

## How Evangelicals Voted

Obama didn't win a majority of evangelicals in any state. No surprise there. But there was some question about whether Obama's support with evangelicals would draw out one of three evangelical voters (as Clinton did in 1992) or one out of four (as Kerry did in 2004). The answer is closer to the latter. Exit polls say 26 percent of American voters called themselves evangelical or born-again Christians, and of these, 74 percent voted for McCain, with 25 percent voting for Obama (Another measure put the percentage of evangelicals at 23 percent, with 73 percent voting for McCain, 26 percent for Obama).

But the evangelical vote varied significantly from state to state, from Illinois' 19-point margin to Mississippi's 81-point margin, from states with evangelical populations so small that they didn't even register, to states where they are a majority of the electorate.

Not on the map: Alaska and Hawaii.

Alaska's electorate was 25% evangelical/born-again, and evangelicals voted 80% for McCain, 17% for Obama.

Only 8% of those in Hawaii's exit polls were evangelicals, and their votes are unavailable.

Update: I've moved this further up the page since it was falling rather far down and were a bout to fill the rest of the states in.

Also: Some folks seem confused. This isn't the electoral college map. This is an evangelical vote map. Clicking on the states show what percentage of the state electorate was born-again/evangelical, and how those evangelicals voted.

## Examining the Exit Poll Data on Evangelicals

As readers of this blog knew, I've been pushing the hypothesis that evangelicals in the Midwest were going to be shifting to Obama in ways that their co-religionists in other parts of the country, especially the South, were not. And low and behold, yesterday's vote more or less bears that out. Across the Midwest, where evangelicals tended to vote 3-1 for George W. Bush over John Kerry in 2004, they tended to vote only 2-1 for John McCain over Barack Obama yesterday. Meanwhile, in the South and what we call Southern Crossroads, whereas in 2004 evangelicals voted 3-1 or better for Bush over Kerry. In most states they actually voted by greater margins for McCain over Obama.

Let's compare Indiana and Oklahoma. Hoosier evangelicals favored Bush 77-22 but McCain by only 66-41. Oklahomans, by contrast, voted 77-23 for Bush and 77-22 for McCain. Midwest pickups for Obama included 11 points in Ohio, 13 in Michigan, 11 in Iowa, 11 in South Dakota, and 19 in Nebraska. But he lost one point in Alabama, five in Mississippi, three in Kentucky, five in Tennessee, eight in Louisiana, and five in Arkansas. There were some exceptions. In Missouri, which we include the Southern Crossroads (but which has real Midwestern features), there was a 14-point shift to Obama. And in Kansas, which we include in the Midwest (but which has real Southern Crossroad features), there was a 2-point shift to McCain. Meanwhile, out West, there were significant shifts by evangelicals toward Obama in Oregon (15), Colorado (20), and Idaho (12). In the latter two states, however, the shift didn't even manage to bring the vote down to 3-1 levels).

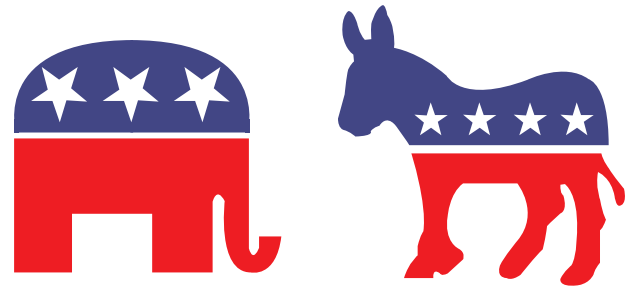
I haven't tried to do all teh calculations, but one thing is clear. In Indiana's astonishing flip to blue, fully half the 21-point shift came from evangelicals. The larger question has to do with explaining the overall bifurcation. The most likely explanation for what happened in the South and Southern Crossroads is the persistence of racial prejudice in those regions. It's also the case that this is where evangelicals are most heavily organized and mobilized as Republican partisans. But in the Midwest, there is Obama's identity as a Midwesterner, and the common Midwestern religious sensibility that he appealed to, to take into account. Not to belabor the point, but Obama's communitarian outlook is very much the Midwestern way...a point Andrew Walsh and I made in our new book, *One Nation, Devisible: How Regional Religious Differences Shape American Politics*. The book postulates that, led by the likes of Obama, we may now be trading the Crossroads ethos of Bush and Company for a Midwestern one. As the book's last line reads, "If there is to be a new style of religious pluralism in American, there is something to be said for having it emerge from the Midwest.

Poll: Who did you vote for president?

■ Obama

■ McCain





## President-Elect Obama's Stance on Issues

<b>Opposes</b>	Education vouchers that allow parents to choose public or private school for their children.
<b>Supports</b>	Sex education for children in kindergarden through the 12th grade.
<b>Supports</b>	Increase in federal income taxes.
<b>Opposes</b>	Appointing judges that will adhere to strict interpretation of the Constitution.
<b>Supports</b>	Further restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms.
<b>Supports</b>	Public funding of abortions (such as gov't health benefits and Planned Parenthood).
<b>Opposes</b>	Parental notification for abortions by minors.
<b>Opposes</b>	Legislation mandating health care for infants surviving abortions.
<b>Supports</b>	Granting sexual preference as protected minority status under existing civil rights laws.
<b>Supports</b>	Allowing adoption of children by homosexuals.
<b>Opposes</b>	Enforcing the 1993 law banning homosexuals in the military.
<b>Opposes</b>	Prohibiting public funding for art that is pornographic or anti-religious.
<b>Opposes</b>	Tax credits for purchasing private health insurance.
<b>Opposes</b>	Allowing federal funding for faith-based charitable organizations.
<b>Supports</b>	Tax credits for investment in renewable sources of energy (such as wind, solar & biomass).

## Christian Defense Coalition Announces Major Pro-Life National Campaign

The focus of the project will be to mobilize a public, prayerful and prophetic witness for life to challenge the radical pro-abortion policies of President-elect Barack Obama.

"The Birmingham Letter Project," will be using the principles taught by Dr. Martin Luther King in his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" and the teachings of Scripture to unleash and empower the pro-life community to publicly stand against the horrific violence of abortion.

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President-elect Obama will be the most radical pro-abortion President in the history of our nation.

The group will be discussing their plans at a news conference on Thursday, November 6, at 11:00 A.M.

The location of the news conference will be in front of the White House on Pennsylvania Ave. in front of Lafayette Park.

Rev. Partrick J. Mahoney, Director of Christian Defence Coalition, states, "Sadly, America has elected the most pro-abortion President in America history. It is clear that Mr. Obama will continue the tragic violence against our nation's women and children which has resulted in over 50,000,000 abortions.

"The Birmingham Letter Project" is about empowering and unleashing the pro-life community to stand against this injustice just as civil rights workers stood against the injustice of segregation, violence, and racism a generation ago.

We are taking to heart the admonition of Dr. King when he said from a Birmingham jail, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." and will passionately devote ourselves toward bringing this war on America's children to an end.

"With Barack Obama as President, it is clear there will be no immediate end to abortion through the courts or legislation. Therefore, just as it was during the civil rights movement, it is up to the faith community and people of good will to go to the streets and work diligently to end this war on America's children.

"We will be coming to Washington, D.C., as President-elect Obama is sworn in, to boldly stand as public and prophetic witness for life. As the pro-life community, we will not go silently into the night and allow the violence to continue. Instead, we are issuing this national call for the pro-life community to come to the streets of our nation's capital and be a prayerful voice for those who have no voice.

"Our message is clear. Now is the time. We are the people. The killing must end."