRAGEOUS USE OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS TO FUND PORNOGRAPHY AND CHRISTIAN BASHING NOW! Make your voice heard. Call and write the following individuals today. Ask that the exhibit be taken down and the tax dollars refunded to the state.

Dr. Paul Gianini, President
Valencia Community College
P.O. Box 1079
Orlando, FL 32802
407-299-5000, ext. 3250

Secretary of State Jim Smith
The Capitol, PL-Room 2
Tallahassee, FL
904-488-3680

Also: Your State Representative or State Senator
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399
904-488-2234



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Consider this shocking statement from the "Declaration of Feminism" of 1971: "The end of the institution of marriage is a necessary condition for the liberation of women... We must go back to ancient female religions like witchcraft."

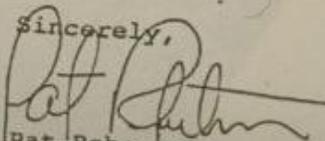
The feminist agenda is not about equal rights for women. It is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become lesbians.

The Equal Rights Amendment is one of the leading weapons in the feminist arsenal. Radical women's groups fell just a few states short of amending the Constitution in the 1970's and early 1980's. Had it passed, it could have led to women being drafted into combat, homosexual marriages, and wholesale abortions protected by the Constitution under the false guise of "equal rights."

Thanks to the fine efforts of millions of God-fearing only four months away. That leaves only 100 days for us to get organized and awaken Iowans to the real threat behind the ERA.

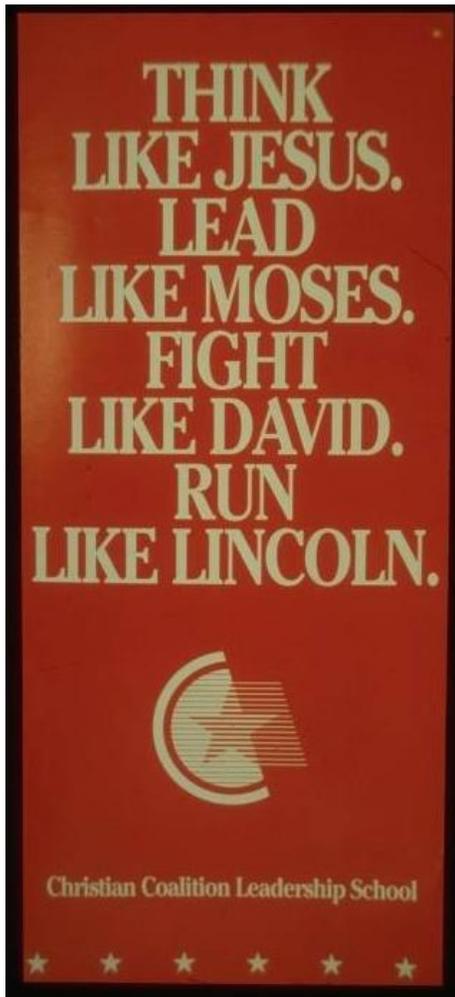
ERA has been beaten before, but it took long hours, money, and hard work. Together we can beat it again, once and for all. Please respond today. Thank you, and God bless you. I am

Sincerely,

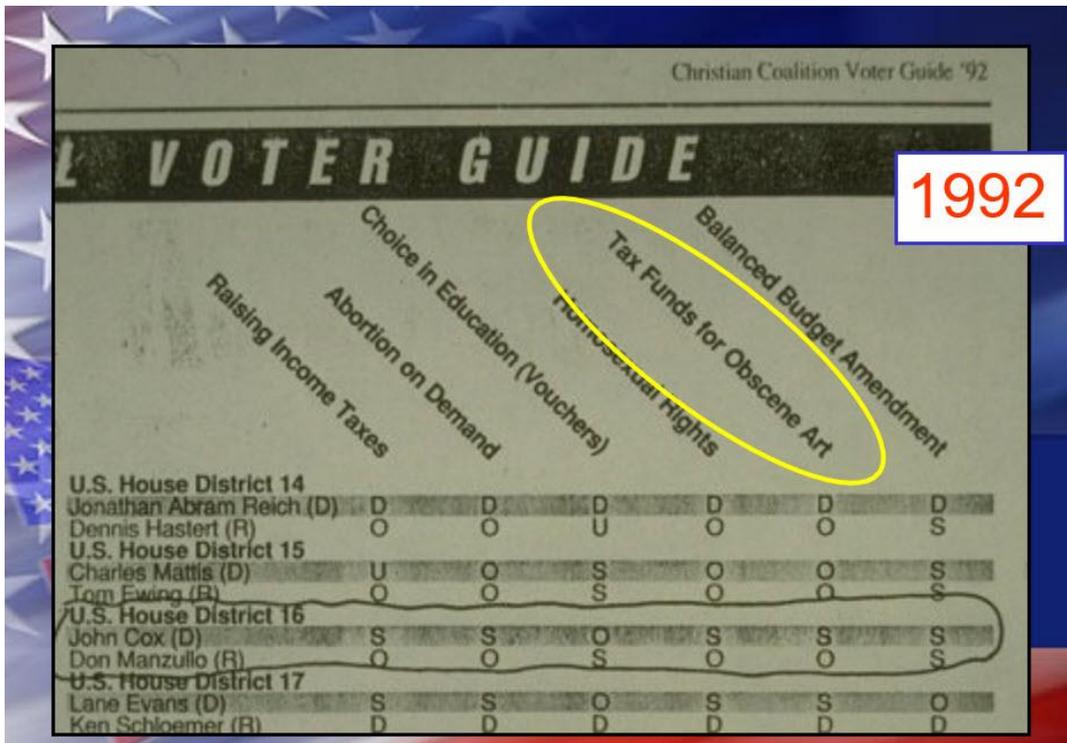


Pat Robertson





from 1992



The Christian Coalition claimed 1.6 million members in 1995 with 1,600 local chapters across 60,00 churches with a \$25 million budget. In 1994 they distributed 35 million voter guides, 17 million congressional scorecards and made 3 million voter calls. Research from [Prof. Ken Wald](#).



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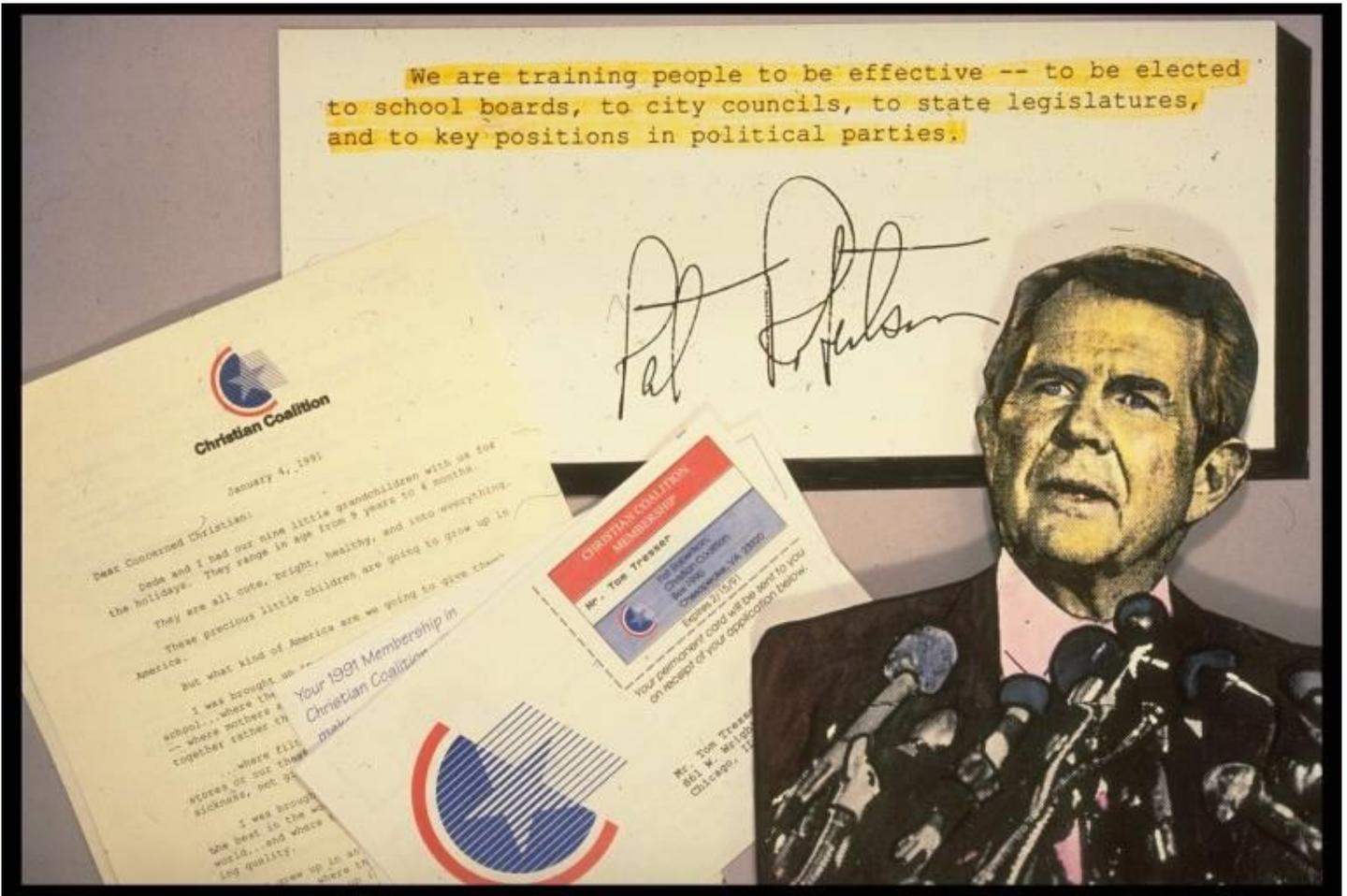
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Also: Your State Representative or State Senator
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For further information contact Tom Scott or John Dowless with the Florida Christian Coalition at (407) 438-6040.

Thank you and God bless you. Together, we can stop this assault on our shared Christian values.



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Quietly, Christian Conservatives Win Hundreds of Local Elections

By SETH MYDANS

In a nationwide push for power at the state and local levels, conservative Christian candidates won hundreds of races on Election Day, establishing themselves as a grass-roots political force and giving them a base from which to push for control of the Republican Party.

Tallying the results of the sometimes obscure races for seats on school boards, city councils, state legislatures and the like, both they and their opponents agree that what is known as the religious right scored significant gains.

Difficult to Identify

The liberal lobbying group People for the American Way, which has led the fight against the religious right around the country, said fundamentalist Christian candidates had won about 46 percent of the 560 races it monitored nationwide. The fiercest battleground was California, but the movement also scored successes in states like Iowa, Kansas, Florida, Texas and Oregon. And People for the American Way esti-

Ralph Reed, who heads the Christian Coalition, the political organization of the television evangelist Pat Robertson, said his group had not done its own calculations but agreed with the overall assessment of People for the American Way. He said these successes had placed Christian conservatives in a position to bid for higher offices in future elections.

"We focused on where the real power is: in the states and in the precincts, and in the neighborhoods where people

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live and work," he said. "On the one hand, George Bush was going down to ignominious defeat in a landslide. On the other hand, the anecdotal evidence is that at school boards and at the state legislative level we had big, tremendous victories."

The president of People for the American way, Arthur J. Kropp, said,

Already, Mr. Kropp said, both sides are gearing up for the mid-term elections of 1994, when lower voter turnout and lighter press scrutiny are likely to help Christian right candidates, who often succeed by keeping a low profile and getting their committed minority constituency to the polls.

As the religious right gains more and more ground in local government, it will be able to advance its conservative program of opposing abortion and laws guaranteeing the rights of women and homosexuals, seeking the removal of certain books from school libraries and pressing for school prayer, an emphasis on abstinence in sex education classes and the teaching of creationism in schools.

In addition, skirmishing has already begun within the Republican Party for what some prominent members like Gov. William F. Weld of Massachusetts say is likely to be a bruising battle to control the party.

Focus on Local Politics

This year's electoral success vindicated a decision by the Christian Coalition in 1988 to turn its focus from Presidential to local politics. Since then it has worked in the local arena with other conservative groups like Eagle Forum and the National Right to Life Committee. This year's was the first general election held since that decision.

According to People for the Ameri-

the movement had a 50 percent success rate in passing anti-gay-rights ballot measures and won about 30 percent of the school board races it contested around the country.

Michael Hudson, vice president and counsel for People for the American Way, said that with the low-profile nature of many such candidacies, "This is clearly just the tip of the iceberg, and I feel sure we're going to be finding out about hundreds of others."

The San Diego Story

But in a major testing ground, San Diego County in California, the conservatives' opponents stopped them cold.

In what has become known to both sides as the "San Diego model," candidates from the Christian right succeeded two years ago in electing 60 out of a slate of 88 candidates for local offices. Typically the candidates obscured their connections with the Christian conservatives, often avoiding public appearances, in a tactic dubbed "stealth candidacies."

Mr. Reed of the Christian Coalition denied that candidates obscured their positions or avoided public forums. But other Christian right organizers like Jay Grimstead in California, readily acknowledge using these methods.

RELIGION



AP file photo

Analysts say religion played a role in the shift of traditionally Democratic states such as Tennessee and Arkansas away from Vice President Al Gore, shown campaigning in Pittsburgh, although he gave religious voters plenty of attention.

Right makes might

Judging by their impact on races around the nation, religious conservatives remain a potent political force

By Richard N. Ostling
Associated Press

NEW YORK—The religious right has not faded, as some pundits suggested before the election, but instead turned out voters who helped Republicans maintain their majority in the House of Representatives, analysts say.

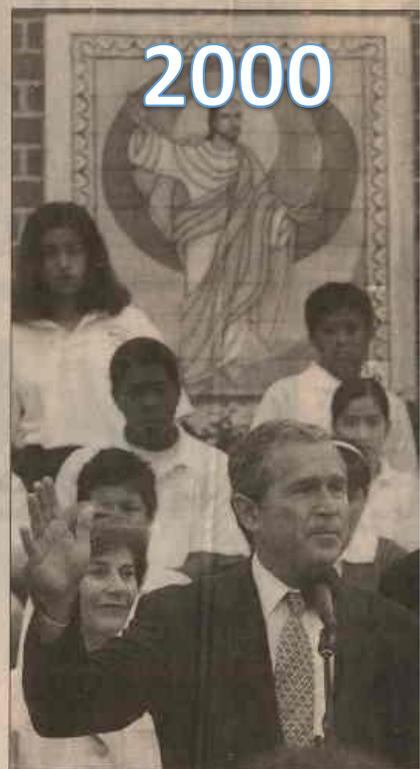
won, voters ousted Spencer Abraham in Michigan, Rod Grams in Minnesota and John Ashcroft in Missouri.

In challenges against incumbents, George Allan of Virginia won, but Mack Mattingly in Georgia and William Redmond in New Mexico were defeated.

In bids for open seats, Nevada's John Ensign won but Florida's Bill McCollum

coalition consisted of solid majorities among white Protestants as a whole and among weekly worshippers of whatever faith, plus a slight edge among white Catholics, a once-Democratic bloc that is now a key swing vote.

Gore scored with non-religious Americans (61 percent), Jews (79 percent) and the largely Protestant blacks (80 percent).



2000

Exit polls said 14 percent of voters were in the religious right overwhelming support to George W. Bush, shown campaigning. He tended well beyond the borders of the religious right. "It wasn't about Gore, but Hudson has an

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New York State Official Sues Drug Maker Over Test Data

Glaxo Challenged in the Use of Paxil for Children

By GARDNER HARRIS

In a novel claim testing the way that the \$60 billion worldwide pharmaceutical industry is regulated, the New York State attorney general, Eliot Spitzer, said the British-based drug giant GlaxoSmithKline yesterday admitted the company of fraud in concealing negative information about its popular antidepressant medicine Paxil.

The civil lawsuit, filed in State Supreme Court in Manhattan, contends that GlaxoSmithKline engaged in persistent fraud by failing to tell doctors that some studies of Paxil showed that the drug did not work in adolescents and might even lead to suicidal thoughts. Far from warning doctors, the suit contends, the company encouraged them to prescribe the drug for youngsters.

"The point of the lawsuit is to ensure that there is complete information to doctors for making decisions in prescribing," Mr. Spitzer said in an interview. "The record

with Paxil, we believe, is a powerful one that shows that GSK was making selective disclosures and was not giving doctors the entirety of the evidence."

GlaxoSmithKline officials issued a statement yesterday saying in part that the company "has acted responsibly in conducting clinical studies in pediatric patients and disseminating data from those studies."

On Wall Street yesterday, the American Depository receipts of GlaxoSmithKline fell \$1.34, or 3.2 percent, to \$41.39.

Mr. Spitzer filed his lawsuit at a time that many drug companies have been criticized for publicizing only studies with positive results. [Page C1.]

As he has done in action involving the financial services and mutual fund industries, Mr. Spitzer is entering regulatory terrain that has been largely the preserve of the federal government, in this case the Food and Drug Administration. That time, though, he maintained that his suit was not a criticism of federal drug regulators.

"This isn't Harvey Pitt and the S.E.C.," he said, referring to the former chief of the Securities and Exchange Commission, whom Mr. Spitzer criticized as less than rigorous in enforcing federal securities laws. Instead, Mr. Spitzer said that the F.D.A. had been hamstrung by court rulings that have used free-market arguments to limit the agency's power to regulate when drugs



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Critics See the Servi Danger

By ET

WASHINGTON
Army troops would retake their active duty for 100 days that is more than they served in the past several years.

The troops are expected to return to their active duty in the next few days. The Army says that it will be required to be in their suits if the two countries range from more than 40 to 50 days of deployment.

The troops and their families are expected to be up in 90 days.

G.O.P. Seeking Congregations For Bush Effort

By DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK
The Bush campaign is seeking to

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2000

On Far Right, Devout Efforts To Get Elected

Christian Fringe Pushes Into the Mainstream

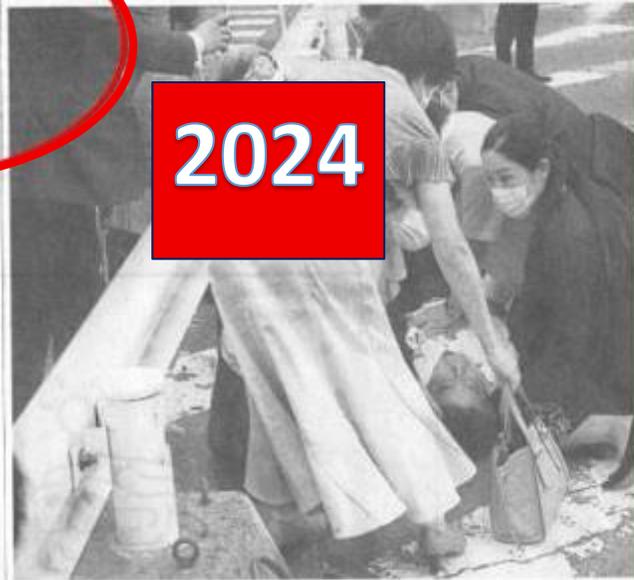
Three weeks before he won the Republican nomination for Pennsylvania governor, Doug Mastriano stood beside a three-foot-tall painted eagle statue and declared the power of God.

"Any free people in the house here? Did Jesus set you free?" he asked, revving up the dozens before him on a Saturday afternoon at a Gettysburg roadside hotel.

Mr. Mastriano, a state senator, retired Army colonel and prominent figure in former President Donald J. Trump's futile efforts to overturn the state's 2000 election results, was addressing a far-right conference that mixed Christian beliefs with conspiracy theories, called Patriots Arise. Instead of focusing on issues like taxes, gas prices or abortion policy, he wove a story about what he saw as the true Christian identity of the nation, and how it was time, together, for Christians to reclaim political power.

The separation of church and state was a "myth," he said. "In November we are going to take our state back, my God will make it so."

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