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THE EFFECTS OF POLITICAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES ON CHRISTIAN COALITION SUPPORT SCORES

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Using Congressional Scorecards published by the Christian Coalition and focusing on the House of Representatives and the political and demographic characteristics of the district, the author concludes that political and demographic statistics yield fluctuating results with regard to a representative supporting the Christian Coalition agenda. The data suggests that party identification of the representative and past presidential vote of the district are the most significant variables, while race, education, and income play less of a deciding role in determining support. These findings indicate political factors are the most powerful influence on Christian Coalition ratings. This raises serious questions regarding the organizations claim of impartial interpretation of Christian principles.