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“Faith Votes: Religion in the 2008 Presidential Election”

I. Introduction

- A. Why I am pleased to speak to the Socratic Club.
- B. Why I am hesitant to speak to the Socratic Club.

II. Faith Voters and Secular Voters

- A. Conclusion of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life:

“One of the realities of politics in the U.S. today is that people who regularly attend worship services and hold traditional religious views are much more likely to hold conservative political views, while those who are less connected to religious institutions and more secular in their outlook are more likely to hold liberal political views.”

III. Three Adventures of Faith Voters in the 2008 Presidential Election—So Far

- A. Gov. Romney’s speech on religion and politics in America
- B. Sen. Obama’s attempt to build bridges to Faith Voters
- C. Gov. Palin and Faith Voters

IV. Conclusion: A Tocquevillian Perspective on What is Happening