

INTRO up and under

10:24.10
10:37.55

Hi, everybody!

Talk about anything you want, but don't talk about religion and politics. That's what our mothers told us. But look what's happening in the 1984 presidential election campaign! Religion has been one of the surprising major topics of the early campaign. Today we'll talk about the introduction of religious values and the role of the clergy. My guest is Dr. Peter Manchester, ^{ASSOCIATE} professor of religious studies at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Later in the program, we'll chat with Dr. James Enelow, a political scientist whose special interest is the relationship of the voter to the candidates for the United States presidency. We'll get his assessment of how the campaign is going.

Peter Manchester is a scholar, studying and writing about the history of philosophy and such deep subjects as St. Augustine's doctrine of the Trinity and the development of Christian doctrine. He does not claim to be an expert on political campaigns in the United States or Canada, where he has taught over the past decade. But as a scholar in the field of religious studies, I feel sure he is following with some fascination the introduction of religion into the 1984 presidential campaign. Am I correct, Dr. Manchester?

INTERVIEW PETER MANCHESTER:

- New NBC poll: 65% oppose religion in politics...Backlash effect possible. (Mondale: "God is a Republican" crack)
- How it all started: Reagan creates campaign issues through his opposition to abortion and support for school prayers. (Ferraro criticism based on Reagan's cut in social programs: "He's not a good Christian.")
- Are they, per se, legitimate issues in a presidential race?

MORE

- Bishop O'Connor and others claim it's not possible to separate one's morality from one's political role. What say you? (Al Smith: "Unpack.")
- What about role of clergy in politics? (History of this)
- Cuomo's speech at Notre Dame - final word?

13:45

11:03. ~~04~~¹⁴
11:18. 14

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

We're only about a month away from the November elections now. Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale will debate twice in October. And their vice presidential candidates will meet to exchange views in public also. How's the 1984 campaign going anyway? In particular, how are the voters relating to the candidates? Dr. James Enelow is associate professor of political science at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and co-author of a new book called "The Spatial Theory of Voting: An Introduction." Dr. Enelow, what is "the spatial theory"?

INTERVIEW JAMES ENELOW: - Examples of candidates positioning selves.

- Examples of candidates repositioning voters
- Is that duplicity?
- Reagan's 1980 success
- Reagan in 1984 - examples of changes since '80
- What factors most influence voters?
- How is religion issue shaping campaign, if at all?
- Personal issues, like religion, vs impersonal, like arms race

28:45

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Next week, we'll be talking with two teachers who have become students in a very special university program in which the teachers are called master learners. I hope you'll join us. Until then, this is Al Oickle. So long, everybody.

OUTRO