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RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1976

Research Report

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1976

- Carter met with state Democratic chairmen and the general board of the AFL-CIO. Privately he spoke with Robert Strauss, Senator Kennedy, and the executive committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He then flew to New York where he visited a middle-class Queens neighborhood, attended a reception that raised more than \$500,000 for the Democratic National Committee and met with the New York Board of Rabbis and a newly formed Italian-American group. BALT. S. 9/1
- Carter will ride a voter-registration train that will leave New York City on September 20 and travel through New Jersey and Pennsylvania, ending with a rally in Pittsburg that evening. Mondale will replace Carter and continue through Ohio and Indiana to Chicago. PI 9/1
- Carter intends to stay away from party "big shots" and wealthy contributors. Instead, he wants to spend his time with "the average voter-- in factory shift lines and shopping centers, barber shops and beauty parlors. I spent too much of my time in the last few days going to receptions with maybe sixty people who could afford to give \$1,000 each. I'm going to break away from that as much as I can," Carter stated. PI 9/1
- In New York, Carter stated to reporters, "The Democratic Platform, I think, ill-advisedly insinuated that citizen's groups and private citizens did not have a right to seek an amendment to the Constitution. I've never said that I would actively oppose every possible Constitutional amendment that was proposed on the subject of abortion. I may sit mute, I may speak out against an abortion amendment if I think it's not in the best interest of our country, but I have never seen a proposal worded yet on the Constitutional amendment for controlling abortions that I would lend my support to." NBC 9/1
- "Simply to say that one is personally opposed to abortion is not enough," Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati, Chairman of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, said after a one-hour meeting with Carter. "We continue to be disappointed at (Carter's) position on abortion. There is substantial disagreement between us," the Archbishop added. PI 9/1

- Carter's balance sheet and 1975 income tax returns show that last year he earned \$137,000. Carter payed slightly less than \$17,500 in Federal income taxes; he also received a refund from the IRS of \$7,089.10. Carter's net worth at the close of 1975 was \$818,756. Carter is concerned regarding conflicts of interest between his wealth and the power he would assume if elected, the New York Times reported. He plans to dispose of his stocks, divest himself of his peanut business, and divert royalties from his autobiography to a philanthropic foundation if elected. But Carter does not know what to do to resolve a potential conflict of interest between his farmland holdings and the substantial power over agricultural policy if he defeats Ford. "My children will be the seventh generation of Carters on the land. It's a hard problem, knowing what to do, but we're working on it and we're going to bend over backwards to avoid any appearance of any conflicts," Carter stated. NYT 9/1

- After a 30-minute session with Carter, Senator Kennedy said, "I think it's important that Governor Carter be elected, and I'll do anything I possibly can to help him." PI 9/1

- George Meany said the AFL-CIO and other union organizations had put together "the best political machine in the country" and we're now "ready for the big push" to elect Carter and Mondale. "Millions of volunteer hours, millions of telephone calls and massive mailings" will be provided by labor, Meany added. PI 9/1

- Speaking to labor union officials, Carter said, "The 1968 dollar is now worth just 60 cents and I can see why the Republicans have had to turn to the \$2 bill. . .we Democrats know that government can provide for our needs, for we insist that we control the government and not the other way around." WP 9/1

- In New York, Carter promised the Rabbis that he would take "aggressive and open action" against any nations that discriminate against U.S. firms because they have Jews in ownership or management positions. He repeated the necessity of a continuing strong U.S. commitment to Israel, "That friendship must be firm, and it must never be in doubt." Carter added, "It's unfair for the world to blame Israel for the plight of the Palestinians. That's a major problem that must be shared by all the nations of the Middle East." WP 9/1

- Carter told state chairmen that the total number of "person days" to be devoted to the campaign by himself, Mondale, and their wives was being plotted geographically and politically. Carter's fall campaign schedule was decided according to an arithmetic formula; each state has been assigned a relative value, depending on its electoral vote, its success in electing Democrats to national, state, and local office and how well it supported Senator McGovern in 1972. NYT 9/1

- In an interview, Eugene McCarthy said, "There are some things in Jimmy Carter's statements along the way that bother me, (but) I never said he'd be a tyrant. I said, for example, Carter says he'd take personal responsibility for the CIA, I'd rather have him say he'd take Presidential responsibility. . .My concern is what I consider Carter's lack of understanding of Constitutional relationships and of what the Presidency is all about." NBC 9/1

= After meeting with Mondale, Governor Brown stated, "I intend throughout California, to work for the whole ticket, for Jimmy Carter and Senator Mondale throughout the state."

NBC 9/1

- Mondale will meet with Carter in Plains on Friday.

NBC 9/1



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1976

- Carter spent Wednesday in Plains. He will campaign in Chicago's ethnic areas with Mayor Daley next week. He will also spend time in Milwaukee and Cleveland. WP 9/2
- Carter's first national television political commercial will be on CBS Thursday evening. Carter paid CBS \$1.2 million for a package of commercials for September and October; it includes 28 five-minute commercials and 14 one-minute commercials. PI 9/2
- After Carter met with Democratic state chairmen on Tuesday, Dan Fowler, the head of the Association of State Chairmen, characterized the mood of the meeting as one of "unbounded optimism--to the point of naivete. . . . If the Carter campaign has one challenge, it's to wipe away that complacency. . . . a lot of these state chairmen were apprehensive about Carter. It's no secret that not many of them supported him for the nomination, and there's been a feeling that they'd be pushed aside or ignored" in the campaign. WP 9/2
- Vicki Rogers, Carter's Presidential campaign scheduler, resigned amidst criticism that schedules were not being completed quickly enough. She will remain with the Carter campaign in another capacity. BALT. S. 9/2
- The first Ford-Carter debate in domestic and economic issues will be September 23. Their second debate will be confined to foreign policy and defense matters with the third "open to discussion on all issues." Dole and Mondale will debate in between the second and third Presidential debates. At a news conference in Plains, Carter said that the Ford side had been "kind enough to yield" on the subject of the first debate. Carter added that he would be "very respectful" of the President, but "I'll be an aggressive debater." NYT 9/2
- Mondale addressed a business leaders' breakfast in Los Angeles; it was sponsored by the American Jewish Community. He later met with reporters after a rally in Santa Monica and then flew to Las Vegas to speak to the United Steelworkers of America. BALT. S. 9/2

- Regarding alleged Libyan terrorism, Mondale told business leaders, "It's a travesty that Libya, two days from now, will be President of the U.N. Security Council. Rather than chairing it, Libya should be brought before the Security Council and confronted with these charges. If the reports are true, Libya should be condemned and sanctioned." Mondale told reporters, "Under the Charter of the United Nations, temporary members of the Security Council are supposed to be selected on the basis of their contributions to peace and international security. The United States should insist that future elections to the Security Council not make a mockery of that requirement."
- "This ticket offers nothing to the working men and women of this country," Mondale told steelworkers concerning the Republican candidates.
- In the most recent Gallup Poll, Carter's lead over Ford has widened to 15%.

BALT. S. 9/2

BALT. S. 9/2

LAT 9/2

Here are the results of Carter-Ford trial heats this year:

	Carter	Ford	Other and undecided
Aug. 27-30	52%	37%	11%
Aug. 20-23	49	39	12
Aug. 6-9	56	33	11
July 16-19, 23-26	62	29	9
June 25-28	53	36	11
June 11-14	55	37	8
May 21-23	53	40	7
April 30-May 3	52	42	6
April 9-12	49	43	8
March 26-29	45	48	7
March 19-21	47	46	7
March 10-13	47	42	11

The latest survey consisted of in-person interviews with 1,287 adults in 300 localities across the nation.



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1976

- Carter will meet with Mondale in Plains on Friday.
- Mondale ended a nine-day campaign swing from coast to coast; he flew to Plains to consult with Carter after attending a breakfast fund-raiser in Denver for Representative Schroeder and addressing the National Conference of State Legislators in Kansas City. Mondale will spend the weekend in Washington. NYT 9/3
- "The past record on federal-state relations is dismal," Mondale told the National Conference of State Legislators. "People do not believe that government works. They have had enough of bloated, unresponsive government." Mondale added that the "unbelievably confusing and complex bureaucracy" used to administer federal grant programs assisting the state "threatens to make a mockery of the creative federal-state partnership envisioned by the founders of the U.S. Constitution." PI 9/3
- Rosalyn Carter stated Thursday that her three sons "have smoked marijuana--they told me they did. (But) the only time I worry about my children is if I thought they were slipping around doing it and not letting me know about it." NYT 9/3
- Carter wrote a forward to a 1972 book, Women in Need, whose authors say they think every woman has a basic right to decide to terminate pregnancy. An aide to Carter stated that the forward was not inconsistent with Carter's stand against abortion and did not indicate any change in his views. WP 9/3



Research Report

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1976

- Carter held a press conference after meeting with aides and Senator Mondale in Plains. BALT. S. 9/4

- "We'll carry out the promises that I've made as aggressively and as quickly as I can," Carter told reporters. "But it doesn't help any to give people a little more payment for Social Security or welfare or veterans benefits or housing programs and then rob them with inflation. . . Unemployment this morning was revealed to be the highest since the Hoover Depression, 7.9 percent. It was up again, contrary to the projections of President Ford. I think there is concern that there is no plan for the future, no vision of what this country can be, no strong leadership actually making proposals that would cut down on the inflation rate." WP 9/4
BALT. S. 9/4

- Carter also told reporters, "There will be no new program implemented under my administration unless we can be sure that the cost of those programs is compatible with my goal of having a balanced budget before the end of that term. And this will require delay in the implementation of costly programs if they are proposed, the quick phasing out of those that have already served their useful purposes, the phasing in of programs to make the present programs work before the new programs that are costly are implemented, tough zero-based management of the budget and combined with a sunset law to automatically terminate or to reassess for termination those programs that have been initiated and have long past served their usefulness. . . Anybody who has watched the horrible mess in Washington in the past few years, particularly in the last eight years, would be skeptical about a balanced budget." To achieve it will require "tough management" and a "very careful assessment of the ultimate cost of programs." BALT. S. 9/4

- "The goals that we've established in the Democratic Party Platform are completely compatible with my own. But I don't anticipate any great increase in spending to bring about a fulfillment of all the promises I've made to the American people," Carter added. BALT. S. 9/4

- Regarding his son's use of marijuana, Carter stated, "I might say quickly I've never tried it myself and don't intend to. I think the medical effects of persistent use of marijuana still concern me very much. I wish they had never tried it. None of them use marijuana now, their wives have had more influence in their abandoning that habit than their parents." WP 9/4
BALT. S. 9/4

- After conferring with Mondale, Carter said, "I have learned a lot from Senator Mondale. He's been there. . .with this melding of his knowledge of the horrible Washington scene with my fresh approach coming in from outside, I think we'll correct the defects that are there." WP 9/4
- Carter reported that he could not say whether Clarence Kelley "should be fired or not;" he does not have any "private reports" on the case. "It's apparent that President Ford has not done anything to prevent that kind of violation of propriety," Carter added. NYT 9/4
- "Over the last 10 years I paid roughly 25 to 35 percent of my annual income in taxes. Last year was a special case because we had a very large plant that cost almost a million dollars installed," Carter stated regarding the tax break he received. Carter was "not embarrassed" by the percentage of tax he paid, but added that this "illustrates vividly the need for tax reform. . .I personally would like to see investment tax credits, for instance, which were the reason my taxes were not as high last year as they have been in the past. . .predicated almost entirely on the number of people that are put back to work. Right now, a lot of investment tax credits given to businessmen like myself don't relate at all to how many new jobs are provided." WP 9/4
- In an interview with the Washington Star, Carter said Ford "is the President and he's trying to run the campaign as if he's not responsible for anything that has been going on in Washington." WS 9/3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1976

- While in Plains, Carter told reporters, "I have to make sure that I don't assume the responsibility for everything the Democratic Party has ever done in the past." He added that he wants "to get back into exactly the same campaign style and technique that I used in the spring, as much as is possible you know, with my new role." NYT 9/5
- Carter will visit Virginia and Florida, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois in the initial week of his campaign. Mondale will fly into California, Iowa and Missouri along with duplicating some of the states Carter will appear in. Along with their wives and relatives, the Democratic ticket has appearances in 107 cities in 37 states scheduled this week. NYT 9/5
BALT. S. 9/5
- "The Republicans are trying to project that I am irresponsible, a spendthrift, and a liberal, that I have no knowledge of foreign affairs or defense, that I'm unpredictable," Carter said in an interview. "But I think if I can maintain an image throughout the debate that I am a good manager and not a spendthrift, that I am a mature person in my consideration of issues, I think that I would overcome those major handicaps in a debate regardless of who won or lost. I think President Ford is expected to know a great deal more about domestic programs and foreign programs than I am. He's been in Washington 27 years. And to the extent that I come out equal to him in my apparent knowledge of issues, I think again that would be equivalent to a victory for me. . . the aura of the Presidency, the high favorable rating that President Ford has personally, his image--as an honest, decent person is something I think that causes me some concern." BALT. S. 9/5

- Carter will place his emphasis in the debates "on the future: I think that President Ford's emphasis will be much more on the past. Whether that's a better reserve to tap than a current concept of what is going to be done in the future, and how I might unify the country, how I might provide strong leadership as contrasted to what I think is his weak leadership, is still to be decided. I feel like I'm on sound political grounds in that distinction." Carter added that he "would have had much more trepidation about a debate" with Ronald Reagan because he is "a professional television performer. . . a superb user of the television medium."

BALT. S. 9/5

- "We might shift toward a concentrated effort in a few states. . . in order to avoid a defeat," Carter stated. "The mandate that is crucial to me in carrying out quickly my promises to the people can only come from a wide-ranging success among the electorates and I think this would be the greatest impact on the consciousness of the American people, the news media, the Congress members, the bureaucratic leaders in Washington, if they saw that Carter got a firm base of support, an overwhelming majority of the electoral college votes, and this could only come about with an effort to win all over the country."

BALT. S. 9/5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1976

- Carter heard himself compared to the Apostle Paul at the Plains Baptist Church Sunday service. "This is my church and Clarence Dodson is my teacher," Carter said. "Here I'm a student and if there's one thing that gives stability and continuity to my life in the hurly-burly and pressure of a political campaign, it's coming home to church in Plains." He later greeted tourists in the center of his home town.

BALT. S. 9/6
WP 9/6

- Carter told the tourists, "I think our country is ready for new leadership, and that is what I intend to provide. I don't intend to lose on November 2." Carter and Mondale will "turn this country around" and "carve out the kind of nation that will make us all proud again."

BALT. S. 9/6

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1976

- Carter formally began his election campaign in Warm Springs, Georgia. Speaking at Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Little White House," Carter told his audience, "It's time for a change. As a political candidate, I owe nothing to special interests. I owe everything to the people. . . When Harry Truman was in the White House there was never any doubt who was captain of the ship. Now. . . everytime another ship runs aground--CIA, FBI, Panama, unemployments, deficits, welfare, inflation, Medicaid--the captain hides in his stateroom and the crew argues about who is to blame. . . That's an accurate analysis of the present administration. . . This year, as in 1932, our nation is divided, our people are out of work, and our national leaders do not lead. Our nation is drifting without inspiration, without vision, and without purpose. [Roosevelt's] opponent in 1932 was an incumbent President, a decent and well-intentioned man who sincerely believed that our government could not or should not with bold action attack the terrible economic and social ills of our nation. He was leading a Republican Party which lacked the strength and vision to bring us out of those dark days."

NYT 9/7
WP 9/7

- Carter also told those gathered, "We should decentralize power. When there is a choice between government responsibility and private responsibility, we should always go with private responsibility if it is adequate. . .When there is a choice between welfare and work, let's go to work." Carter spoke of Kennedy who "was considered to be an outsider because he was young and relatively inexperienced and because of his religious beliefs." Carter then embraced Kennedy's 1960 campaign slogan saying it was time "to get our country on the move again."

NYT 9/7

- Carter flew in his newly leased jet, "Peanut One," to South Carolina where he attended the Southern 500 in Darlington. Carter briefly met with Senator Dole before attending fund-raisers for Democratic Congressional candidates in South Carolina and Norfolk, Virginia which included a \$1,000-a-person fund-raiser for Representative Jenrette. A crowd of 12,00 greeted Carter in Norfolk where he said, "We have a quiet, dormant, timid leadership in Washington--closely tied to special interests."

WP 9/7
BALT. S. 9/7

- Mondale attended rallies in Ohio, Missouri, and California. In a speech at a Labor Day parade in Barbertown, Ohio, Mondale declared, "to be able to work and refuse to work is, in my opinion, un-American." There is "nothing more indispensable [than the] millions of decent, able-bodied Americans who work, who pay their taxes, and who stay off welfare. The reason I'm a Democrat is that the heart of the Democratic Party and the heart of the working man is the same." There is "nothing more important than a policy that puts people back to work. We're going to put people back to work, with reasonable interest rates, so we can work and produce the things the American people need."

NYT 9/7

- Carter will campaign in Pennsylvania Tuesday and Wednesday before leaving for Washington Wednesday evening.

PI 9/7



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1976

- Carter campaigned in New York City, Brooklyn, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Washington.
- Carter said, "I want to be sure that the business leaders, the professional leaders know that the President of the United States is committed to the future of New York City so that I can induce them not to move jobs away from your community." NBC NEWS 9/7
- While in Brooklyn, Carter stated, regarding Lt. Calley: "I have never supported Lt. Calley. I think he was a disgrace to the Army and the country. I think he was a scapegoat for his superiors. . .He is not typical. The average American soldier is not a murderer." Carter was still disturbed that Calley was ordered "punished for a terrible crime and the superior officers who ordered it or knew of it" were not imprisoned. AP 9/7
- Carter said the Ford Administration weakens national security when it "fails to end waste and confusion in the Pentagon. Fat in the defense budget does not make us strong." AP 9/7
- "This is a campaign that has got to be kept between the candidates who want to lead the country and the individual citizens of this country," Carter told his audience in Groton, Connecticut. "It's not a time for hiding from the voters. It's not a time for depending on powerful big-shot political figures to put you into office. . .The buck is running all over Washington looking for a place to stop." BALT. S. 9/8
- "I have come to Philadelphia to talk to you," said Carter, "and to talk to your community leaders, to see how we can provide better places to live. . .better welfare programs, health programs, and balance the budget around it." WP 9/8
- "If we are to save our cities, we must revitalize our neighborhoods first. If we are to save our country, we must give our families and neighborhoods a chance. . .Neighborhoods are not streets and buildings. Neighborhoods are people and families. . .and what affects me and my friends in a tiny community in South Georgia are the same things that affect you--inflation, unemployment, and crime." UPI 9/7
WP 9/8

- "I don't have all the information that President Ford and Mr. Levi have, but knowing what I have learned from the news media that has been revealed, yes, I think the head of the FBI ought to be absolutely clear of any allegations that any law or any propriety has ever been violated," Carter told reporters. Kelley "was caught with government employees using my and your tax money decorating his apartment. So President Ford had the Attorney General investigate it, and the Attorney General said he did it and President Ford said, 'Well, let's let him stay where he is.' The director of the FBI ought to be purer than Ceasar's wife."

NBC NEWS 9/7
WP 9/8

- And when people throughout this country, particularly young people, see Richard Nixon cheating, lying, leaving the highest office in disgrace, when you see the previous Attorney General violate the law and admit it, when you see the head of the FBI break a little law, but stay there, it gives everybody a sense that crime is okay. If the big shots in Washington get away with it, then why can't I?" Carter asked his audience.

CBS NEWS 9/7

- We've had an unprecedented increase in the crime rate in the last eight years under a Republican Administration. I don't blame all the crime rate on the Republicans. . .that would not be fair. . .But there's been a great contribution to the crime rate in this country because of Watergate, because of the CIA revelations, and because of the disgraceful actions in the FBI."

WP 9/8

- After being jostled in an anti-abortion demonstration, Carter said, "I do not favor a Supreme Court ruling favoring amendments to the Constitution that would totally outlaw all abortions or give states local option rights, but under the Supreme Court ruling, I as President will do everything I can to hold down or minimize abortion. . .I think abortions are wrong. We need to have a comprehensive national sex education program to minimize abortions. . .I don't think the government ought to ever finance or pay for abortions."

CBS NEWS 9/7
WP 9/8
PI 9/8

- "Under the Republican Administrations, the FHA has been put under HUD and had become a disgrace to our country. . .HUD means Housing Undergoing Destruction. . .Now our government has become the world's greatest slum landlord," Carter stated while campaigning outside of Philadelphia.

AP 9/7

- "That inflation average, less than 2 percent a year under the last three Democratic Presidents, but 6 percent a year under the last two Republican Administrations," Carter added.

PI 9/8

- On taxes, Carter said, "Too much of the burden has been shifted away from rich families and corporations onto the shoulders of working families."

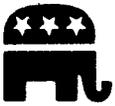
PI 9/8

- Mondale visited the hiring hall in central Los Angeles to speak to unemployed laborers. He told the workers, "I've talked to many of you who are unable to find enough work to take care of your families. There are people in this hall who come here every day and who sit here in this hall waiting for a job. Some of you have had to drop your insurance, lose your homes. . .all because you can't get a job."

WP 9/8

- "Just a few months ago, for example," Mondale added, "we said why not take some of the money that we're now spending on unemployment insurance and welfare and take it to build things that Americans need, public construction and so on. . .put people to work, the President vetoed that."

ABC NEWS 9/7



Republican
National
Committee.

September 9, 1976

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a collection of comments by Jimmy Carter on the issues of Busing, Oil and Right-to-Work. This information is intended to give you an insight, not widely publicized to date, into Jimmy Carter and his views. It is hoped that this will augment the rather limited resources which may be currently available to you.

If there are any questions relating to this material or you are in need of further sources, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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September 3, 1976

BUSING

In the February 17, 1972, Atlanta Constitution, Jimmy Carter said that the clearest voice of protest against the court order to desegregate schools through busing would be action by the General Assembly calling for a constitutional amendment prohibiting such action. As a "last resort," Carter said that he would support a one-day school boycott. He called busing "the most serious threat to education I can remember."

In a May 23, 1976, St. Louis Post-Dispatch review of Carter on civil rights, Robert Adams concludes that throughout his political career, Carter's position has varied. Although many perceive him to be liberal, Carter voted against a bill that would have provided open accommodation and fair-employment laws by counties in Georgia.

During the Democratic primary campaign, Carter said, "I personally favor voluntary busing for students who want it," and also, "I am not in favor of a constitutional amendment to change the busing provisions, and I will enforce the orders of the Federal Courts..." according to the Boston Globe, June 25, 1976.

OIL

Jimmy Carter has been outspoken on big oil companies during his political career, especially since the oil embargo of 1973. In a January 31, 1974, Atlanta Constitution article, Carter accused major oil companies of taking advantage of oil shortages to make "unconscionable profits." The Des Moines Register on January 15, 1976, quotes Carter as favoring "restrictions on the right of a single company to own all phases of production and distribution of oil." Since that time, his statements have been even more specific.

To Ralph Nader's Public Citizen Forum on August 9, 1976, Carter said that he supported horizontal divestiture to force oil companies to dispose of their interests in other energy industries, but that he supported only vertical divestiture on the wholesale or retail levels of operation.

After his most recent energy briefing, Carter said that he was inclined to support Oklahoma Governor David Boren's proposal not to force divestiture but rather to tax each level of oil production so that the American public can know the profit margins of each of these levels.

RIGHT TO WORK

The April 27, 1976, Christian Science Monitor reports that in January of 1971, Carter wrote to the National Right to Work Committee, "I stated during my campaign that I was not in favor of doing away with the right to work law, and that is the position I still maintain."

In Waukesha, Wisconsin on April 1, 1976, Carter said for the first time publicly, "I think the 14-B should be repealed, which would permit the abolition of right to work laws. And if the Congress passes such legislation, I'd be glad to sign it." (Atlanta Constitution, April 14, 1976). Two weeks after his statement supporting repeal, Carter told Atlanta businessmen that he did not advocate repeal, but would sign such legislation passed by Congress. (Atlanta Constitution, April 14, 1976)

Ga. governor backs boycott

AUGUSTA, GA. (UPI) — Gov. Jimmy Carter has joined Rep. Fletcher Thompson in calling for a statewide school boycott to dramatize the push for a constitutional amendment to halt racial bussing.

Carter said last night that such a boycott would be "a legitimate thing to do" to show public concern over federal

court-ordered bussing to achieve a racial balance in schools.

"The expression of opposition to the bussing order by parents in Richmond County helps to dramatize the need," said Carter, referring to a boycott Monday in Augusta in which 59 percent of the coun-

ty's schoolchildren stayed home.

Thompson, who soon is expected to announce his candidacy for the Senate, climbed aboard a caravan of red, white, and blue pickup trucks at three Augusta schools yesterday to call for a statewide school boycott Feb. 28.

Detroit News 2/16/72

Carter Lauds Wallace's *Atlanta Constitution* Test of Nixon on Busing 8/17/71

Gov. Jimmy Carter Monday praised Alabama Gov. Wallace's defiance of an order to bus a school child for purposes of achieving racial balance in the classroom.

"Gov. Wallace of Alabama has taken action this past week which provides the Nixon administration an opportunity to demonstrate its sincerity or to reveal to us all its total lack of principle," Carter said in a prepared statement.

Nixon last week said he was against busing to achieve racial integration in schools. Wallace took him at his word and canceled a federal court decree ordering busing in Alabama.

Carter said he planned no such action in Georgia, but added:

"If the President is sincere, let him place the full resources of the federal government, including the Justice department and HEW, behind whatever legal or administrative action is necessary to eliminate once and for all the shipping of students and teachers far from their homes and friends for purposes that have absolutely nothing to do with education."

Carter Backs Boycott Only as Last Resort

Atlanta Constitution 2/17/72

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By BEAU CUTTS

Other busing stories and pictures. Pages

parents to hold their children out of school

Carter Record *A Pre*
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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Atlanta Constitution

2/17/76

Carter Changed Busing Stand

By DICK PETTYS

While Carter criticizes the federal

WALL STREET JOURNAL

Jimmy Carter on the School Board

By NEIL MAXWELL

~~...days~~ The intensity of feelings about contact
there was no such thing as an integration- between the races shows up clearly in the

Boston Globe
6/25/76

Speech at Museum of Science

Partial text of Carter's remarks on busing

Democratic presidential contender Jimmy Carter gave one of the most detailed accounts of his views on busing at a fundraiser at the Museum of Science Tuesday night. Following is a partial text of Carter's comments:

"I personally favor voluntary busing for students who want it. And full participation by the minority

groups, blacks for instance, in the management of the school system. That element I think is missing in your own local community. That's my preference ...

"We faced it in the South before it reached other parts of the country and we have done it ... (Integration) was one of the best things that ever

happened in the South ... (It was also) a very traumatic, disruptive, sometimes violent question for us to resolve ...

"I see a real need in this country for strong leadership from the President, the governors, the mayors to encourage free integration of schools ...

"I am not in favor of a constitutional amendment

to change the busing provisions, and I will enforce the orders of the Federal courts ...

"I do not believe it would be feasible to put a three-year limit or a five-year limit on a Federal court ruling. That would require a constitutional amendment and I don't think that's feasible."

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Carter Energy Remarks Reflect Shift From Consumer Orientation

After Hearing Arguments on Behalf of Industry, He Sounds
More Sympathetic Toward Producers of Oil, Gas, Atom Power

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Carter Shifting Stance Again on Right-to-Work Laws?

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A tough labor issue for a Southern candidate

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By JOHN E. PETERSON
New York Times

"We're satisfied with his recent assurances that he would sign bills eliminating

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Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1976

- Carter campaigned in Pittsburgh, Washington, and Cleveland. He will be in Chicago on Thursday.
- While in Pittsburgh, Carter stated at a noon rally, "Now we have timid leadership. Every time something goes wrong in Washington, nobody knows who's responsible. . .when Harry Truman was in the White House, he had a slogan on his desk. . .'the buck stops here'; nowadays, the buck can run all over Washington looking for a place to stop--nobody knows who's in charge." CBS NEWS 9/9
- Carter spoke at a B'nai B'rith convention in Washington. He told his audience, "These so-called Arab boycotts violate our basic standards of freedom and morality, and they must be stopped. If I become President, all laws concerning these boycotts will be strictly enforced, and you can count on it." NBC NEWS 9/8
- Carter added that the Helsinki treaty "ratified the takeover of Eastern Europe by the Soviet Union." Among his other complaints of foreign policy, Carter cited "heavy-handed efforts to destroy an elected government in Chile. . .In Cyprus, we let expediency triumph over fairness, and lost both ways. . .Our own government's continuing failure to protest the denial of freedom in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union." Soviet treatment of applicants for emigration--including many Jews--"will be very much on my mind as I negotiate with the Soviet Union." BALT. S. 9/9
- Carter added that some regimes "openly violate human rights" and the United States should not "condone repression" but should use "our tremendous influence to increase freedom, particularly, in those countries that depend on us for their very survival. . .Our present administration, our government, has been so obsessed with the balance of power politics it has often ignored basic American values and a common and proper concern for human rights. The leaders of the administration have all been rationalized that there is no room for morality in foreign affairs and that we must put self-interests above principle. I disagree strongly." NYT 9/9
NBC NEWS 9/9

- Mondale campaigned in the Midwest; he spoke in Iowa and Missouri. He told 100 farmers in Missouri, "It's interesting who gets embargoed these days. I haven't seen them [the Republicans] embargo high oil prices or feed prices. Instead, you're being embargoed, while the people from whom you're getting your supplies are not being embargoed at all." He added that the Democratic policy stated in the platform is better because it "discards once and for all the notion that export embargoes should be used year after year as a substitute for thoughtful, workable agricultural policy. Our policy is not designed to maximize the profits of speculators and middlemen. It is designed to give maximum benefit to the American farmer and the American consumer. . . American farmers do not want a handout," instead, they want "decent, minimum farm loan programs. . . any farmer who votes Republican ought to have his head examined."

WP 9/9
BALT. S. 9/9

- Representative B.F. Sisk resigned as co-chairman of the Western Regional Carter-Mondale Farm Committee. He cited Carter's decision to support Proposition 14 as what prompted him to resign.

LAT 9/8

- The League of Women Voters confirmed yesterday that the first Ford-Carter debate on September 23 will be held in Philadelphia.

WP 9/9

- In a Harris Survey between August 18 and 20, a cross-section of 2,844 likely voters was asked:

For President this November it will be between Gerald Ford for the Republicans and Jimmy Carter for the Democrats. If you had to make up your mind right now, would you vote for Ford the Republican or for Carter the Democrat?

	Ford Per cent	Carter Per cent	Not Sure Per cent
Late August 1976	39	53	8
Early August	32	61	7
July (post-Democratic convention)	27	66	7
June	40	53	7

The cross-section was also asked:
In some states, former U.S. Sen. Eugene McCarthy will also be on the presidential ballot, running as an independent. If he's on the ballot in this state, and you had to make up your mind right now, would you vote for Ford the Republican, Carter the Democrat or McCarthy the independent?

	Ford Per cent	Carter Per cent	McCarthy Per cent	Not Sure Per cent
Late August 1976	38	49	6	7
Early August	29	58	7	4

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Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1976

- Carter met with factory workers in Milwaukee before flying to Florida to campaign in Hollywood and Jacksonville. He later spoke in Springfield, Peoria, and Chicago, Illinois, and Columbus, Ohio. NYT 9/10
- Regarding Clarence Kelley, Carter said, "Obviously, I sympathize with anybody whose wife is dying of cancer, but that doesn't have anything to do with it. I think that's a deliberate effort on the part of President Ford to cloud the issue. . . I don't think it's got anything to do with cancer. In Georgia, it would be a crime. I'm not familiar with the Washington law, but if it's not a crime, it ought to be." WP 9/10
- "President Ford says there is not fat in the Pentagon budget and I say there is. I believe that they've been there so long in Washington bogged down in red tape, stuffing paper, approving budgets automatically, letting the Defense Department duplicate things that civilian agencies do, that just a few billion dollars in waste doesn't bother them any more," Carter added. CBS NEWS 9/9
- Carter noted that the huge federal structure which shelters waste, is protected by special interest groups who "come out of the ratholes" and defend "their niche and privilege that's been carved out of the confusion of government." The U.S. needs leaders whose obligation is "to the people and not to the special interest groups, and leaders who are absolutely determined with a mandate from the people to take bold action. . . stern measures are going to be required." CSM 9/10
- At a rally in Illinois, Carter declared, "The issue is waste and mismanagement in the Defense Department and throughout the Federal government. I continue to attack waste, corruption, and inefficiency wherever it is found, from HEW to DOD. It is only natural that those who have condoned and defended such waste for the past several decades should continue to do so." AP 9/9
- Carter added, "This year we're working together to give you better government. . . In every aspect of life--sensitivity, minimum wage, social security, balanced budgets, unemployment, inflation--the Republicans have set new records of damage for our country. Well, I intend to change that." AP 9/9

- "Ford is an honest man, [but] I think he has not been a leader," Carter said in Ohio. "He has not put forward any substantive proposal that I have ever heard related to unemployment, or to inflation, or transportation, or energy, or housing, tax reform, or government waste." CSM 9/10
- "If elected," Carter told his audience, "I will actively support a strong sunset law covering most of the bureaucratic establishment and covering virtually all tax expenditures as well. I want a law which will shut down outdated agencies and programs once and for all. I intend to secure enactment of such a law." AP 9/9
- "I can only express my hope, as leader of the Democratic Party, that whatever the outcome of the transition period, our ties with China will be strengthened and not weakened...my own hope would be that the next exchange of diplomatic relations on the summit level would be created by a Chinese visit to our country. I don't contemplate a visit to China anytime early in my administration." AP 9/9
- Carter stated at a news conference regarding abortion, "This campaign issue is legitimate;" he understands the demonstrator's "deep feelings about it," but added, "Our own polls have shown I have a 6 percent greater support among Catholic voters than among Protestant." It's a mistake "to assume that it's myself against the Catholic Church. I think church leaders would agree with that. . .I think abortion is wrong. . . I don't have any intention of changing my opinion just to get votes in an election year." NYT 9/10
- "I believe that any candidate for President who tries to take a political advantage of an emotional issue like this which is so divisive and so deeply felt would create an adverse reaction to that candidacy. And I'll never inject the abortion issue into any form with the hope that I might derive from it political benefits," Carter stated. NBC NEWS 9/9
- Fr. Robert Drinan stated in an interview on the "Today" Show, "I will say, despite this [the abortion issue], Carter will get 65 to 70 percent of the [Catholic] vote." NBC NEWS 9/10
- After campaigning in Detroit, Mondale spoke to the National Baptist Association of America. What America needs, he told his audience, is "an administration that puts families and family life No. 1 in policies and priorities of this country." AP 9/10
- The Atlanta Constitution reported Thursday that the Carter campaign "mailed out one thousand to fifteen hundred paperback books about his term as governor that were printed at the state's expense. . .Entitled A State in Action, Georgia 1971 to 1975. . .five thousand copies were printed at state expense, but Carter's use of his may be a violation of the Federal Campaign Finance Laws." AC 9/9
- The latest CBS News/New York Times survey shows Carter with a 4 to 3 lead over Ford; 1703 registered voters were polled. CBS NEWS 9/9

- Carter's pollster, Patrick Caddell, said that Illinois presents peculiar problems for Carter. "It is such a partisan state--everybody votes party there. In most area we have good support in the suburbs, but in Illinois the suburbs belong to the Republicans. We don't know if we can make them budge." A poll completed for the Carter campaign showed Carter with a 4-point lead over Ford in Illinois. Jody Powell added, "There is no way you can ignore a state the size of Illinois. At no point would either side be able to take it for granted."

CT 9/10

- According to Robert Strauss, a Democratic National Committee poll "showed 5 and 6 percentage points for McCarthy" and indicated that 50 percent of the Eugene McCarthy vote came from Democrats, 12 percent from Republicans, and 38 percent from Independents. Strauss said, "It's real and it's of more than passing interest. ...It is of some concern." Strauss added that the Republicans would make "an all-out effort to create fear and distrust" of Carter among the voters, trying to capitalize on the fact that "his Southern drawl and the Baptist religious thing are strange to many people in America."

NYT 9/10



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1976

- Carter spoke at an International Association of Machinists convention in Hollywood, Florida. He also campaigned in Jacksonville, Florida and Milwaukee before returning to Plains for the weekend.
- Carter said at the convention, "And I think it's time now for Mr. Ford to come forward and explain about his policies on unemployment, on inflation, on health care, welfare, Medicaid. But he's not doing that, he's hiding in the White House not willing to face the American people and to account for what he's done." CBS NEWS 9/10
- Carter added, "Mr. Ford had hired a joke writer, he paid him \$40,000 a year, I guess to make the American people feel better who were out of jobs or who were paying so much more for housing. The joke is on us, because we're paying his salary. Well he's not going to have much more to laugh about between now and January." CBS NEWS 9/10
WP 9/11
- In an airplane news conference, Carter said the main issues of the first debate would be "proper management of government, including waste, and maladministration of the Medicaid program. I think housing problems are the next ones to break into the national consciousness; the problems with inflation; unemployment; unbalanced budgets; lack of cooperation with Congress; lack of leadership; and projecting what our nation ought to be over the next four-year period." NYT 9/11
- During the primaries, Carter said he "was sometimes stigmatized by being called the conservative candidate in the Democratic Party." But after being portrayed at the Republican National Convention as a "spend-thrift, irresponsible, ultraliberal, I thought it was time to reassert my basic commitment." Carter added that the positions he took during the first week of campaigning "are compatible with my positions during the primary campaign." NYT 9/11
- Carter told reporters after returning to Plains that while he was visiting 16 cities in 10 states, "President Ford can walk into the Rose Garden and recite a 1 1/2 minute statement" and get equal national television exposure. Carter added, "I would be a little more reticent in the future about responding" to the President's claims. BALT. S. 9/12

- Mondale spoke at Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. He told the students, "The first steps toward Watergate began for the very purpose of covering up illegal wars overseas." The Vietnam war was "the worst war in American history. . . a war begun by a Democratic President and continued by a Republican President, a war that I regret to say that I once supported." ABC NEWS 9/10
BALT. S. 9/11
- "We can compete with our allies without becoming like them. . . what is supposed to be special about America is that we couple our power with justice." Mondale added that the attempt to deal with Angola was made by "another furtive and covert operation as if the most important lesson of Vietnam had not been learned." BALT. S. 9/11
- Mondale promised to "provide once again the kind of leadership that enlists the idealism and the optimism of the young." BALT. S. 9/11

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1976

- Carter relaxed in Plains and reviewed a 100-page volume prepared by his staff to aid Carter in the forthcoming debates with Ford. BALT. S. 9/11
- At a breakfast meeting of leading Democrats in New Jersey, Mondale said, "He [Ford] and the Republicans have simply loused up the economy to an unbelievable extent." This had "led to frustration and despair among Americans." He later added that Republicans had "ruined a decent American dream" by destroying jobs and forcing workers into unemployment. NYT 9/12
- Campaigning in Seattle, Washington, Joan Mondale stated, "The two scandals in Washington are Watergate and waterbed. The Democrats are doing it to their secretaries, and the Republicans are doing it to the country." PI 9/12

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1976

- Carter spent a quiet weekend in Plains. He attended church services Sunday morning and later greeted tourists. On Monday, Carter will leave on a trip through 10 states and the District of Columbia. He will attend a fund-raiser for Morris Udall Monday night in Phoenix, and a fund-raiser for Birch Bayh Thursday afternoon in Washington. Carter will address the state AFL-CIO in Dearborn, Michigan on Wednesday; Mondale will then join Carter for appearances in Minneapolis, Mankato and Lake Crystal, Minnesota. Also on Wednesday, Carter will attend an Italian-American Bicentennial tribute dinner for Representative Rodino. WP 9/13
- Before the first debate Carter is "going to take off a couple of days. . . just rest and get some extra sleep and walk in my fields and go down to the warehouse and foot with the peanut crop and change from the campaigning routine. But I'm not going to go off and practice against a dummy opponent or try to memorize some cut speeches or something like that," Carter declared. WP 9/13

- According to a Darden Research Corporation poll released September 13, Carter leads Ford in the South 53.5 percent to 31.8 percent. But Ford leads among independent voters 53.5 percent to 46.5; 600 voters were surveyed.

CSM 9/13

A CROSS SECTION of 1,381 likely voters was recently asked by the Harris survey:

"Now, if you had to choose, who do you think could do a better job as President on [read list]—Gerald Ford or Jimmy Carter?"

CT 9/13

CARTER VS. FORD ON ISSUES

	Ford %	Carter %	Not Sure %
Keeping the military defense of the country strong.	44	34	22
Keeping federal spending under control.	43	37	20
Keeping Congress from spending too much money.	43	35	22
Handling relations with Russia.	41	30	29
Working for peace in the world.	41	36	23
Keeping the country out of war.	40	35	25
Persuading big business to invest to make the economy grow.	39	38	23
Standing up firmly to the Russians.	37	34	29
Keeping inflation under control.	37	39	24
Inspiring confidence personally in the White House.	33	48	19
Helping ease the energy shortage.	31	28	41
Restoring integrity to government.	31	48	21
Cutting out fat in defense spending.	28	46	26
Working with Congress.	28	58	14
Handling labor unions.	27	30	23
Handling the problems of the cities.	26	48	26
Fighting for consumer's interests.	25	54	21
Cleaning up the federal bureaucracy.	25	49	26
Really caring about the unemployed.	23	56	21
Curbing big business abuses.	22	58	20



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1976

- Carter campaigned in Birmingham, Alabama Monday morning; Carter was introduced by Gov. Wallace at two Birmingham appearances. Carter then flew to Oklahoma and spoke to students at the University of Oklahoma. He later attended a rally for Udall in Phoenix, Arizona and spoke with families of missing Vietnam war soldiers. UPI 9/14
- Carter's second campaign week will also take him to Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and possibly Ohio and Arkansas. AP 9/13
- Carter told businessmen in Birmingham, "Business is basically honest-- more so than they're given credit for. One thing a President can do is to help restore the stature, approval and the public support and confidence in the business community. It's a cheap shot when elected officials blame the business community for the economic, social, and political problems of our country." WP 9/14
- Under the Republicans, Carter told businessmen, bankruptcies have doubled, interest rates have risen 50 percent, unemployment was up 100 percent, and budget deficits "increased grossly. This is the kind of improper management that really grates on the consciousness of a businessman." He added that the Republicans pay "lip service to small business and big service to big business. . .I can't recall a single thing that our incumbent President has done in a two-year period indicating a capability for leadership." BALT. S. 9/14
- Carter accused Earl Butz of releasing crop estimates that have "not been completely factual and objective. I think at times they've been released quite often to artificially lower prices. . .I don't have the slightest idea what Mr. Butz is going to do next." If elected, Carter will "send Mr. Butz back where he came from." PI 9/14
BALT. S. 9/14
- At a shopping mall in Birmingham, Carter told the crowd, "the South has always been extraordinarily patriotic. I never have understood why. Maybe it's the aftermath of the War Between the States or the presence of so many military installations. . .We southerns believe in work, not welfare." WP 9/14
NYT 9/14

- Speaking to local officials in Norman, Oklahoma, Carter said that in some criminal judgments the court had gone "too far. I think the civil rights ones were proper. I would not want to undo, for instance, the rulings of one-man, one-vote or providing indigents or poor people with legal counsel. . . .I do favor a shifting back toward the removal of technicalities which obviously prevent the conviction and punishment of those who are guilty. I believe the Berger court is moving in the proper direction. We went too far and it got so that sincere, honest, dedicated, competent law enforcement officers found it almost impossible to comply with all the technicalities that might be raised in court or on appeal, and obviously guilty people were released unpunished and society in the process suffered." WP 9/14
BALT. S. 9/14
- Carter also told officials, "I don't think that the federal government ought ever to tell local people what to do with their land, which ought to be for agriculture, development, recreation. . . .If I dropped down agriculture to a lower priority than it is now, when I get to be President, my own kinfolk wouldn't speak to me." UPI 9/13
- "This man. . . is a deep southerner like you and me," Wallace stated when introducing Carter. "The nation is going to be better off" with Carter, he added. Carter replied, "Governor Wallace's early support and friendship is something I'll always remember." PI 9/14
- "It would not have been possible in 1948 or 1960 or even 1970 for a southern governor from the Deep South to be elected President of the United States," Carter told his student audience on the University of Oklahoma. "But this year I have not felt any prejudice against me because of my religious beliefs or because I'm from the South." WP 9/14
- Carter added, "The best way to guarantee peace is to eliminate waste at the Pentagon and have a tough, supple, well-organized, muscular fighting force. The best way to guarantee peace is to be able to fight if necessary." Carter had stated earlier in the day, "The No. 1 priority of any President is to guarantee the security of our nation." WP 9/14
- "During the last twenty-one months I had a chance to get to know one of the finest public servants I have ever seen," Carter declared in Phoenix; "a tough campaigner who challenged me in every state I went to, who won, even though he didn't always get the most votes, he always won the hearts of the voters and the respect of his opponents, my friend Mo Udall." NBC NEWS 9/14
- While in Phoenix, Carter encountered a number of anti-abortion demonstrators; he told them, "I don't think we should give states local option because this means that the most liberal states can pass a free and easy abortion law and the rich women from all across the country can go to that state to have a legal abortion. I think it should be uniform all over the country." WP 9/14
- Carter officially accepted the presidential nomination of the New York State Liberal Party, thereby assuring that his name will appear on the New York ballot in November as the candidate of both the Liberal and the Democratic parties. WP 9/14

- Mondale began his day at a voter registration booth in Alexandria, Va. He then flew to Florida to address the Council of Condominium Presidents Association, along with other senior citizen groups. Mondale will continue campaigning in Florida on Tuesday morning; he will spend the afternoon and evening at the University of Illinois.

- "We won't forget you," Mondale told several hundred elderly condominium residents. "I think a decent America shows its decency by respecting and caring for those who helped make this country. . .If they [Ford-Dole] had their way, there would be no Medicare at all. Moreover, as President, Ford and his Administration have nickled and dimed the Medicare program to death." The Republicans "think seniors are dumb," Mondale added.

UPI 9/13

- "A society that does not respect its elderly, a society that doesn't care enough to show respect for those who made this country great in the first place, is a society that's on the way down and America should never be on the way down," Mondale declared.

CBS NEWS 9/14

- Mondale added, "We need to tilt the tax laws to encourage and make it profitable to keep local family owned businesses, farms and other assets. For that reason, some of us on the Finance Committee this year pushed reform in the estate tax laws. And I'm glad to say that the Conference Committee yesterday reported out our bill."

CBS NEWS 9/14



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1976

- Carter campaigned in Arizona where he addressed 500 senior citizens at a geriatric hospital. He also campaigned in Montana and North and South Dakota.
- Carter stated he would "not want to undo some of the controversial decisions that had been made in the past" by the Supreme Court with regard to civil rights. But he favors "a shifting back toward the removal of technicalities which obviously prevent the conviction and punishment of those who are guilty. I believe the Burger court is moving back in the proper direction. We went too far and it got so that sincere, honest, dedicated, competent law enforcement officers found it almost impossible to comply with all the technicalities that might be raised in court or on appeal and obviously guilty people were released unpunished. Society, in the process, suffered." NYT 9/15
- "Whatever money we have available, health care will be one of the top priorities." Carter had said that if he becomes President, economic conditions will improve to the extent that, by 1981, more than \$60 billion in new federal funds would be available. "A good proportion" would be for a comprehensive national health-care system. BALT. S. 9/15
- "We have been concerned lately about the proper administration of the Medicaid program," Carter said. "The Republican administration in Washington has just not provided the tough, competent management to make our scarce health dollars go to help patients or prevent disaster. It's a national disgrace. . . There ought to be a package available to all of you, to all Americans, to guarantee a minimum amount of health care." BALT. S. 9/15
- Carter added in Phoenix, "I think the record of the Republican administration will demonstrate that historically and also now they care much less about the people of this country than do the Democrats." He later stated in Billings, Montana regarding Ford's campaign style as an indication that Ford didn't care, "I think that is the impression the people would draw. . . It helps my campaign. It gives me the advantage that the American people know I care enough about them to come." BALT. S. 9/15
- In North Dakota, Carter said, "My own belief is that he [Ford] would have a difficult time with a constant cross-examination of his record as President or of his Republican administration's record as President and that's probably one of the reasons, yes, that he stays in the White House." NBC NEWS 9/15

- Replying to Ford's assertion that he was staying in Washington to keep an eye on the Congress, Carter said, "I think perhaps sometimes President Ford forgets he is no longer a member of Congress and doesn't have to remain while they are in session. . .Some progress has been made," Carter noted. "At least he comes out into the Rose Garden." BALT. S. 9/15

- Carter stated in Montana, "If you elect me, I'll guarantee we're going to have some good changes in Washington starting next January." He said later in North Dakota, "I believe that we need another farmer in the White House. We haven't had one since Thomas Jefferson and I think he did a pretty good job and I think you'll agree with that." NBC NEWS 9/15

- In Billings, Montana, Carter said, "The administration has done nothing about it [banning aerosols]. The Toxic Substances Act, moving through Congress, has been opposed constantly by President Ford." NBC NEWS 9/15

- The Carter financial report for the six weeks between the convention and September 1 shows the Carter-Mondale ticket spent \$3,368,000, or an average of about \$75,000 a day. This included more than \$850,000 for broadcast and print advertising, \$750,000 in deposits to the telephone company, more than \$130,000 to Cambridge Survey Research, and \$325,000 to United Airlines in charter fees. NYT 9/15

- NOW [National Organization of Women] organization has demanded a meeting with both candidates to counter whatever effect the Catholic Bishops might have had on voters. CBS NEWS 9/15

- October 6 and 22 were chosen as the dates for the second and third Presidential debates; the locations are unknown.

- "The Republicans, including the President and his running mate have fought those programs [for the elderly] all the way through. The Republican's policy, and the record on senior citizens is miserable, miserable," Mondale said as he continued his campaign in Florida. ABC NEWS 9/15

- After a press conference in Tampa, Mondale said, "I have rather consistently supported the Supreme Court decisions that establish rates that apparently his [Carter's] comments were directed at. I have generally supported the decisions of the court that dealt with the rules that he apparently was talking about." WP 9/15

- Mondale added, "I believe in a very strong law enforcement. I believe that people who commit crimes should be apprehended and tried, and if guilty, punished under the terms of the law. At the same time, I've always supported those [Supreme Court] decisions that protect the Constitutional rights of defendants. I see nothing inconsistent between the two objectives--strong law enforcement and insuring that, in the process, the legal rights of defendants are protected." Mondale related that Carter "said that some of the rules issued by the court were highly technical and made it difficult for law enforcement officers to do their job. And in making that comment he is repeating the comment made by many law scholars in this country. There may well be a difference in emphasis between the governor and I on this issue." WP 9/15



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1976

- Carter spoke to 50,000 farmers at the "Farm Fest 1976" in Lake Crystal, Minnesota; Senators Mondale and Humphrey and Governor Anderson were present. He later toured farms outside of Sioux Falls, South Dakota before flying to Michigan where he addressed the state AFL-CIO convention. WP 9/16
- "I have never met a farmer who wanted a handout," Carter told the Farm Fest audience. "I never met a farmer who wanted to go on welfare. I never met a farmer who wanted the government to guarantee him a profit. But we do want to be treated fairly. . . Now although I am a farmer," Carter stated, "I'm not in favor of guaranteeing farmers a profit, but I am in favor of giving farmers an equal break. We have a cynical gap between the rhetoric of the Ford-Butz Administration compared to the record in helping farmers." WP 9/16
ABC NEWS 9/16
- Carter added, "One of the things that he [Earl Butz] said was that everywhere I've been in this country I promised to fire him if I got to be President and he predicted that when I came here today that I was going to make the same promise. This will be the first prediction that Mr. Butz has ever had right." ABC NEWS 9/16
- Carter told his audience at the state AFL-CIO convention, which had endorsed him earlier in the day, "I am glad to see his [Ford's] final and reluctant emergence from the Rose Garden, but I think in a larger sense this Presidential campaign began a long time ago. My opponent and I, and the two parties we represent, do not exist in isolation, but we are part of the currents of history. . . whenever our party has fought for legislation that would benefit the average American--for Social Security, for minimum wage laws, for rural electrification, for voting rights, for civil rights, for Medicare--and our opponent's party has fought against all that progress. This year the lines are drawn with special clarity for my opponent, in his long career in Congress, has distinguished himself not by any legislation that I can recall that bears his name, a congressional record that equals his record in the White House, but by his tireless opposition to all the great legislation that bears the names of Democrats who cared for the people and were not controlled by special interests." BALT. S. 9/16
- Mr. Ford, upon inheriting a difficult situation, "unerringly turned difficulty into disaster;" the administration's willingness to tolerate high unemployment has made the GOP "the party of welfare instead of work." Carter added, Republican leadership has "lowered the American workers standard of living for the first time in a generation." BALT. S. 9/16
NYT 9/16

- "There has never been an American election quite like this one. We've had economic problems before," Carter declared. "We've had poor leadership before. But we've never had such widespread lack of trust among the American people in their own government. . . Because of a war our people did not want, because of scandals our people did not want, because of economic mismanagement our people did not want, millions of Americans have lost faith in our government." NBC NEWS 9/16
WP 9/16

- Carter also said, "We feel we have lost control of our government, that it has become our master instead of our servant, that we are being ruled by special interests and by politicians who don't care about us. To a tragic degree, that is exactly what has happened." WP 9/16

- "The Republicans have had their innings: no runs, few hits, nine errors" that have caused "our current economic crisis." Carter listed as Ford administration errors the President's 1974 request for a tax increase, the administration's "deliberate attempt to raise energy prices," and vetoes of programs "that could reduce unemployment and increase productivity." Along with those were Nixon's "six errors"--eight years of Republican control "has given the American people the worst economic record since the Great Depression." WP 9/16

- At a news conference, Mondale stated regarding a disagreement with Carter on the question of the Burger courts record, "I have taken the position, generally, that I support the decision of that Court. It's a question of emphasis and there is not that much difference between them." Carter added, "I don't believe that we do [disagree]. We haven't had a chance to discuss it." ABC NEWS 9/15

- Mondale said in Chicago where he was campaigning, "I think it's very clear that on the issues that he's [Ford] raised, he has had a miserable performance record and if trust must be earned, he loses and must lose the trust of the American people in a speech of the kind that he gave today. . . Mr. Ford has a record that belies and puts the falsehood to everything he now claims he's for and I think the American people will see this and if they want jobs, if they want an end to the tremendous inflation and the difficulties of health care, if they want decent housing, if they want to put people back to work, if they want decent parks and recreation it is only the Democratic party and this leadership that offers an opportunity." ABC NEWS 9/16

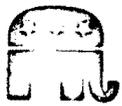
- Mondale spent the night in Chicago; Thursday he will return to Washington and attend an Italian-American dinner with Carter. NYT 9/16

- According to a state-by-state assessment made by the Christian Science Monitor, Carter "as of now" is ahead in 32 states and the District of Columbia with 416 electoral votes; Ford is leading in 14 states with 77 electoral votes; and four states with 45 electoral votes are regarded as "in doubt" or "too close to call." CSM 9/16

- The results of the latest Harris Survey, conducted the last three weeks among 2,844 likely voters nationwide, shows a noticeable drop in the public's rating of Carter's positive attributes, accompanied by a sharp rise in what they find negative about him.

CT 9/16

CARTER PROFILE			
	Asree	Dis- agree	Not Sure
POSITIVE			
He has done a good job of uniting the Democratic Party for the first time in years.			
August	71	12	17
July	82	7	11
He is a man of high integrity.			
August	49	9	22
July	75	8	20
He is not part of the Washington, D.C. establishment, and that is good.			
August	47	12	21
July	73	11	16
He got the Democratic nomination without owing any of the old-time leaders anything, and that is a good thing.			
August	43	13	24
July	65	13	22
He feels deeply about less privileged people and genuinely wants to help them if he becomes President.			
August	42	12	26
July	68	10	22
He has the courage not to make promises to get votes.			
August	53	27	20
July	57	24	17
As President, he would inspire confidence in the White House.			
August	52	21	27
July	42	18	23
He is the kind of new, fresh face that is needed in the White House.			
August	52	33	15
July	48	20	12
He agrees with Ralph Nader on consumer interests and that is a good thing.			
August	51	13	36
July		(Not asked)	
He is a deeply religious man, which is very important to me this year in choosing a President.			
August	44	37	19
July	50	22	18
NEGATIVE			
He has ducked taking stands on issues to avoid offending anybody and that is wrong.			
August	49	34	17
July	43	30	18
At first, he sounded like an independent candidate, but in making peace with all the old political bosses, labor leaders, and others in the Democratic Party, he doesn't seem so independent anymore.			
August	48	28	24
July	42	32	26
He looks good at first glance, but he doesn't have enough experience in national and world affairs.			
August	48	29	23
July	36	40	24
It's hard to get up real enthusiasm for him as a candidate for President.			
August	48	47	5
July	39	52	9
He makes me uneasy because I can't tell what kind of person he really is.			
August	45	44	11
July	34	55	11
He is too cocksure about winning the election in November.			
August	37	50	13
July	34	57	9
Somehow his personality leaves me flat.			
August	35	54	11
July	26	64	10



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1976

- Carter campaigned in Indianapolis, Baltimore and Washington. He also attended the national Italian-American Bicentennial tribute dinner, Thursday evening.
- Carter, at an airport news conference in Indianapolis, called Ford's opening campaign speech "a typical Republican spectacle of supporting programs in an election year that they have opposed in the past. . . His [Ford] own record is his major opponent. He can't undo with promises at the last minute the terrible damage he and his party have done to the nation in the last eight years. . .Why he's vetoed Democratic bills that would have done precisely what he proposed in his speech. I think he's grossly underestimating the memory and the intelligence of the American voters."
- Carter campaigned in East Baltimore before heading to Washington. He told those gathered, "The Democrats care for the people. The Republicans care for the special interests, but we are going to change all that next year with your help. . .When Gerald Ford was in Congress, he voted against Medicare. That shows the Republicans still haven't changed."
- Before leaving for Washington, Mondale met with a farmers group at the O'Hare airport in Chicago.
- Mondale spoke to the Woodlawn Organization, a 16-year-old community development outside Chicago. He told an audience of 350 persons, "There was a time in the '60's when many. . .were working together to try to build housing, to try to put people back to work, and to help senior citizens with their problems. . .We were beginning to make progress. . .We were beginning to move in the very areas that you've been working in by yourselves for these past 16 years. And then, what happened? The Republicans impounded all of the funds and they illegally dismantled all of the programs that were there and which you had been promised would be available to you for help. And they've done something else. They say, for example, that they want to be for full employment. Well, I'd just like to ask you, after eight years what your experience has been around here in the field of unemployment. . .People don't want welfare. They don't want charity. People want pride. Mr. President, where have you been?"

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NYT 9/17

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- Mondale added, "Everything he [Ford] now claims he's for, he has opposed throughout his career. I think he's going through a deathbed conversion. And I think if he gets well--meaning if he gets elected--he'll forget about it the day after the election." Ford's statement "totally contradicts what his administration has been telling us in Congress for the last three years. . .If you elect us [Carter-Mondale], you will have a government that will laugh with you, cry with you, and succeed with you."

CT 9/17
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- Charles Kirbo, one of Carter's personal advisors, said that the latest Carter polls shows him getting 70 to 80 percent of the Jewish vote. He added, "We are going to get the bulk of the Catholic vote. They're just going to like Jimmy better." Nationally, Kirbo said, the latest Carter polls show him running 12 to 15 percent ahead of Ford, with the margin rising to 20 percent in the South.

NYT 9/17

- Soviet leadership expects Carter to be elected President, but does not believe there will be any major shift in American policy toward the Kremlin in the new administration. Soviet specialists added that it would be "psychologically much easier" to deal with another Ford administration.

WP 9/17

- According to the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Econometric Forecasting Association, the nation's economic future would be brighter if Carter were elected President. Lawrence Klein, Carter's chief economic advisor, normally directs the team, but he did not participate in the development of the latest forecasts.

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Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1976

- Carter campaigned in Washington, D.C., Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Plains, Georgia.
- Carter campaigned in Mississippi with Senators Eastland and Stennis. "It's a great honor for me to be campaigning" with them, Carter stated. He also praised the "courage" of Southerners in liberating themselves and the nation "from the long preoccupation with the racial issue. . . The changes were made not solely by the Supreme Court, or solely by the Congress. The changes were made by literally hundreds, even thousands of school board members, city councilmen, county officials and others who did accept complete and total integration of the South." NYT 9/18
- Before leaving Washington for Mississippi, Carter and Mondale formally received the first presidential campaign endorsement ever made by the National Education Association. Carter told those gathered, "Teachers have had to be repositories of courage when quite often political leaders, business and social leaders didn't have that courage." WP 9/18
- Carter noted that if Ford "only restricts his campaign to the states where he has a good chance to win, he wouldn't have anywhere to campaign." Regarding his own campaign, Carter said, each week, "I like to start and end here in God's country, in the South." BALT. S. 9/18

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1976

- Speaking to reporters on his campaign plane regarding his praise of Senators Stennis and Eastland, Carter said, "I don't think it is fair to stigmatize those Southern politicians of a bygone day because of their stand on the race issue." They had to deal with it "when we had different mores and different social arrangements and different laws." Carter added, that except for the racial issue, "their credentials are admirable." BALT. S. 9/19
- Carter said he probably made a mistake by serving on a local Georgia school board that perpetuated racial segregation during the 1950's and 1960's. "It obviously would have been better for our country had I refused to participate as a school board member in a segregated system, but I did it. . . I'm part of the South and I was part of the (Sumter) County school board operations that carried on and operated a segregated school system. . . There's no way I can change those (actions) but to redrege that whole argument when we've solved that argument in the South to a substantial degree is non-productive." WP 9/19

- On the debates, Carter said, "I believe the debates will help me and the American people, they may help President Ford, too. I think a lot of people are holding back making a commitment, waiting for the debates. . . compared to Mr. Ford, I'll come out well."

BALT. S. 9/19

- In an interview with Myron Kandel and Philip Greer of the Chicago Tribune, Carter said, "I've never had any obligations to the powerful political or economic leaders of the country, nor the labor leaders, nor the academic leaders. I've always gone directly to the people of this nation for my support. I don't owe special interest groups a thing. All my political strength--all my success so far--has been derived from individual voters, and my obligations are to them. I think that this might be the cause of some concern."

CT 9/19

- Carter added, "My lack of support within the business community is a mistake on their part. What the country needs is someone who's not part of the status quo, who will make bold changes in a tough, business-like way and introduce long-range planning and management principles to running the federal government."

CT 9/19

- "I would try to break up the revolving-door arrangement where people go to the regulatory agencies, serve a few years, don't even complete their terms, and go directly back into the industries they have regulated. I think that destroys the reputation for objectivity and integrity of the regulatory agency."

CT 9/19

- "The business community is naturally inclined to adhere to rigid standards of morality, ethics and legality--if they know that other component parts will also be required to comply. And that maintenance of high standards is a major responsibility of the President. If the President looks the other way, if the Cabinet members condone illegality, by private action or public statements, then it puts the business community in a status of almost being forced into illegal acts to be competitive with one another."

CT 9/19

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1976

- Carter campaigned in Kansas City, St. Louis and New York.

- On Monday, Carter will address 9 rallies from New York to Pittsburg. Mondale carries on the trip Tuesday with 6 stops between Pittsburg and Chicago.

CSM 9/20

- In an interview over the weekend with the Associated Press, Carter was asked what he considered a higher income level where taxes should be increased. "I don't know," Carter replied. "I would take the mean or median level of income and anything above that would be higher and anything below that would be lower. . .I haven't gone into it. I don't know how to write the tax code now in specific terms. It is just not possible to do that on a campaign trail."

CSM 9/20

- Carter added that his principles of tax reform mean that taxes for "the average American family. . .are going to be no higher or perhaps even lower in some instances, depending on their income, and. . .their taxes as levied will be fair. I don't think most of them want to see their taxes lowered. They want to be sure that when they do pay taxes they are given the same treatment as those who are more influential and have a wider range of opportunities on taxed income." WP 9/20

- In regards to funding Carter's varied health and welfare programs, Carter said the money "is from increased national growth and increased federal revenues and reduced payments for welfare and unemployment compensation." CSM 9/20

- In Kansas City, Carter said, "I would never increase taxes for the working people of our country and the lower and middle-income groups. But we will shift the burden of taxes to where the Republicans have always protected--on the rich, the big corporations and the special interest groups--and you can depend on that if I am elected. . .the surest income to be taxed in this country is the income earned from manual labor. There aren't any hidden, secret loopholes for someone--a man or woman--who works with their hands, 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year. But there are loopholes for everyone else. . .The average person in our nation who makes more than a million dollars a year. . .When they don't pay their income taxes do you know who pays them for them? You do. That's exactly right. The Republicans have always been the obstacle to comprehensive tax reforms." NYT 9/20

- "All the way down through the years, there's been a basic difference between Democratic Presidents--Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy, Johnson--and the Republican Presidents--Harding, Coolidge, Hoover and Nixon," Carter added. NYT 9/20



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1976

- Carter, after leaving New York, traveled through New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Then he flew to Georgia to prepare for the debates. NYT 9/21
- "It's not going to be an easy thing," Carter said in Trenton, "to defeat an incumbent President with a unified party strong and dedicated to big business and the special interest groups until the people take control of the political process." WP 9/21
- In an interview with Playboy magazine, Carter stated, "Christ said, 'I tell you that anyone who looks on a woman with lust has in his heart already committed adultery.' I've looked on a lot of women with lust. I've committed adultery in my heart many times. This is something that God recognized I will do--and I have done it--and God forgives me for it. . . Christ says, don't consider yourself better than someone else because one guy screws a whole bunch of women while the other guy is loyal to his wife." WP 9/21
- Carter went on to say, "I don't think I would ever take on the same frame of mind that Nixon or Johnson did--lying, cheating and distorting the truth. . . I think that my religious beliefs alone would prevent that from happening to me. I have that confidence." WP 9/21
- On homosexuality, Carter said, "The issue of homosexuality always makes me nervous. I don't have any, you know, personal knowledge about homosexuality and I guess being a Baptist, that would contribute to a sense of being uneasy. . . To inject it [homosexuality] into a public discussion on politics and how it conflicts with morality is a new experience for me. . . I don't see how to handle it differently from the way I look on other sexual acts outside marriage." WP 9/21
- "If you analyze the Democratic Party platform, you'll see that it's a very progressive, very liberal, very socially motivated platform. What sometimes surprises people is that I carry out my promises. People ask how a peanut farmer from the South who believes in balanced budgets and tough management of government can possibly give the country tax and welfare reform, or a national health program, or insist on equal rights for Blacks and women. Well, I'm going to do those things. . . On human rights, civil rights, environmental quality, I consider myself to be very liberal. On the management of government, on openness of government, on strengthening individual liberties and local levels of government, I consider myself a conservative." WP 9/21

- Carter was questioned about "your publicized friendship with journalist Hunter Thompson, who makes no secret of his affinity for drugs and other craziness." Carter stated, "I don't see any mystery about having a friendship with Hunter Thompson. I guess it's something that's part of my character and it becomes a curiosity for those who see some mystery about someone of my background being elected President. I'm just a human being like everybody else."
- Mondale spoke at a Democratic breakfast in Lewiston, Maine. After an airport press conference there Mondale left for Binghamton, New York where he addressed students of the state university.
- Mondale described the Republican Party as one that "over the years has worked for the specially privileged and the wealthy and the large corporations." He added that Ford had at one time proposed "so-called tax rebates," but that "most of the relief would go to those with the highest income."
- The American Federation of Government Employees broke a half-century-old policy of political neutrality and endorsed the Democratic Presidential ticket.
- According to a Harris Survey, 62 percent of all voters feel disenchanted with the establishment in this country. Among this group, Carter holds a 58 to 34 percent lead.

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NYT 9/21

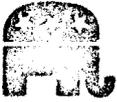
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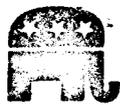
DISENCHANTMENT INDEX BY KEY GROUPS	
	Feel Disenchanted Percent
MORE DISENCHANTED	
All voters	62
High school or less education	76
Very strong Carter voters	73
\$10,000-19,999 income	72
SA's	70
Skilled labor	70
High school educated	69
Union members	68
Democrats	68
Disenchant by Carter religion	68
Deep South	67
Under \$2,000 income	67
LESS DISENCHANTED	
Very strong Ford voters	45
Professionals	50
College educated	51
Highly educated	52
Professionals	52
\$20,000 and over income	54
Above average growth	58
Conservatives	59
Midwest	59



Research Report

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1976

- Carter prepared for the debates in Plains.
- In a position paper released Tuesday on "energy reorganization," Carter stated, "Two and one half years after the oil embargo, our country still has no energy policy. We have a parade of energy czars, a fragmentation of responsibility, an absence of accountability and an ill-conceived proposal for energy independence. The energy crisis is one of leadership and a failure to act aggressively, rather than not have the resources to get the job done. . .The President has allowed new agencies, special energy offices, and special assistance for energy to proliferate throughout the government." WP 9/22
- Carter proposed consolidation of about 20 existing energy offices into a "Cabinet-level" department of energy. He said he would "abolish the Federal Energy Administration, the Federal Power Commission, the Energy Research and Development Administration, and the Energy Resources Council." Their functions would be taken over by the new department, along with energy-related responsibilities of the Departments of Treasury and Commerce, Securities and Exchange Commission, Interstate Commerce Commission, and Nuclear Regulation Commission. WP 9/22
- "What is needed," Carter's statement said, "is organization, not continued chaos; leadership, not the passivity of the last two years. The energy program is not insoluble if we meet it with the vision, determination and confidence that will come about only with a change of leadership." NYT 9/22
- A poll taken by Patrick Caddell showed Carter 6 percentage points ahead of Ford throughout Ohio. NYT 9/22
- Mondale and Rosalyn Carter continued on the "train for a change;" they rode through Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana on their way to Chicago where the tour ended. NYT 9/22



Research Report

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1976

- Carter toured his peanut-processing warehouse Wednesday morning; he spent the rest of the day in Plains and will fly to Philadelphia early Thursday. NYT 9/23
- Carter's press secretary, Jody Powell, said Carter called Lady Bird Johnson to apologize for his remarks about President Johnson in Playboy magazine. "He called her, and told her he specifically regretted the implications that might be drawn from linking Nixon and Johnson and putting them in the same category," Powell stated. He added that Carter told Mrs. Johnson "what he has said repeatedly--that he considered him to be one of the great Democratic Presidents." WP 9/23
- In an interview released Wednesday, Carter said that he believed the United States "must pay more attention to China and to Eastern Europe. It is in our interest and in the interest of world peace to promote a more pluralistic Communist world. We should remember that Eastern Europe is not an area of stability and it will not become such until the Eastern European countries regain their independence and become part of a larger cooperative European framework." Carter also told the West German magazine Quick, "The benefits of detente must accrue to both sides or they are worthless. . .To the Soviet Union, with our acquiescence, detente is surface tranquility in Europe within boundaries redefined to their benefit, together with support for wars of liberation elsewhere. This is not the road to peace but the bitter deception of the American people." PI 9/23
- The second debate is scheduled for October 6 in San Francisco. The third debate, at an undetermined location on the East Coast, will be held October 22. WP 9/23
- Mayor Daley met Senator and Mrs. Mondale and Mrs. Carter at the Chicago train station. CT 9/23
- Mondale, in Madison, Wisconsin, stated that he thought voters would find Carter's remarks in Playboy magazine "reassuring," because "he talked about the dangers of pride. One of the most refreshing things about Governor Carter is that he answers questions that he's asked." NYT 9/23

- A new state-by-state poll, conducted by Patrick Caddell, showed that Carter leads Ford by more than 5 percentage points in more than enough states to win in November. The polls have Ford ahead in 13 states, with 100 electoral votes, and Carter ahead in the rest, with close to 430 electoral votes. Caddell indicated that Carter was running well in the normally Republican form states, and trailing by 2 points in Kansas.

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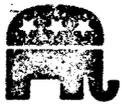


Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1976

- Carter spent the day in Philadelphia before debating Ford.
- Carter will campaign through Texas, California, Oregon, and Indiana in the next four days. CSM 9/24
- Mondale began his day in Wisconsin but spent most of his time campaigning in Michigan. He later flew to New Haven, Connecticut. Friday he will speak to a labor convention there and lunch with Jewish community leaders before flying to Washington where he will spend the weekend. NYT 9/24
- Joan Mondale, campaigning outside Chicago, stated, "Jimmy Carter and 'Fritz' Mondale have no radical dreams in mind for America. They just want to return to some old-fashioned values that have been forgotten-- things like full employment, stronger families, a decent education, and a government that tells the truth." CT 9/24
- Mrs. Lyndon Johnson said she was "distressed, hurt, and perplexed" by Carter's remarks about her late husband in a magazine interview. "I felt it was very nice of him to call me. He told me he had said a great deal of nice things about my husband on his travels along with all the other Democratic Presidents." Mrs. Carter later met privately with Mrs. Johnson. NYT 9/24
- Normal Mailer interviewed Carter recently for an article that will appear Sunday in The New York Times Magazine. Mailer writes, describing a discussion on Carter's religious convictions, "You see, Carter went on to say, he was not looking to restore the family by telling people how to live, he did not wish to be President in order to judge them. . .he said, in his quiet decent voice, as if the next words, while not wholly comfortable, had nonetheless to be said, 'I don't care if people say _____,' and he actually said the famous four-letter word that the Times has not printed in the 125 years of its publishing life." NYT 9/24
- Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, sent out invitations to Democratic Party leaders which read: "Please come to a country supper, cooked by the ladies of Plains at the Pond House, Plains, Georgia. \$5,000 per person." PI 9/24
- According to a just-completed Gallup Survey, nearly 50 million adult Americans have experienced "born-again" religious conversions like that of Carter. Pollster George Gallup also stated that Baptists, who are "suddenly becoming a significant voter bloc in America, nearly matching the strength of Catholics," will vote 3 to 1 for fellow Baptist Carter. LAT 9/23



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1976

- While campaigning in Texas, Carter stated at an airport news conference in Houston, "The unfortunate thing about the Playboy interview was the post-interview statement about President Johnson which completely distorted my feelings about him. After the interview was over, there was a summary made that unfortunately equated what I said about President Nixon with President Johnson. I think it's important to point out that I am very sorry that the misinterpretation of what I feel about President Johnson caused Mrs. Johnson any discomfort or any embarrassment. For that I am truly sorry. . .The lying and cheating referred to President Nixon. That was my analysis, and the unfortunate juxtaposition of these two names in the Playboy article grossly misrepresents the way I feel about him (Johnson)." He later said in Dallas, "I recognize myself the unbelievable contributions of Lyndon Johnson to our country, to the down-trodden, to the poor." NYT 9/25
- "I think this frankness might very well not be a good safe thing to do in a political campaign," Carter added regarding the interview. His explanations of his personal principles "have alleviated the concern that people might have felt because of my Southern Baptist religion." NYT 9/25
- Speaking to a large audience in Houston, Carter said, "I would never raise the taxes of working people." NYT 9/25
- Carter flew to San Diego, California Friday evening.
- Rosalynn Carter said her husband "was describing Christianity to those who don't understand what Christianity is," in his interview with Playboy. "There are so many, many people in our country who have no conception of what Christianity is. I have been so surprised at the lack of understanding." NYT 9/25
- Virginia's campaign coordinator, Timothy Smith, stated that Carter strategists in Atlanta have decided to increase campaign spending and appearances in that state. "Atlanta has been monitoring Virginia and the battleground status of the state is now confirmed. You will see an intensified level here almost immediately." WP 9/25

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1976

- Carter addressed the San Diego City Club Saturday morning. He went on to tour Southern California, accompanied by Governor Brown. Late in the day, Carter attended the Los Angeles County Fair and met with black and Chicano leaders. He will return to California October 5 to prepare for the second debate, October 6 in San Francisco. WP 9/26
- Regarding the debates, Carter said that he had been "a little too reticent in being aggressive against the President," and added, "I thought Mr. Ford took unfair advantage." PI 9/26
- "We ought not to accept the timid, cowardly and cynical assumption that we have no responsibility," Carter stated in San Diego. He added that Mr. Ford had held legislation designed to strengthen U.S. nonproliferation "hostage to his highly controversial proposal for private ownership and operation of nuclear fuel enrichment facilities." WP 9/26
NYT 9/26
- Carter also called for a "voluntary moratorium" on the sale or purchase of nuclear fuel enrichment or reprocessing plants. He said this "should apply retroactively" to agreements made by West Germany and by France. "The contracts have been signed, but the deliveries need not be made." NYT 9/26
- In a special Harris-ABC News poll, 1,516 voters previously surveyed were telephoned. In all, 72 percent of the electorate heard the debate, with 98 percent watching it on television and the remaining 2 percent listening on the radio. Carter's lead over Ford among people who saw the debate is a narrower 48 to 42 percent, while among voters who did not see it, Carter's lead is 52 to 37 percent.

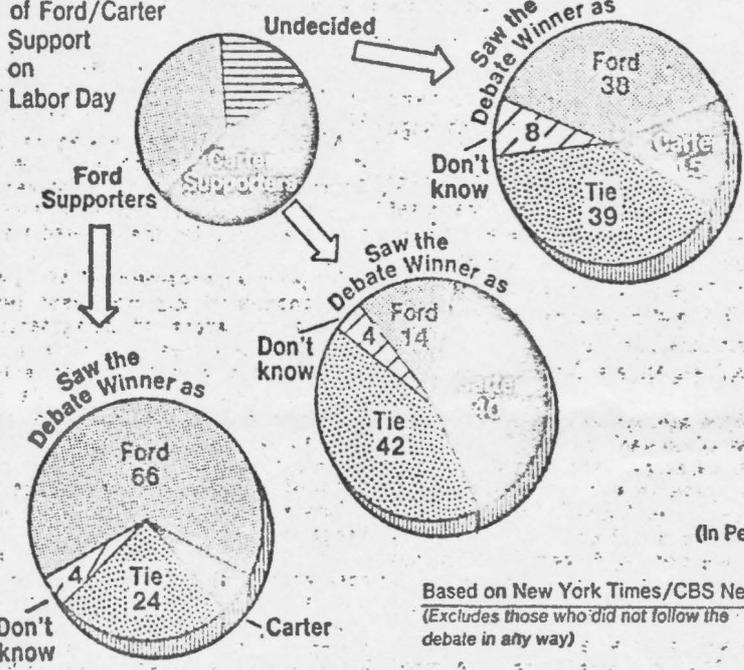
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1976

- Carter campaigned for Chicano votes at a Mexican Independence Day Parade in Santa Ana, California. Carter then went by motorcade to Mission Viejo, California and met with a dozen black ministers. He will appear in Portland, Oregon and Evansville, Indiana on Monday before returning to Plains for a two-day rest. WP 9/27
- After the debate Thursday evening, Carter told Frank Reynolds, "I'm just glad the first question wasn't on adultery." Rosalynn Carter added, "I appreciated that, too." WSJ 9/27
- "Republican mismanagement of the economy has brought about the staggering inflation that has become an invisible tax for all, but passed on directly to the homeowner in the form of higher property taxes," Carter stated in California. "The Republicans ask us to take this increasing burden for granted. They don't seem to care what it is doing to people all over America, in terms of costs of food and health care and property taxes." NYT 9/27

- Mondale attended the 38th annual "I am an American Day" parade in Baltimore. He later spoke to the Time magazine leadership conference in Washington. NYT 9/27
- Rosalynn Carter and Mondale attended the annual fund-raising dinner of the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington. WP 9/27
- "To put able-bodied Americans out of work and wrench them from their pride is the cruelest thing you can do in America," Mondale stated in Baltimore. "The present leadership failed because it doesn't sense and feel enough about the problems people face." WP 9/27
- Mondale also said, "I think the present administration is frozen in the ice of its own indifference. The test of a good government is not how well it looks to others, but how well it looks after the American people--how it touches the lives of each of us. And I think the present leadership fails. Not because they are not nice people, but because they don't sense, feel and are not concerned about the problems people are facing." BALT. S. 9/27
- At the Time magazine conference, Mondale called for "new trade and commodity arrangements that help protect countries living on the margin from the boom-and-bust cycles of the past while assuring our own access to vital supplies. We can revitalize our aid efforts and our participation in international development organizations. We can develop food policies that provide farmer held reserves, yet protect the American farmer, that reject embargoes or political manipulation while protecting the American consumer. We can and should stimulate the production of food so that other nations may become more self-sufficient." NYT 9/27
- Mondale added, "As a nation, we can no longer afford to be guided by leaders whose vision of America's security is so insensitive to the profound changes which pose an everdeepening crisis on this planet--lack of food, polluted water, energy waste, population growth, lack of development, destruction of the environment and the pressing need to create a more stable, more productive system of international economic security." NYT 9/27
- In a telephone survey of 1,065 voters, the Associated Press results found Carter with a lead of only 2 percent, 46.9 to 44.9 over Ford. CSM 9/27
- Former Governor Edmund (Pat) Brown is helping to organize a \$250-a-plate fund-raiser for Carter on October 7. WP 9/27

How Ford and Carter Supporters Viewed The Debate

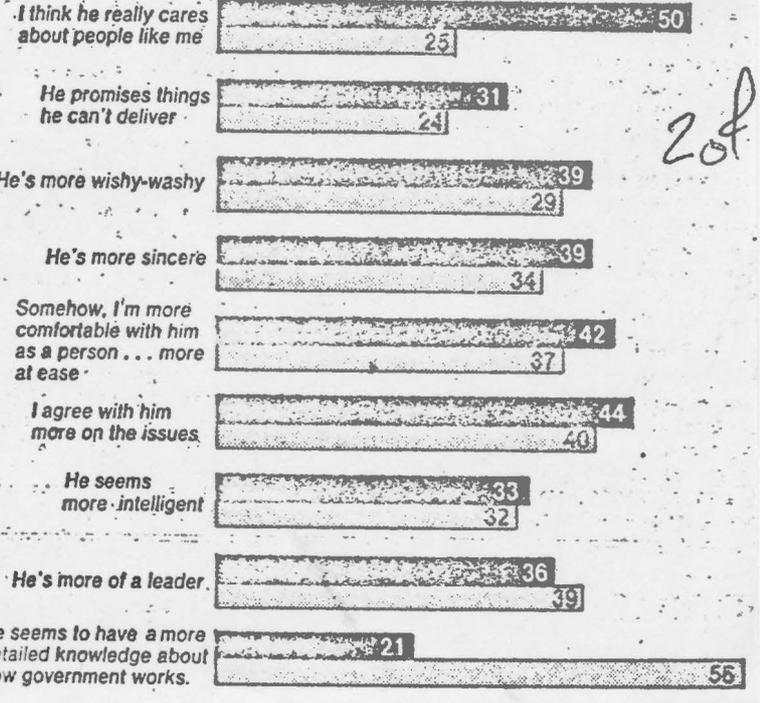
Composition of Ford/Carter Support on Labor Day



Based on New York Times/CBS News Poll
 (Excludes those who did not follow the debate in any way)

How Registered Voters Rate Ford and Carter on Selected Qualities

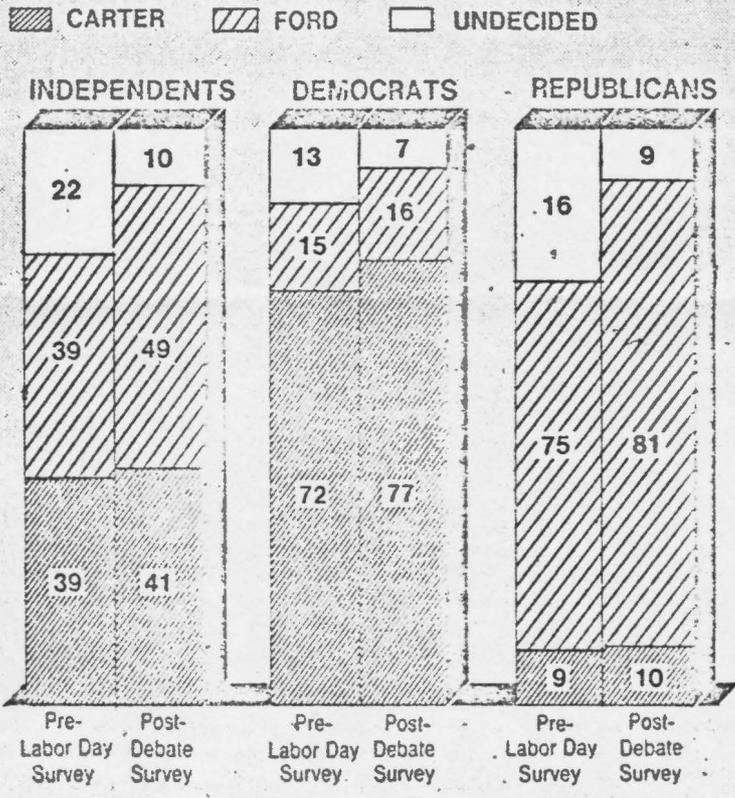
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Changing Composition of Ford/Carter Support After the Debate

(Based on N.Y. Times/CBS News Polls)



The New York Times/Sept. 27, 1976

The chart shows that the number of undecided voters dropped sharply and that, generally, President Ford picked up most of those who switched.





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JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1976

- Carter addressed a breakfast meeting in Portland, Oregon of 60 labor leaders from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and Alaska. He later toured the Columbia River, spoke at a rally and met with several hundred elderly people at a community center. He flew to Evansville, Indiana late Monday evening and will return to Plains, Georgia for a two-day rest on Tuesday. BALT. S. 9/28
- While in Oregon, Carter met with Rep. Ullman who had said that Carter was "overly optimistic" when he claimed he could produce a \$60 billion budget surplus without raising taxes. WP 9/28
- Carter told his audience that "an outsider" was needed to set "the bloated, bureaucratic mess in Washington" straight. "The American people are fair. Our government is not fair. You can't expect any better from political leadership that's been bogged down in Washington for the last 25 or 30 years, deriving their advice, their counsel, their financial support from lobbyists and special interest groups. They go to the same restaurants. They belong to the same clubs, they play golf on the same golf courses, they communicate with one another, they support one another in the absence of participation, understanding, control by the people ourselves. We can't run this government or this administration or this campaign from these kinds of clubs or from the White House Rose Garden. We've got to run our campaign among people and have got to return government to the people and got to try to have government working for the people." WP 9/28
BALT. S. 9/28
- Speaking at the St. John's Community Center in Portland, Carter said that foreign policy under the Ford administration had not met the moral standards of the Franklin D. Roosevelt, Truman, Johnson, and Kennedy foreign policies. "Under those administrations we felt that our foreign policy was moral, it was right, it was fair, it was concerned about human rights, it represented that character of the American people. That's changed." WP 9/28

- "There can be no clearer indictment of economic mismanagement by this Republican administration," Carter said regarding the new Census Bureau figures showing an additional 2.5 million Americans fell below the poverty line of \$5,500 of income for a family of four. "And no better symbol of the issues which lie at the heart of this year's campaign. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Ford have made these people poor in the same way Mr. Hoover made them poor in the 1930's--by denying them the chance to work." WSJ 9/28

- The election, Carter stated, "isn't simply a contest between two presidential candidates, but a choice between two political heritages. . . between the party which cares about the common man and the party which puts special interests first--between the party of Roosevelt and the party of Hoover, between the party of Kennedy and the party of Nixon." WSJ 9/28

- Speaking in Evansville, Indiana, Carter said, "He's a true leader, representing accurately, what his party is. When he became President, he said he was not a Lincoln, but a Ford and he told the truth. I give him credit for that. Ford's a good automobile, it's not doing too well at the White House, it's stuck in the mud, four flat tires, and out of gas, gears locked in reverse. If it ever does move again, which I doubt, I'm sure we're going to try to back into the future." CBS NEWS 9/27

- Carter told union officials he had given his "complete endorsement" to the revised Humphrey-Hawkins full-employment bill. He said that the recent changes made in drafting the legislation "have made the bill a very good one." WSJ 9/28

- Regarding the Playboy interview, Carter said, "I have tried to run an accessible campaign, and I have given interviews to people who it probably would be better for me not to talk to. . .their (Playboy's) editors wanted to know particularly about my religious beliefs and Christianity and morals and ethical beliefs from myself or any other sources. So I decided to answer these questions." WP 9/28

- Carter told reporters he was "supportive" of Secretary of State Kissinger's initiatives toward a peaceful transition to majority rule in white-governed Rhodesia. "I was disappointed that the Rhodesian negotiations have apparently broken down," but, Carter added, "there were seven years of ignoring African problems" by the Republican administration. NYT 9/28

- Carter held a private "gripe session" with eight to ten reporters on Friday. Carter, sources say, began the 90-minute meeting with a discussion of the imbalanced reporting in the campaign. CSM 9/28

- Carter's Hispanic adviser, Alex Aquiar, will be fired Wednesday and replaced by Rick Hernandez, a Mexican-American from Houston. WP 9/28



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1976

- Carter spent the day in Plains.
- Mondale spoke to 200 leaders of the Cleveland Federation of Labor. He told his audience, "This is a very, very close campaign. It's very tough to beat a sitting President, even if he was appointed, and appointed by you know who--I forget his name."
- Regarding Ford's golfing trips, Mondale stated, "I don't think there is any question" that Ford was attempting to duck the issue. "He's been unavailable to the press now for several days." In Toledo, Mondale added, "In 1972, we had a candidate for President who wouldn't answer any questions, he just merchandised himself--ducked, ran, no one could put a question to him. We found out after the campaign what we had on our hands and never again should we let anybody run for any office unless he or she is willing to answer the questions that the people in the news industry and the American people ask."
- Mondale also told labor leaders that the enforcement of federal laws is "in a shambles," and if elected, the Democrats would reorganize the Drug Enforcement Administration and the FBI with "hard-hitting leadership."
- The debates between Dole and Mondale will take place October 15 at a yet-to-be determined place. The second presidential debate between Ford and Carter will be October 6 in San Francisco at the Palace of Fine Arts.

NYT 9/29

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NBC NEWS 9/28

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RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1976

- Carter, at a news conference in Plains, stated, "Mr. Ford's answer to the 7.5 million Americans who are out of work today is, 'Let's wait awhile. Maybe things will get better.'" BALT. S. 9/30
- Carter also said, regarding Ford's campaign contributions, that Ford is "continuing the private sort of campaign that was conducted by Mr. Nixon in 1968 and 1972. . . The best way to resolve the question if there is a doubt among the American people, and there seems to be, is for Mr. Ford, who is accused of certain practices, to have a frank discussion with the American people through the news media, which he so far has failed to do. I don't want that to be interpreted as my assuming that there's any substance to the allegation. I have no way to know that. But the easiest way to resolve it is for Mr. Ford to face the news media, for a change, answer tough, cross-examination questions and let the American people know the facts." BALT. S. 9/30
- "In the aftermath of Watergate, there has been a general tightening of standards on the performance of public officials. And I think this tightening is good. . . but I can't say whether they [the golf holidays] were proper or not." BALT. S. 9/30
- Carter said, "The thrust of my campaign, one of openness, and the thrust of Mr. Ford's campaign, one of secrecy, one of making prepared 1 1/2-minute statements in the Rose Garden, and I don't think he's been cross-examined in an open press conference in the last month." BALT. S. 9/30
- "I believe all waiting must come to an end. The Republicans have had their chance, and they have failed," Carter told reporters and cited Mr. Ford's "complete personal insensitivity to the economic problems that human beings in this country face." BALT. S. 9/30
- "I think in general, the quality of the reports has been caused more by my performance than by any misinterpretation by the press," Carter said. "If we can have a government that is as good and honest and decent and truthful and fair as the news media next year, I'll be satisfied." NYT 9/30
- In an interview to be published in the November issue of Playboy, Carter stated, "I feel the policy of detente has given up too much to the Russians and gotten too little in return. . . I never saw any reason we should be involved in the Helsinki meetings at all. We added the stature of our presence and signature to an agreement that, in effect, ratified the takeover of Eastern Europe by the Soviet Union." WP 9/30

- The Harris Survey shows Carter with a 50 to 41 percent lead over Ford. A 57 percent majority of the voters nationwide feels Carter "made a bad mistake when he said he wanted to raise the taxes of people earning more than \$14,000, even though he corrected what he said later on." By a 43 to 36 margin, voters believe Carter was "wrong to have talked about sex the way he did to Playboy magazine." CT 9/30

- A poll by the Christian Science Monitor shows "a significant deterioration" in support for Carter. "A shift toward Mr. Ford among the voters was reported in every geographical region and, in fact, in almost every state. All changes since the last Monitor poll (Sept. 16)--with one exception, Oregon--indicate a Carter slide downhill." The Monitor findings show Ford moving up in the South to the place where he may have a chance now to win in Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas--and he already is ahead in Virginia. CSM 9/30

- In Milwaukee, Mondale said, "If you look at the things that best tell you the direction of the economy, every one says the economy is going down." NYT 9/30

- The governors of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania have drawn up a list of topics they plan to discuss with Carter in Hartford on Friday. NYT 9/30

- Carter's campaign treasurer said Tuesday that \$4,000 of the \$5,000 in campaign "street money" to four Northern California clergymen had been returned to the campaign. Three of the four black ministers returned the money voluntarily. A fourth minister, who campaign records show was paid \$1,000, has denied receiving the money. LAT 9/29



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1976

- Carter began the day by telling labor leaders in Portland, Maine that the political apathy of working men was "potentially fatal" to his hopes of winning the presidency, urging them to remind workers of the "abominable failures of Nixon and Ford." After receiving his eighth birthday cake (Carter was 52 on Friday) at a school in Biddeford, Maine, he went to Hartford and met with Democratic governors and lieutenant governors from the Northeast. Carter then attended a Hartford rally before flying to Nashville and Pittsburgh. BALT. S. 10/2
- In Hartford, Carter declared that the residents of the Northeast "have had no fair chance to work. No fair chance to improve their communities. They have not even had a fair chance to get the energy they need to heat their homes and keep their factories open." BALT. S. 10/2
- "We're going to see the South rise again, when I whip Gerald Ford," Carter told his audience in Nashville. BALT. S. 10/2
- The Coalition of Northeastern Governors presented to Carter several ideas on lifting the economic gloom from Northeastern states. After the meeting Carter stated, "When we have decisions made in the future about the allocation of federal funds, the corrective action on job supplies and the corrective action on energy, we ought to have a special attention to those areas of the country particularly the Northeast part, for correction of their deficits." NYT 10/2
- On three occasions while Carter was governor, Carter accepted free weekends at hunting lodges owned by pulp and paper firms that have large holdings in his state; in November, 1972, in Spring, 1973 and in July, 1973. NYT 10/2
CSM 10/4
- Regarding Carter's strategy, Jody Powell stated, "Jimmy will also be concentrating more and more on Ford as well as going back to the previous style. . .we tried, maybe without even realizing it, to make Jimmy into a Hubert Humphrey. Jimmy's strength is that he is Jimmy. That's basically what we came up with over the last few days. That's basically where we are going. . .we completely misfigured Ford's ability to pull off his 'Rose Garden' campaign. That was really a surprise to us. They've worked that to perfection." NYT 10/2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1976.

- Carter spoke before a dozen representatives of Pittsburgh's Lithuanian-American community. Mr. Ford, Carter stated, is "a very weak leader. . . For all practical purposes, he has removed himself from the decision making process of our country in foreign matters. [Ford] has no forcefulness, no leadership quality." NYT 10/3
- Regarding comments by Earl Butz, Carter said they were "an embarrassment to the Ford Administration. "I think it's similar to the kind of statements he has made in the past that were embarrassing to Catholics and Italians." No one "can make any more serious statement or more derogatory statement than Mr. Butz did about black people. I thought it was disgraceful, and I don't believe I would permit that to be done by any of the people working under my administration." NYT 10/3
- Carter told reporters in Pittsburgh, "What it did [the Helsinki agreement] in effect was to give Brezhnev a tremendous diplomatic victory. That's what he wanted in foreign affairs--to show that he was able to induce the West to accept the Russian takeover of eastern Europe following the Second World War." NYT 10/3
- Carter said that his acceptance of lodging and hunting privileges from pulp and paper companies was "not a good practice," but he could not say what the difference was between his trips and Mr. Ford's trips "because Mr. Ford has not revealed his relationships with the lobbyist and the golf courses." NYT 10/3
- Carter flew to Washington to address the National Women's Agenda Conference and returned to Plains Saturday night to attend a \$5,000-a-person fund-raising dinner. CT 10/3
- At the women's conference, Carter said, if elected, he intends to "tear down the walls that have kept you out of decision-making and policy-making participation in your government. . . I have an 8-year-old daughter who I want to grow up knowing she can be a doctor as well as a nurse, a lawyer as well as a secretary, a President as well as a President's daughter." The Ford Administration has "only paid lip service to women's rights," Carter added. "The American people are fair. When they are convinced that women's jobs are just as important to them and their families as men's, they, the legislators, will not be reluctant anymore, and the John Birch Society will not prevail anymore, and we'll get ERA passed." WP 10/3

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1976

- Carter conferred with former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger in Plains on Sunday. Carter will speak in Denver on Monday before flying to San Francisco where he will spend the next two days preparing for his debate with Ford. PI 10/4

- A survey completed late last week for Time magazine indicates that each candidate has the support of 43 percent of the electorate, with 14 percent undecided. The survey was taken by telephone September 25-29 and was based on a sample of 1,308 registered voters.

NYT 10/4



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1976

- Before flying to California to prepare for the Wednesday evening debate Carter made a four-hour stop in Denver. He spoke at a street rally and at an annual meeting of the National Council of Catholic Charities. At the rally Carter stated, in regard to Earl Butz's resignation, "The way this whole embarrassing and disgusting episode was handled by President Ford shows a continuation of lack of leadership. . .no one is leading this nation. I will lead the nation. I will be responsible to you." NYT 10/5
WP 10/5
- "We have been governed for too long by people who are isolated from the realities of life in America," Carter added. "I think it is time for America to have a President, and to have people around the President, who. . .have been in the streets. . .and who share the pain of our people. . ." Carter proposed a White House conference "to bring together leaders of government, of the private sector and ordinary citizens and parents to discuss specific ways we can better support and strengthen our families." WP 10/5
- Carter stressed his concern "about the impact that the Republican mismanagement of the economy is having on family life in America. Mr. Ford says he is proud of his economic record and that he is running on it. He ought to be running from it. . .I sometimes wonder how often the people who set the economic policies for this administration stop and think of human realities that lie behind" unemployment statistics. WP 10/5
- After arriving in San Francisco, Carter issued a statement in response to Ford's proposals to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. Carter called Mr. Ford's proposals "yet another last-minute, patched-together attempt to cover up the failure of the Republican leadership. . .to deal with the spread of nuclear weapons." WP 10/5
- Carter, in reply to questions submitted by American physicists and engineers, stated that it was "absolutely essential" to halt the over-seas sales of enrichment or reprocessing plants for nuclear fuel, "even with safeguards" to prevent their use in producing nuclear weapons. Carter also emphasized energy conservation, stating that "unnecessary electrical power plant construction should be stopped and advertising at the consumer's expense to encourage increased electrical consumption should be restricted." He listed such conservation measures as "strict fuel efficiency standards" for automobiles, "rigid enforcement" of speed limits, "mandatory improvements" in building insulation, and "integrated mass transit systems" to reduce dependence on automobiles. NYT 10/5

- In a survey reported in the October issue of Fortune magazine 550 of the nation's largest firms were polled; Ford was supported by 85.2 percent of those polled, Carter by 10.4 percent, and 4.4 percent undecided. Another business monthly, Dun's Review, polled 300 business executives for its October issue. Again, about 85 percent came out for Ford.

LAT 10/3

- The National Association of Black Journalists reported that Carter and Ford had been invited to address its first annual conference, but their schedules did not permit attendance. "We readily accept that situation," the vice president of the organization stated. "What we deplore is Mr. Carter's scheduling at the last minute a meeting with a smaller group of journalists for the black media to meet with him for only 30 minutes. It demonstrates his insensitivity to black concerns and is a typically divisive tactic that has caused some of the cataclysms we are witnessing in South Africa."

WS 10/3



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1976

- Carter spent the day in San Francisco studying a briefing book in preparation for Wednesday's debate. He also met with Representative Les Aspin and Zbigniew Brzezinski. WP 10/6
- The third debate will be held at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia on October 22.
- Carter issued a statement Tuesday in which he welcomed the signing of the tax reform bill, but declared that Ford had remained "passive and disinterested" on most of the reform measures throughout the past two years. BALT. S. 10/6
- Carter issued an apology to Rev. Billy Graham for remarks made by his son, Jeff, last week. NYT 10/6
- A poll conducted by Mervin D. Field and released Tuesday evening, has Carter with a four point lead in the state of California over Ford. WP 10/6
- Mondale addressed the University of Missouri Law School at Kansas City. "We have just lived through the worst scandal in American history and are now led by a President who pardoned the person who did it," Mondale declared. "To the bitter end, Mr. Ford strongly defended the actions of Richard Nixon, long after it was obvious to many members of his own party, as well as most of the American people, that the Nixon administration was obstructing justice." The pardon "perpetuated Nixon's own dangerous doctrine that a President is somehow above the law. . .It is not necessary to suspend constitutional rights to meet this nation's real threats . . . if the law is not strong enough, it can be strengthened. . .we will put an end to the lawless disregard for the privacy of American citizens, including the illegal opening of their letters, illegal tapping of their telephones, or illegal breaking into their homes. . .Our country cannot survive if public officials reserve the right to bend the Constitution, to violate the law. This is not yesterday's issue. It did not disappear with Richard Nixon, and in 1976, there is no more crucial question facing our nation than whether government will once more respect and obey the law." NYT 10/6
BALT. S. 10/6



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1976

- Carter spent the day preparing for his debate with Ford, Wednesday evening.
- Mondale campaigned in Iowa and Illinois. He will fly to Washington Thursday evening and begin preparations for his debate with Dole before campaigning in New York and New Jersey on Sunday and Monday. NYT 10/7
- Regarding the resignation of Butz, Mondale stated at an airport news conference, "I might just point out that when they fired Mr. Schlesinger and Mr. Colby, who had done nothing wrong, both of whom have served this country with dignity and ability and high standards of public service, they called them in on a Sunday morning and threw them over the back gate of the White House with no ceremony, no thanks, nothing. I wonder what explains the difference." NYT 10/7
- According to a Harris Survey, a cross-section of 1,516 voters prefer Mondale to Dole, 48 percent to 36 percent. WP 10/7
- The latest Pat Caddell poll in Illinois shows Carter leading Ford by 47 to 45 percent statewide. Carter will campaign Sunday and Monday in the Chicago area and will ride in the traditional Chicago Columbus Day parade. CT 10/7
- Ambassador Nicolas Gonzalez-Revilla of Panama stated, "Mr. Carter has raised the price for a new treaty. If he is elected it would be up to the people and government of Panama to decide if they are prepared to pay that price." WP 10/7
- Claibourne Darden, Jr., president of the Darden Research Corporation, stated, "In the Deep South, Carter is still comfortably ahead, but Ford is rapidly gaining on him. If the same thing happens the next four weeks that did the last four weeks, it will be a dead tie." Mr. Darden's telephone poll included a small sampling of 600 registered voters and was taken October 1 to 3 in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama. Carter led Ford by 11 points, 49.5 percent to 38.5 percent with 10.8 percent undecided. Mr. Darden's previous poll gave Carter a 22-point lead; it was taken September 4 to 8. NYT 10/7
- A Louisiana survey of 650 registered voters from September 24 to 28 showed Ford leading Carter by 4 points: 42 percent for Ford, 38 percent for Carter and 20 percent undecided. The poll was taken for Governor Edwin Edwards. NYT 10/7



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1976

- Carter returned to full-scale campaigning; he spoke to labor leaders in San Francisco and met with leaders of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah and the Utah Education Association. He will campaign Saturday through Monday in Cleveland, South Bend, Chicago and Milwaukee. WP 10/8
- Carter told a group of labor leaders in San Francisco that the Ford comment on Eastern Europe was "ridiculous. . . a very serious mistake. . . that will be more and more damaging to him. This claim of freedom is a cruel hoax upon millions of Eastern Europeans who have lived under Soviet domination for their entire lives. . . It either indicates ignorance on Mr. Ford's part, or he stated something he knew not to be true. The Soviet Union has tank divisions and hundreds of thousands of troops" in Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. "Did Mr. Ford not see those tanks when he visited those countries?" Carter added that "a genuine East-West accomodation requires the re-entry of Eastern Europe into a larger cooperative European relationship," and advocated that "we treat each Eastern European country on an individual basis." WP 10/8
- At a women's meeting in Los Angeles, Carter affirmed, "I will make you proud of me as a President. When I go out of office, I will have done more for women than any other President, and that is no idle promise." BALTIMORE SUN 10/8
- An Associated Press survey found that 38.2 percent thought Carter had won the debate, 34.6 percent felt Ford had won with the rest undecided or of the opinion that it had been a draw. NYT 10/8
- The American Federation of Government Employees signed an agreement which said, "The avowed purpose and singular goal of this coalition will be to elect Governor Jimmy Carter and Senator Walter Mondale." Only one major federal group, the independent National Federation of Federal Employees, has remained outside the coalition. The head of the coalition said that civil servants will "do every damn thing we can to see that Ford's not in the White House in January." WP 10/8



Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1976

- Carter campaigned in New Mexico and Texas before leaving for Ohio.
- In a speech at the Albuquerque civic center, Carter stated, "I call on the American people to force Mr. Ford to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. I call on the American news media to insist that Mr. Ford be cross-examined in a carefully prepared, open, previously announced news conference with sound. And I call on Mr. Ford to make sure that these discrepancies are eliminated so the American people will know who he is, what he stands for, and what he means when he makes these conflicting statements." Carter added, "During our debate, Mr. Ford said, 'There is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe.' He referred to Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Romania, and Poland and said each of these countries is independent and autonomous. Apparently, when Mr. Ford went to Poland--as happened to George Romney last time--he was brainwashed. Well, the Berlin Wall is still there. There are twenty divisions and 300,000 Soviet troops in Eastern European countries. There seems to be a discrepancy here, too."
- Carter added, regarding nuclear weapons, "I wish he [Ford] would ask his own party leader, Senator Charles Percy and Democratic Senators Ribicoff and John Glenn. They've been trying to get nonproliferation legislation through the Congress for the last year. Mr. Ford and his administration have blocked it. Again, there seems to be a discrepancy here."
- "I don't know what the facts are about Mr. Ford and his income tax. He does. All he's got to do is call a news conference. Let his voice be recorded for a change, and answer tough questions for the American news media," Carter declared. "When I make mistakes, all of you know about it. When I'm President, I'm sure going to make some mistakes. But they'll be admitted and they'll be mistakes of the heart."
- En route to El Paso, Carter released a statement regarding our "un-acceptable levels of inflation and unemployment. . .total employment is down for the first time in four months. . .there are now 500,000 more people out of work than in May and the unemployment rate is higher than it was at any time between the Great Depression and the inauguration of Gerald Ford."

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- Mondale spent the day in Washington preparing for the debate on October 15. It will be 75 minutes long and divided into thirds--one-third devoted to domestic issues, one-third to foreign, and one-third "open." NYT 10/9
- Julian Bond said in an interview Thursday, "Primarily, I'm not for Ford and the Carter ticket promises more in the way of social welfare programs and an innovative foreign policy." Six months ago, Bond called Carter "a liar, a prevaricator, an evader, an equivocator." LAT 10/8

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1976

- Carter campaigned in Ohio and Indiana.
- At a breakfast meeting of labor leaders, Carter said that Ford "has hidden himself from the public even more than Richard Nixon did at the height of Watergate. At least Nixon had White House press conferences, and let himself be cross-examined. . .even if he didn't tell the truth. Gerald Ford has not held a full-scale White House press conference since February." Later, in Indianapolis, Carter stated, "There is about as much openness in the Ford Administration as there is freedom in Eastern Europe. . .all you saw the kind of leadership Mr. Ford provides when he stands there all alone without Henry Kissinger and his other advisers" to coach him. WP 10/10
- Carter spoke at a combination worship service and campaign rally at the Olivet Baptist Church. "I think Gerald Ford is on shaky ground when he talks about experience," Carter told the crowd. "If we'd wanted experience, we'd have kept Richard Nixon. At least other Presidents who've been to Poland knew whose tanks they were." WP 10/10
- "You can rest assured that the powerful and influential who pay no income taxes and who have special privileges will go to vote. They want to be sure the boat doesn't get rocked. Well, I'm going to rock the boat, and if you help me, we'll turn the country around," Carter added. WP 10/10
- According to a recent Gallup Poll, 7 in 10 Americans say Carter's "born again" faith does not affect their attitudes toward him. Three in four independents (74 percent) say Carter's religion is not a factor in their political thinking and 79 percent of Catholics polled say his faith is not a factor. WP 10/10

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1976

- Carter campaigned in Indiana and Illinois on Sunday. Monday he will appear in Illinois and Wisconsin before leaving for Plains.

- In South Bend, Indiana Carter stated, "I remember under Richard Nixon the word 'stonewall.' In the South, we've got a great respect for the word 'stonewall.' Well, in this administration a stonewall seems to mean not letting American people have a right to know what's our own business. Mr. Ford has created in recent appearances--which are very rare--more questions than he has provided answers. . .If I am elected President, I hope to bring a new spirit of optimism, patriotism and self-sacrifice to America." Carter also told his audience at Notre Dame, "Mr. Ford is misinformed. He has been to Poland, and obviously the Communist leaders had a great influence on his thinking."

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- Carter addressed the Illinois Division of the Polish-American Congress. He stated, "It's time we had a President who understands the facts about Eastern Europe and who will speak up for freedom throughout the world." Carter went on to quote a passage from his March address to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations: "Eastern Europe can never be a stable region until those countries regain their independence, and the Soviet Union must understand that any Soviet-United States detente depends on the Soviet Union recognizing the legitimate aspirations of the people of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania and the rest of Eastern Europe."

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- Regarding the Helsinki agreement's recognition that the post-World War II boundaries of the Soviet satellites were permanent, Carter stated that that was a "good move. It removes the threat that the Soviet Union could use over those countries, Poland and the others, that [it] might change those boundaries." Carter would not have participated in the Helsinki conference because "there are other parts about it that I don't agree with," including "the acknowledgement of Soviet hegemony over Eastern Europe." Carter later appeared at a Hellenic-American dinner and visited the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicago's South Side.

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- Mondale marched in Columbus Day parades in Newark and Buffalo. He later flew to New York City where he will meet Monday with state AFL-CIO leaders and appear on NBC's "Today" Show. He will attend the traditional Fifth Avenue Columbus Day parade and he is expected to visit Senator Humphrey before leaving for Washington.

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JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1976

- Before marching in the Chicago Columbus Day parade, Carter attended a meeting with Mayor Daley's ward committeemen. "I believe in tight, carefully organized political structures," Carter told those in attendance. "I know the importance of the Democratic organization, but its success depends on the confidence of the people in your leaders. You only have to betray that trust once and the organization is gone."
- Carter made campaign stops in Eau Claire and Milwaukee, Wisconsin before returning to Plains for a two-day rest.
- Regarding rumors about Carter's personal life, Carter told reporters, "Oh, it's just one of those kind of seamy things that is distasteful, but it hasn't hurt us because there is no truth to any of these allegations. . .I don't think the public responds well to that sort of thing anymore. . .people at the Los Angeles Times and the New York Times and other papers that were offered the story by Republicans showed a great deal of--I think--good judgement in not reporting these things since they weren't proved."
- Mondale met with state AFL-CIO leaders in New York City and attended the Columbus Day parade. He later flew to Washington where he appeared at a Democratic Party fund-raiser and reception.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1976

- Carter spent the day in Plains.
- "Almost everything I do, I do intentionally," Carter told reporters in Plains. "Sometimes you may not believe it, but it is [intentional]. My thrust of the last four or five days was not to be antagonistic or personal in my attacks on Ford, but to point out to the news media, who are reluctant to accept the facts, that Ford is not meeting the public, being cross-examined and answering some of the questions that he himself has raised. I thought it was good to pursue [that point] for a couple of days until somebody noticed it. ...I'm not going to talk to anybody in the next two days except my wife, and my daughter, and my mother, and Billy Carter."
- Carter also released a statement regarding Medicare and Medicaid programs. Carter proposed restructuring the system to eliminate fraud, including an "aggressive central fraud and abuse unit" to investigate violations.
- Carter will fly to New York on Thursday and campaign in New York City and upstate New York. He is then scheduled to appear in Midwestern industrial states.

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JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1976

- Carter spent the day campaigning in New York. He planned to stay overnight in New York city, film some television commercials Friday morning, meet with the editorial board of the Daily News and fly to Detroit mid-morning. NYT 10/15
- Carter told newsmen in Rochester, New York he had "no reason to dispute" the conclusions reached by Charles Ruff. But he stated he would not apologize for his earlier remarks. "I never used his violating or not violating the law as a campaign issue. I just said he ought to hold a press conference to explain these things rather than hide in the White House." NYT 10/15
- Carter pledged to a crowd in Rochester that he "would never seek an increase in federal income taxes on wage earners if elected President. Anyone who works for a living and who reports all their income for tax purposes will never have their income taxes raised under my Administration." Jody Powell later stated, "What he [Carter] should have said is 'no tax increase under my tax reform plan.'" WP 10/15
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- In Syracuse, Carter stated, "This election is a key one, as was the case in 1932 when Roosevelt ran against Hoover, and as was the case in 1948 when Harry Truman won his election, and as was the case in 1960 when John Kennedy restored the image of this country by defeating Richard Nixon." Carter added that people should be wary of "all the things my Republican opposition says. If I believed everything said about me, I wouldn't vote for myself." NYT 10/15
- Speaking to the New York Liberal Party, Carter stated, "We must move to secure agreements with the Soviet Union on a quick freeze on the number of atomic missiles and warheads, on total throw weight and qualitative weapon improvements. Then, we must move toward methodical, step-by-step mutual reductions in our atomic arsenals, maintaining at all times rough equivalency in destructive power." BALT. S. 10/15
- "Are we any more secure now because we have hundreds of new MIRVed missiles, which by agreement are now being matched by the Soviet Union? Will we be any more secure if both nations spend another one-half trillion dollars during the next decade or two on new atomic weapons systems?" PI 10/15

- "I don't know how I did in the first two debates, but I thought I did pretty well in the press conference tonight," Carter told reporters. "I'm going to be out campaigning every second I can until the election. . . How many of you believe it is time to have a President who knows that Eastern Europe is not free?" -

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- "In domestic affairs, the conservative stereotype portrays liberals as fuzzy-headed and wasteful, and the conservatives as realistic and efficient. Liberals sometimes see themselves as overflowing with the compassion that the hard-hearted conservatives lack." Carter stated he rejected both stereotypes and was looking for people "who combine compassion and competence" to staff his administration.

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- Mondale was briefed by his staff for Friday's debate where he will show "that I understand the issues and can handle them competently. I intend to make my points as strongly as I can."

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- The Gallup survey, disclosed yesterday, gave Carter a 6 percentage point edge, 48 to 42. A simultaneous poll by Patrick Caddell put Carter's margin at 8 points. The New York Times/CBS findings fell into the same range.

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RECENTLY, the Harris Survey asked a cross section of 1,471 voters:

"Suppose there were four candidates running for President this year. One was a conservative who pledged to cut back on social programs in the federal government. Another was a liberal who pledged to start a big program to provide government jobs for the unemployed. Another was a moderate, who pledged not to cut government social programs but would not expand them either. A fourth candidate said he was none of these, but said he would not promise more of anything from government, but would pledge to improve the quality of life the country now has. Who would you vote for for President if you had to choose—the conservative, the liberal, the moderate or the candidate pledged to improve the quality of life?"

Type Preferred for President	Total voters
Quality of life candidate	45
Moderate candidate	18
Liberal candidate	14
Conservative candidate	14
Not sure	11

WHEN THE HARRIS Survey asked each voter:

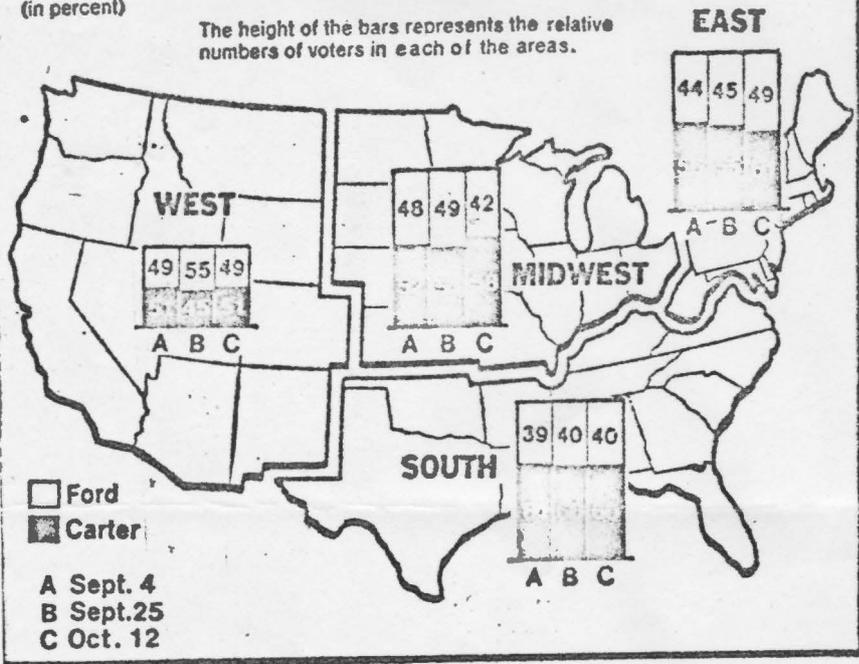
"Now which of those descriptions I just read off to you do you feel best describes President Ford and Jimmy Carter?"

Types Best Describing Ford and Carter	Best described as:	
	Ford	Carter
Quality-of-life candidate	10	16
Moderate candidate	24	16
Liberal candidate	7	36
Conservative candidate	41	8
Not sure	18	24

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Candidate Support for President by Region 2082

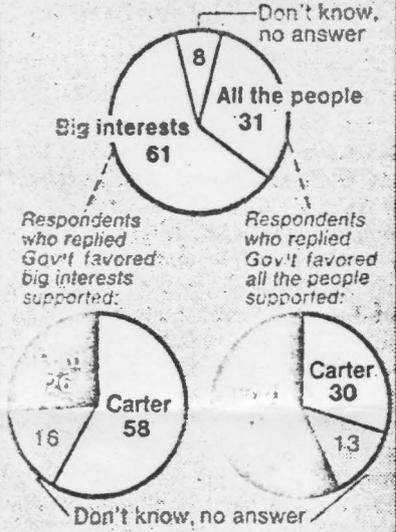
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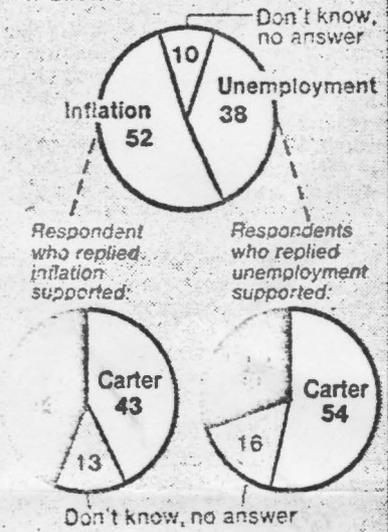
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Selected Issues From Survey

Would you say the government is pretty much for a few big interests . . . or would you say that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

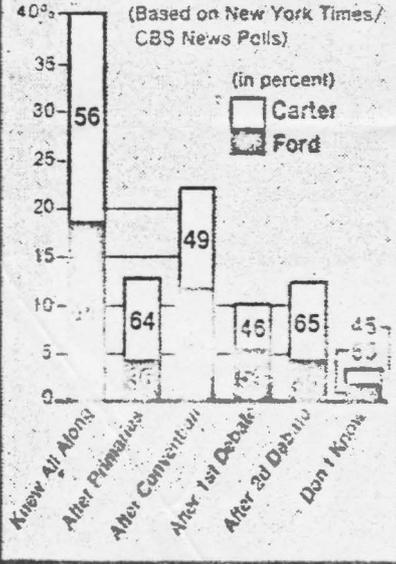


Which do you think is the more important problem facing the country today—unemployment or inflation?



The Timing of Voter Choices For Carter and Ford

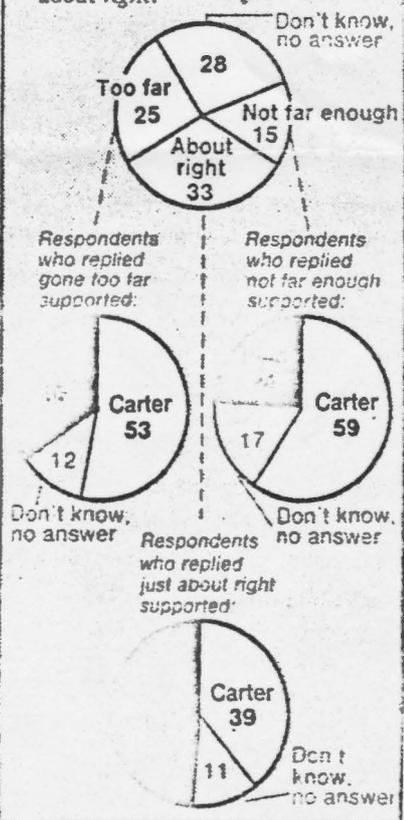
(The height of the bar represents the percentage of the voters who made their decision after key points of the campaign)



The New York Times/Oct. 15, 1976

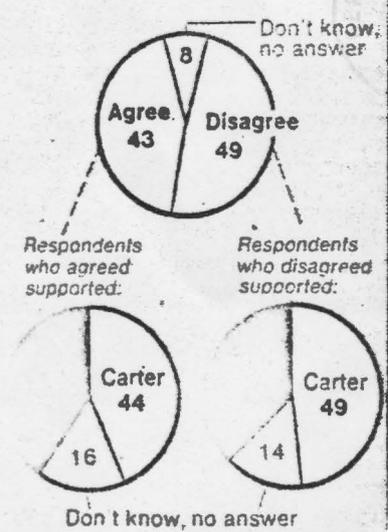
The chart shows, for example, that of the voters who have made a choice, 4 percent said they knew all along whom they would support. Of these, 56 percent said they supported Carter and 44 Ford. Of those who said they had made up their minds after the primaries, 64 percent went for Carter, 36 percent went for Ford.

For the past few years, the United States has had a policy of trying to relax tensions with Russia, called "Detente." Do you think the U.S. has gone too far with Detente, not far enough, or do you think this policy is just about right?



The New York Times/Oct. 15, 1976

"The government has paid too much attention to the problems of blacks and other minorities."





Research Report

RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1976

JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1976

- Carter recorded political commercials in New York City, flew to Detroit for a speech where he was introduced by Leonard Woodcock, and addressed a memorial dinner for Jerry Litton in Kansas City.
- Carter told the New York Daily News that he is willing to consider federal guarantees for long-term municipal and state bonds. He said, "I can't make a firm commitment on that because I don't know all the different state's constitutional prohibitions and so forth."
- In Detroit, Carter discussed anti-crime programs saying, "Restoring order to our society is not a question of liberal versus conservative, Republican versus Democrat, black versus white, rich versus poor. . .It is a question of leadership."

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1976

- Carter sent a telegram to President Ford from Kansas City and then flew to Ohio for appearances in Cincinnati, Youngstown and at a state party dinner in Columbus. Later, he flew to Georgia for the weekend.
- Carter sent a telegram to President Ford. The telegram stated: "To President Gerald Ford. You have made erroneous statements about my position on several important issues. One. I do not advocate increasing income taxes on low or middle income families. Two. I do not advocate eliminating the existing homeowner income tax credits. Three. I do not advocate new spending programs which would cost anything near \$100 billion. My pledge is to have a balanced budget by 1980 and to phase in new programs only as funds become available through an expanding economy and improved government management. Four. I do not advocate a \$15 billion reduction in the defense budget. My projected savings from efficiency and elimination of waste is from \$5 billion to \$7 billion. I am sure that after these corrections, you, as a man of integrity, will refrain from making these misleading and erroneous statements to the American people. Jimmy Carter."
- In Kansas City, Carter was asked what he would do if an Eastern European country were to revolt against Soviet domination. "I don't know what I would do," Carter said. "But I wouldn't send American troops in."

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- In Youngstown, Carter accused President Ford of willfully "telling the American people things that are not true" calling on Ford to cease making "misleading and erroneous" statements about Carter's tax and spending plans.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1976

- Carter spent the day in Plains where he went to church in the morning and released a list of contributors to his 1970 race for the governorship of Georgia.
- Carter received about \$57,000 in corporate and business contributions while running for Governor of Georgia in 1970, according to a list he made public. Included were substantial donations from concerns that dealt with the state and an organization that later came under a federal investigation. The Carter campaign issued a list of about 4,800 contributors who gave Carter a total of \$695,037 in his successful campaign for Governor six years ago. His staff did not issue an estimate of what the campaign cost, but interviews by the New York Times indicated it cost \$400,000 to \$500,000. There is no clear information whether there was a surplus from the campaign or what its disposition might have been.
- Carter launched a new attack on the Ford Administration's economic policies, saying prices were now rising twice as fast as they were earlier this year, and that "a policy which relies on keeping people out of work is morally and politically bankrupt."
- Interviewed on CBS's Face the Nation, Mondale said Jimmy Carter may have to compromise with congressional leaders in order to win passage of legislation aimed at easing the tax burden on low-and moderate-income people.
- The Harris survey released Monday, October 18, shows that Ford has cut Carter's lead in half.

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BETWEEN Oct. 7 and 11, the Harris-ABC News Survey asked a cross section of 1,503 voters interviewed in person across the country:

"If you had to make up your mind right now, would you vote for Ford or for Carter?"

	Ford %	Carter %	Not Sure %
October 7-11	42	47	11
September	47	50	9
Late August	39	53	8
Early August	32	61	7
July	27	66	7
June	48	53	7

THE HARRIS SURVEY also asked:

"In some states, former U.S. Sen. Eugene McCarthy will also be on the ballot as an independent. And in some states, former Gov. Lester Maddox will be on the ballot on the American Independent Party. If you had to make up your mind right now, would you vote for Ford, Carter, McCarthy, or Maddox?"

	Ford %	Carter %	McCarthy %	Maddox %	Not Sure %
Nationwide	40	44	6	1	9
By Region					
East	35	45	7	1	12
Midwest	45	41	6	1	7
Border States	43	47	2	2	6
Deep South	33	40	1	2	4
West	43	34	10	1	12
By Education					
8th Grade or Less	31	59	3	1	6
High School	35	49	4	1	11
College	48	33	9	1	9
By Occupation					
Professional	45	35	10	1	9
Executive	54	30	4	2	10
Skilled Labor	33	50	5	1	11
White Collar	48	38	7	1	9
By Religion					
Catholic	40	42	4	2	12
White Protestant	49	39	3	1	8
Jewish	10	57	19	..	14
By Political Party					
Republican	78	11	2	1	8
Democrat	18	48	6	..	8
Independent	45	31	11	1	12

THE HARRIS SURVEY also asked:

"All in all, who do you feel you can trust more in the White House—Ford or Carter?"

	Ford %	Carter %	Not Sure %
Nationwide	39	38	23
By Region			
East	33	38	29
Midwest	44	37	19
Border States	36	45	19
Deep South	36	47	17
West	43	29	28
By Education			
8th Grade or Less	31	52	17
High School	34	44	22
College	46	28	26
By Religion			
Catholic	41	36	23
White Protestant	45	34	21
Jewish	15	64	41



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RNC RESEARCH DIVISION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1976

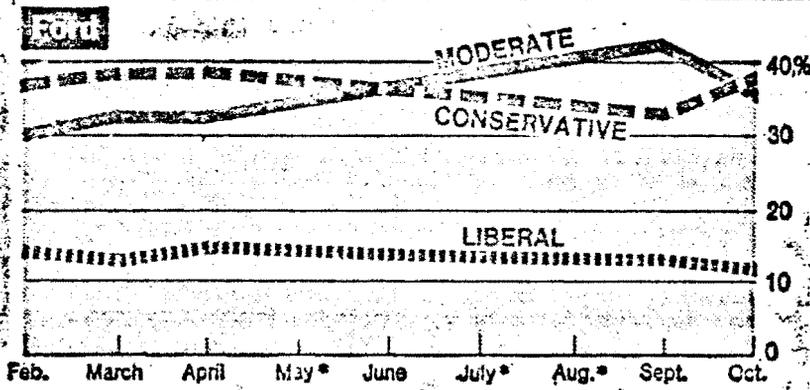
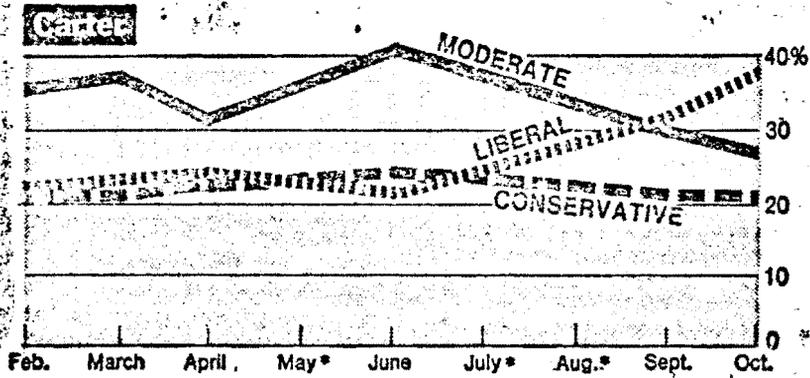
JIMMY CARTER NEWS SUMMARY MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1976

- At a news conference in Miami Beach, Carter stated, "From what I have seen from the news media, [Gen. George] Brown should be reprimanded. Ford should show some leadership for a change. . .As you know our own defense is a burden, but it's a burden that is important to us and to the security of our country, and it's not one that we don't want to shoulder or maintain. I would put Israel's dependence on us for economic and military aid in the same category. Some think this is a burden, but we welcome it because it adds to our mutual security between the two nations." BALT. S. 10/19
- At a rally in Tampa, Carter noted that less than half of the eligible voters would participate on November 2. "In other words, they are going to say: 'I am a coward; I am afraid of the future; I am ashamed of the nation; I give up on my nation; I am not going to try to control my own destiny or shape a better life for my children.' We have only got two weeks to change our nation. If we don't participate on the 2nd of November and the Republicans are there four more years. . .I want to ask you two weeks before the election not to give up on America." BALT. S. 10/19
- Before leaving for North Carolina and New York City, Carter declared, "I am going to bend over backwards the last two weeks not to make any personal attacks on President Ford. I believe the American people react adversely." BALT. S. 10/19
- On Saturday, the day after the final debate at Williamsburg, Virginia, Carter will campaign in Union, New Jersey and Alexandria, Virginia. He will spend Sunday and part of Monday in Plains before campaigning in the Midwest, East, California, Texas, Southern cities, such as New Orleans, and then back to the Northern industrial belt. On Tuesday he is scheduled to visit Carbondale and Chicago, Illinois. Wednesday, he is to go to the New York City garment district and then to Pittsburgh. WP 10/19
- At a stop over in Denver, Mondale stated, "I think we'll [Carter-Mondale] have an effect because we say something about the two [Presidential] nominees. The key choice that each of them made for the future, above all, was their selection of a vice-presidential nominee. . .Something really happened in that debate. I've never been involved in anything where I've gotten a more dramatic and favorable response--the size of the crowds, the enthusiasm, the really tremendous uplift about how they feel the campaign is going." Mondale later addressed more than 5,000 Southern California college students in Los Angeles. WP 10/19

How Voters Perceive the Ideology of Carter and Ford

(Feb.-Oct. 1976) (Based on N.Y. Times/CBS News Polls)

"In politics, do you think of Carter/Ford as more of a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?"



*No poll conducted

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