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Catholic Voter Mobilization in the 2004 election

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This paper compares and analyzes the differences in the ways the Republican and Democratic parties mobilized their resources in their efforts to garner a majority of the Catholic vote in the 2004 national election. John F. Kerry, the Democratic Party candidate, and a practicing Roman Catholic, not only lost the Catholic vote nationally, but lost the Catholic vote in the battleground state of Ohio by 172,000, a huge turnaround from the 2000 election. The paper concludes with some explanations for the loss of the Catholic vote.