

RESULTS:

Maine - November 4

GEORGE BUSH..... 35%
HOWARD BAKER..... 33%
JOHN CONNALLY..... 18%
RONALD REAGAN..... 7%

Ames - October 13

GEORGE BUSH..... 36%
JOHN CONNALLY..... 15%
BOB DOLE..... 15%
RONALD REAGAN..... 11%

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"As Maine goes, so goes the nation."

Bush Upsets Field in Maine; Earlier, Sweeps Five Iowa Polls

On the heels of winning five straw polls in the State of Iowa—where his campaign organization is already clearly entrenched—George Bush stormed into New England in early November and in an upset victory, swept the Statewide Republican forum in Maine, a state where his campaign—while moving—is at a much earlier stage.

"The Bush victory (in Maine) added to his steady success in polls in Iowa and the respect generally accorded his organization in New Hampshire, (and) reinforced the growing impression that he is a . . . serious contender for the Republican nomination," according to *The New York Times*.

A year and a day before the 1980 election, the Maine polling sharply boosted Bush, who tallied 36 percent of the vote. While not directly related to the selection of Maine's 21 GOP Convention delegates, Maine GOP Chairman Hattie Bickmore said the results would strongly affect delegate selecting since "90 percent of the delegates to the state convention are here today." *The Times* reported that "Bush pitted rousing oratory" against the first serious organizational challenge of Howard Baker and "came out ahead."

Earlier, in the Iowa Daily Press Association poll taken at an Ames GOP fundraiser, Bush outdistanced the entire field of 10 candidates, piling up nearly 36 percent support.

In the Ames poll, **Bush was selected as the personal choice for the Republican nominee by 35.74 percent** of those voting. His closest follower was John Connally with 15.35 percent, followed by Robert Dole with 14.79 percent, Ronald Reagan with 11.28 percent, and Howard Baker with 8.80 percent.

The results of other questions asked in the poll:

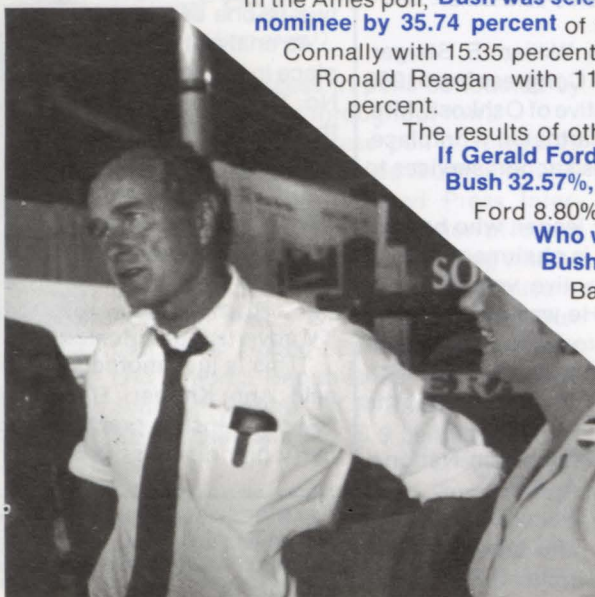
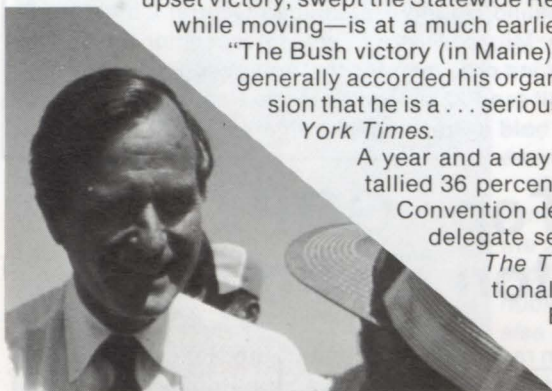
If Gerald Ford formally announced, who would you favor?
Bush 32.57%, Connally 15.04%, Dole 11.85%, Reagan 10.46%, Ford 8.80%, Baker 7.42%.

Who will be the GOP presidential nominee in 1980?
Bush 32.62%, Connally 21.84%, Reagan 13.21%, Baker 8.90%.

If Edward Kennedy is the Democratic nominee, who is the best GOP candidate?
Bush 30.22%, Connally 22.96%, Reagan 11.58%, Dole 10.96%, Baker 8.37%.

When you came to tonight's event, with which candidate were you aligned?
one 27.14%, **Bush 26.51%**, Dole 13.36%, Connally 9.28%, Reagan 8.16%, Baker 6.05%.

The victory in Ames was the capstone to



George Bush doing pre-poll campaigning.

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Bush Campaign Moves Into Illinois



Bush with (l to r) State Committeeman Bill Getz, Whiteside County Central Committeeman Bud Thompson, and 37th District Rep. Cal Shuneman.

George Bush took his campaign to Sterling, Illinois, Sept. 20, ending a day of campaigning with the Northern Illinois Republican Pork Chop Barbecue at the Harvey Arabian Farms. More than 600 people from nine Illinois counties attended the GOP party and heard Bush reiterate his economic proposals and plans to stop inflation.



Bush talks politics with Illinois businessmen.

The Bush Movement Across The Country

Taking the organizational lead for George Bush in their respective states, more political activists and leaders with outstanding credentials and experience have joined the George Bush movement in the past month.

In **ILLINOIS**, George Kangas has signed on as the Bush State Chairman. Kangas is serving his second term as chairman of the Republican Committee for Lake County—Illinois' third-largest GOP county, and also serves as chairman of the Northeastern Illinois Republican Council, which is composed of Republican Party representatives and activists in five counties representing half the population of the state.

Joining Kangas in the Illinois Bush effort are three honorary co-chairmen: Rep. Tom Railsback, Rep. George M. O'Brien and Mrs. Crete Harvey. Railsback, a seven-term congressman from Moline, is the second ranking Republican on the House Judiciary Committee. O'Brien, of Joliet, was first elected in 1972 and is a former member of the Will County Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Harvey, a grain and livestock farmer who lives near Sterling, has been active in Republican politics since 1964, and is a longtime National Committeewoman from Illinois.

Illinois will send 102 delegates to the Republican National Convention after its March 18 primary.

In **WISCONSIN**, John J. MacIver of Milwaukee and Mrs. William Steiger of Washington, D.C., and Oshkosh, will head the Bush campaign.

Janet Steiger is the widow of the late Rep. William E. Steiger, who represented Wisconsin's Sixth District in Congress from 1966 until his death last December at age 40. A native of Oshkosh, Mrs. Steiger is a former Fulbright Scholar, and a partner in Workplace, Inc., a Washington, D.C., firm which furnishes support services to various professionals.

MacIver is a Milwaukee attorney and civic leader, who headed the United Fund Performing Arts Fund and is chairman-elect of the Milwaukee Symphony. He has been active voluntarily in Wisconsin political campaigns since 1952. He was metropolitan vice-chairman for Warren Knowles' gubernatorial campaign, and chairman of the Olson for Governor campaign in 1970. He also served as chairman of Richard Nixon's campaigns in the Presidential primaries of 1968 and 1972.

Wisconsin will send 34 delegates to the Republican National Convention, and hold a Presidential primary April 1.

In **MICHIGAN**, nine members of the Michigan Legislature have announced their support for George Bush. The legislators are Steve Andrews, Wolverine; David L. Campbell, Royal Oak; Louis K. Cramton, Midland; James K. Dressel, Holland; Paul Hillegonds,

Holland; Jack E. Kirksey, Livonia; Charles L. Mueller, Linden; Roy Smith, Ypsilanti, and Donald VanSingel of Grant.

Michigan will send 82 delegates to the Republican National Convention and hold a Presidential primary May 20.

In **NEW MEXICO**, Aubrey Cookman of Albuquerque has been named coordinator of the New Mexico campaign activities of the George Bush committee.

Cookman, a retired newsman, magazine editor and public relations executive, was a member of the New Mexico Steering Committee in 1976 for President Ford. He is a member of the New Mexico and Bernalillo County Republican Central Committees, the Northern New Mexico District Tennis Association, and is the state public relations chairman for the American Red Cross.

New Mexico will send 22 delegates to the Republican National Convention, and hold a Presidential primary June 3.

Bush Tops GOP in Boston Radio Poll

A major Boston radio station's "First-in-the-Nation Presidential Primary" showed George Bush leading the Republican pack by two-to-one over his nearest opponent.

As analysts expected, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-MA, took first place in his home-state poll, conducted by WVBF Radio, Boston's No. 1 Top-40 station. Bush finished a strong second, and none of the other candidates—including President Carter—received more than 10 percent of the vote.

The Sept. 26 poll received 635 calls from all over eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. State Rep. Barney Frank, who analyzed poll results for the radio station, attributed Bush's strong showing to "early television and strong organization." Bush has been among the first presidential candidates to air TV advertising in Boston and to organize a Boston headquarters.

"This is just another sign of our growing grassroots strength," said Ann Kramer, Bush's Massachusetts campaign manager. "George Bush is gradually gaining the momentum that's going to carry him right to the nomination," Kramer said.

DEAR REPUBLICAN: In the age of the computer, and with thousands of newsletters going out, you may erroneously receive more than one George Bush For President newsletter. If so, please accept our apologies, and pass the extra on to a friend.

Bush Urges Continuing U.S. Commitment to Israel

Vowing that the United States must continue its strong support of Israel on both moral and strategic grounds, George Bush came out strongly against proposals to use American Forces or oil as tools of Middle East peace negotiations.

In a speech before the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Bush once again demonstrated his firm, but evenhanded approach to international diplomacy gleaned from his extensive experience in foreign affairs.

Following are excerpts from Bush's Oct. 14 address:

"American Middle Eastern policy must be based on encouraging those forces in the Middle East—as represented by the leaders of Israel and Egypt—who are working toward a peace based firmly on the equitable rights of both Jews and Arabs. It must be based also on our improving relations with the moderate Arab states.

"The interests of the United States lie in supporting the efforts to implement the Camp David accord.

"Some have suggested that U.S. military forces be based in the Middle East as a guarantor of peace. I do not favor use of American manpower as a negotiating pawn to get the OPEC nations to lower oil prices. The way to lower oil prices is through economic negotiations and through convincing the Saudis and others that we are dependable friends and that we are the only credible deterrent to Soviet subversion in the Middle East.

"Moreover, based on my experience in foreign affairs, I am convinced that the risks involved in a U.S. military presence in the Middle East are as unnecessary as they are unwanted by the American people.

"Firmness of purpose is one thing, but actions which could needlessly result in the loss of American lives and a potential escalation of risks between the major nuclear powers of the world is something else again."

Straw Polls

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a week of success in polls conducted by various agencies throughout Iowa.

An Associated Press poll of Iowa's 99 county chairmen showed Bush with 36.9 percent support; a United Press International survey of a cross-section of Iowa's GOP leaders showed Bush leading with 34 percent support; in a poll of Republicans from the state's 2nd Congressional District, Bush upped his lead to 45 percent; and among Republicans attending the Johnson County GOP Barbecue, it was Bush again, snaring 35.9 percent of votes cast.

Of his string of victories, Bush said: "I hope these winning results motivate my supporters to go the extra mile . . . to prove to the rest of the nation the strength of my candidacy."

ALONG THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL . . .

Bush Posts Largest Jump in N.H. Poll

The latest poll of New Hampshire's much-surveyed Republican voters shows that George Bush scored the single biggest move of any GOP candidate from February to October, from 2 to 10 percent, as reported recently in *The New York Times*.

The poll was completed in early October, and was taken by two University of New Hampshire political science professors and their students.



Bush Nabs Support of 50 Top Pennsylvanians

At the recent annual fall dinner of the York (Pa.) County GOP Committee, George Bush unveiled his Pennsylvania Steering Committee—a list of 50 prominent Pennsylvania Republicans with political experience and credentials which are unmatched.

Bush also announced the imminent openings of campaign offices in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, in addition to the campaign headquarters in Harrisburg.

Included on Bush's Pa. committee are key current and former congressional leaders: Rep. Lawrence Coughlin, former U.S. Sen. and Minority Leader Hugh Scott, former Rep. John H. Ware, former Rep. Herman T. Schneebeli, and former Rep. Albert W. Johnson; as well as National Committeewoman from Pennsylvania in 1976, Mrs. Elsie Hillman; Co-Chairman of the President Ford Committee in Pennsylvania in 1976, Mrs. Marian Bell; Mrs. Richard C. Frame, and John G. Wilkens.

A recent—and top—Pennsylvania addition to the Bush National Steering Committee has also been announced: Rep. Bill Goodling, R-York.



Maryland County Poll Favors Bush

At the Montgomery (Md.) County Republican Harvest Moon Ball recently, a straw poll of attendees found George Bush the favorite with 38 percent support, followed by John Connally with nearly 27 percent, Ronald Reagan with 12 percent, and Howard Baker with 9 percent.

THE WORD ON BUSH

"'From an organizational standpoint,' said Iowa Republican state chairman Stephen Roberts, 'there's no question Bush has broken out of the pack.' The prevailing wisdom was that Iowa is now a two-way contest between Reagan and Bush."

NEWSWEEK★

"Mr. Bush is very much alive and . . . gaining strength. He is strong where it counts. In the end, the long succession of thankless tasks has become Mr. Bush's biggest political asset."

THE ECONOMIST★

"Talking with George Bush, it's plain that this man is most able, multi-experienced, principled."

FORBES MAGAZINE★

"Bush was back this week (to) address about 400 persons. They listened very intently to his every word . . . If Bush is able to impress other Iowans the same way, then Reagan is far from wrapping up his

party's nomination. . . . George Bush is out there lurking in the shadows."

QUAD-CITY (Iowa) TIMES★

"This essay was not intended as a paean to Bush, but I am not aware of a flaw or weakness in Bush's candidacy."

CHICAGO TRIBUNE★

"If I had to declare my choice for the Republican presidential nomination at this early date, I think it would be George Bush. He appears to have . . . some important qualifications for the job of president. Traditionally, would-be candidates on the left and right move toward the center at election time and George Bush has the advantage of already being there."

FAIRFIELD (Iowa) LEDGER★

"(Bush's) pre-campaign political track record makes Carter's look like peanut-shucking by comparison. . . . All that, without so much as a tiny smirch on his integrity . . ."

PHOENIX GAZETTE★

"The former Republican National Committee chairman has a big plus on his side in this state as the caucuses will draw active party members who know something about him. In Iowa, Bush forces are working statewide and have enlisted the support of potentially key individuals . . . and 25 of the 84 Republicans in the Iowa Legislature."

IOWA CITY PRESS-CITIZEN★

"Bush is unhurried; very easy to rap with . . . Bush gives the impression that he reasons his way to an opinion . . . (He) stood before the audience and called himself an idealist, and it didn't sound hollow, nor vain. It didn't even sound foolish. George Bush has a lot of Jack Armstrong about him, and a touch of Daddy Warbucks, too. It's an unusual mix, but in correct doses it mixes well. Many a middle-roader, many an independent . . . would find it to his taste."

SAN JUAN STAR★

"(Bush's list of Iowa supporters) is a list no other presidential hopeful can match. . . ."

WATERLOO (Iowa) COURIER★

BEST IN THE FIELD

Card Combines Youth, Experience for Bush

A monthly look at who is supporting George Bush for President, who is working for him across the country, and who is shaping the campaign.

As George Bush cuts across all age groups and attracts talent to his presidential campaign, Andy Card stands out as one of the brightest—yet most experienced—faces.

Bush's Massachusetts Chairman, Card at 32 has political accomplishments under his belt that would be the envy of peers many years his senior.

Elected to his first term in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1974, Card was the only Republican to unseat a Democratic incumbent that year in all of New England.

He was re-elected in 1976 and followed that up with his appointment in early 1977 as Assistant Republican Whip—at 29, the youngest person of either party in the history of the state to be appointed to a leadership position in the House.

Card is now serving his third term representing the Holbrook area of Massachusetts, and his second as minority whip.

A National Convention delegate for

President Ford in 1976—the youngest at-large delegate that year—Card says he has known for some time he wanted to be active in the 1980 campaign, but that his entry to the Bush effort was not spurred by any old friendships or acquaintances with the candidate.

"I sought the most qualified, electable candidate. George Bush is an independent man, and he's the only candidate who speaks of some hope for the future."

Card is optimistic about the Bush campaign in Massachusetts, pointing to the broad range of support there, including the Bush State Co-Chairmen, State Reps. Argeo Cellucci of Hudson, Andrew S. Natsios of Holliston, Leon J. Lombardi of Easton; and Bush's Honorary Chairman, former state senator William L. Saltonstall.

"For the protection of my children, I want to see George Bush elected President. (He) is looking ahead to the future of the country and the people who will be living then.



Bush Mass. Chairman Andy Card

"He impresses me with his great personal convictions and confidence. I think he'll lay the groundwork through his Presidency in the 1980s that will provide the real foundation of the 21st Century."