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From: •	Stanley S. Scott			
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We thought you would be interested in Lou Harris' overview of the presidential campaign and his latest voter survey. Mr. Harris was guest speaker this morning at the breakfast meeting of the PM Committee on Public Affairs and Social Responsibility.

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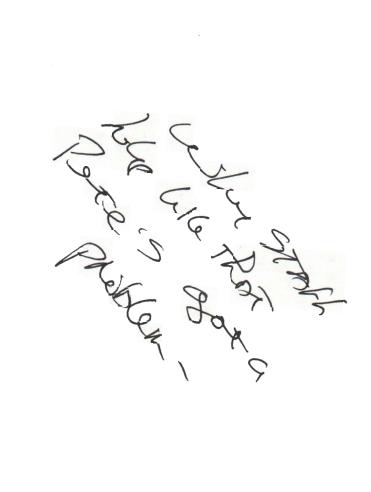
"This is the most negative election we have had since 1948," said Harris. "We find 29 percent of the voters saying they can't vote for Reagan and 28 percent say they can't vote for Carter."

"Someone could win the popular vote and lose the election" by not having the required electoral votes.

"You've got negatives by both candidates dominating the election. Reagan is ahead on economic issues and Carter leads on foreign policy" questions. Voters perceive Reagan to be "better at rebuilding our defense" system and Carter as "less likely to get the country into war."

"Carter is depending heavily on the coalition of Black, Hispanic, Jewish and white Catholic vote."

Harris said: "Reagan is now ahead with white catholics, 40-37 percent. Carter can't win without that vote," according to Harris. By a whopping 90-5 margin, Carter leads with the Black vote. "That Black vote provides Carter with a six point margin nationally before you start counting his white votes." However, if Blacks and Hispanics are turned off and don't go to the polls and vote, Carter is in deep trouble.



The Harris survey indicates the so-called "Moral Majority" is having some positive impact for the Reagan candidacy.

"Without the support of these evangelicals, instead of being in front, Reagan would be behind by three points. We find 42 percent of the Blacks and 30 percent of the whites identifying with this group.

Harris Voter Survey

Reagan now leads in the 10 largest states, Carter is ahead in the South. Carter is leading among women voters, 43-38. Reagan is ahead with the men, 47-35. Carter ahead with Jewish voters, 42-21, and Reagan is making inroads with trade unions. Carter is ahead with the union vote, 42-36, which, in Harris' view "is amazing" since Democrats usually garner a larger share of this vote.

The Harris poll, slated for release this week, finds Reagan leading in Pennsylvania. 2 points; Florida, 5 points; California. 10 points; Michigan, 1 point' Massachusetts, "a dead heat"; Ohio, "even"; Texas, 5 points and out front in Illinois, 2 points.

Hostage Issue

Harris said that Reagan's attack on Carter over the hostage issue was a "planned campaign ploy" to stake out a position on the controversial issue "in the event of a October surprise" by Carter.

Business

Harris predicted that tax on dividends to individuals would be eliminated, and said there is a swing in the Congress to provide increased tax credits for business.

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