

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Tuesday, Oct. 28, 1986

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. Voters will be going to the ballot boxes in the next few days, electing thousands of local and state officials and voting on their representatives and senators in the United States Congress. If tradition holds, the party in the White House -- the Republicans -- can expect to lose seats in Congress. But will they?

We'll be talking about voting trends and predictions today with Alan Abramowitz, a political scientist at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. His special interests include public opinion, voting behavior and the presidency. This must be a very special time for you, Dr. Abramowitz.

INTERVIEW DR. ABRAMOWITZ:

-- How does he read the mood of the voters?

-- What studies have been made?

* Note Lou Harris poll: Conservatives fall 38-33%;
Democrats gain, 32-41%.

* Warren Miller's National Election Survey shows "baby boomers" sharply polarized pro and con with Reagan

-- Reagan/GOP goals in the elections:

* U.S. Senate control (34 seats open: Democrats need to win 16, gain of 4, to take control; GOP retains with victories in 19 of 22)

* Other goals: stake in '88?

-- What's at stake: for the Republicans

for Democrats

for Conservatives

for "fringe" parties (e.g., LaRouche)

-- What kind of a turnout should we look for?

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We'll take a short break now. When we return, I'll be talking with Alan Abramowitz about the 1988 presidential election, and the campaigning that is already under way. Stay with us, please.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. I'm Al Oickle. I'm talking today with Alan Abramowitz, associate professor of political science at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. One of his special interests is the presidency. And I must say, Dr. Abramowitz, presidential campaigning is no long a once-every-four-years event; it often seems like a never-ending activity for some politicians and their political parties.

INTERVIEW DR. ABRAMOWITZ

-- "Life after Reagan":

* Lou Harris predicts return to federal action in issues involving poor, minorities etc.

-- Issues as defined by Otis Pike:

IN: Drugs, nuclear power, Israel, South Africa, foreign trade and agriculture

OUT: Deficit, environment, AIDS, Nicaragua, military spending and arms race

-- Who's running now: Pat Robertson, George Bush, Gary Hart (but not Ted Kennedy)

-- Who else will get into the race?

-- Any black candidates? Any women candidates?

-- Role of religion in the campaign (same as values?)

-- How will Reagan be viewed by historians?

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PROMO

Hi, everybody. This is Al Oickle, inviting you to listen to Conversations Unlimited, on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m., here on WUSB - 90.1 FM. I'll be talking with Alan Abramowitz about the November elections. Dr. Abramowitz is a political scientist whose special interests include public opinion, voting behavior and the presidency. If tradition holds, Republicans will gain seats in Congress on November 4. What does Dr. Abramowitz predict? You may be surprised. That's Conversations Unlimited, Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m., here on WUSB - 90.1 FM.