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Catholics have long been a pivotal swing vote in U.S. presidential contests, with a majority backing the winner, Republican or Democrat, in almost every election. In a new ABC News/ Washington Post poll released Sunday, 51 percent of white Catholics supported former Vice President Joe Biden, compared to 45 percent backing President Donald J. Trump. The poll found only two Democrats performed as well with white Catholics in the past 44 years, and both were winners: Jimmy Carter in 1976 and Bill Clinton in 1996.

In a late-September Siena Research Institute poll of the presidential race in New York, Biden led Trump 50-43 percent among respondents who identified themselves as Catholic. The Democrat enjoyed significantly wider leads over the incumbent among Jewish respondents (74-24 percent) and Protestants (54-37 percent). Among all voters, the New York poll showed Biden led Trump by a margin of more than 2-to-1 (61-29 percent).

While Republicans have often taken stances supporting policies like prayer in schools and the party is aligned with the anti-abortion movement, Biden has been outspoken about his own Catholic faith on the campaign trail, a factor that may help him reach more moderate voters than other Democratic candidates, although he favors abortion rights. His running mate, U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., is Baptist.

Biden said Monday of Barrett, "I don't think there should be any questions about her faith."

While Trump supports religious causes and reaps evangelical support, the president is far less public in his religious habits than Biden is. He is Presbyterian, but associates with a range of religious groups. Vice President Mike Pence, an evangelical Christian and former Catholic, is deeply religious. And in a sense, the third member of the Trump ticket in the final countdown to Election Day is Barrett, a devout, practicing Catholic, an alumna of Notre Dame University and a law professor there.

If confirmed, Barrett will be one of six Catholics serving on the nine-member Supreme Court.

"There were moments in time in American history where there never would have even been considered — to have a Catholic candidate for president, to have a Catholic (Supreme Court) nominee," said Jennifer McLaughlin, instructor of history at Connecticut's Sacred Heart University. "That's significant about the way the status of American Catholics have changed over time."

Barrett's faith has drawn particular attention after recent reporting on

her ties to a charismatic Christian group called People of Praise in South Bend, Ind. The group espouses deeply conservative stances on the role of women in society and gave some of its female leaders, including Barrett, the title of "handmaid." The group ditched that term due to the popularity of the TV adaptation of Margaret Atwood's dystopian novel "The Handmaid's Tale," set in a totalitarian state where women are enslaved as breeders for the ruling class.

"There were many groups that sprang up in the 1970s that were sort of intense groups — practicing faith, engaging lay people," said Nancy Dalla-valle, associate professor

of religious studies at Fairfield University. "Some of that terminology is outdated, as that group itself has recognized, so I don't think we should do a lot of lurid speculation about a specific membership that she has."

In the Senate Judiciary hearings, Republicans claimed Democrats viewed Barrett's faith as a liability that would cloud her legal judgment. They reminded viewers of Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein's observation that the "dogma lives loudly within you" during Barrett's 2017 confirmation to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Republicans also brought up questions asked of another judicial

nominee by Sens. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., and Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, about his involvement in the Knights of Columbus, and some of that Catholic group's stances.

"This pattern and practice of religious bigotry — because that's what it is, when you tell somebody they are too Catholic to be on the bench, when you say they will be a Catholic judge, not an American judge — that is bigotry," said Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo. "The practice of bigotry from members of this committee must stop and I would expect that it be renounced."

Under questioning from Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, Barrett stated that her religious views and per-

sonal convictions have not prevented her from completing her duties as a judge. She said, "We knew that our faith would be caricatured" when she was nominated for the position. She repeated during the hearing that she affirms the right to life from conception to natural death, a position traditionally embraced by the Catholic Church.

Democrats steered away from direct comments or questions about Barrett's religious practices, choosing instead to focus on the possibility that her confirmation could lead to the court's conservative majority striking down the Affordable Care Act and its protections for people with

pre-existing medical conditions — a topic that's far more likely to place Barrett and her Republican supporters on the defensive.

But Democrats did ask her about her anti-abortion views and how they intersected with her legal work, and attempted — largely without success — to get her to answer questions about Roe v. Wade, the decision that legalized abortion across the nation.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., who pressed Barrett on her past pro-life statements, clarified he was purely interested in her legal views and said, "I detest and oppose any religious test" before diving in.

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Houthi rebels free 2 American hostages

BY MICHAEL CROWLEY
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New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Two Americans held hostage by Iran-backed Houthi fighters in Yemen were released Wednesday in a deal brokered by the Trump administration and the government of Oman, according to a senior administration official.

Sandra Loli, an aid worker, had been held in the war-ravaged country for 16 months; and Mikael Gidada, a businessman, had also been held for a lengthy period. They were released as part of an agreement under which about 240 Houthis in Oman, many of them former armed combatants originally captured by Saudi Arabia, were allowed to return to Yemen.

Houthi leaders also released the remains of a third American, Bilal Fateen, a Yemeni dual national who died of natural causes while in captivity.

“Our family is filled with immense relief and gratitude that Sam — a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend — has been released and reunited with her family,” said Loli’s husband, Richard Boni, in a statement. He described Loli as “stable and in good spirits.”

Freeing Americans held abroad has been a top priority for President Donald Trump and his national security adviser, Robert O’Brien, who previously served as Trump’s chief hostage negotiator. In a brief statement, O’Brien thanked the sultan of

Oman and the king of Saudi Arabia “for their efforts to secure the release of our citizens.”

The Houthis were flown home through Saudi Arabian airspace, a conciliatory gesture from the Saudi kingdom given that Saudi Arabia has been waging a military campaign against the Houthis, who toppled Yemen’s government in January 2015.

Since then, Yemen has been embroiled in a grueling civil war that has deepened its economic desolation and produced widespread hunger and disease. Saudi Arabia and its partners in the conflict in the Gulf Arab region blame their enemy, Iran, for backing the Houthis and firing missiles into Saudi territory from Yemen.

Mohammed Abdul-Salam, a high-ranking Houthi official, said that about 240 Yemenis who had been stuck in Oman had arrived in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, on two Omani jets.

Abdul-Salam told Al Masirah, a Houthi-run television station, that the returnees included wounded Yemenis who had originally traveled to Oman for medical treatment and Houthis who had gone there to participate in peace talks.

The Saudi-led coalition that has been battling the Houthis since 2015 controls Yemen’s airspace and has forced the closure of many of its airports to commercial traffic, making it hard for Yemenis stuck outside the country to return home.



ANNA MONEYSMAKER/NEW YORK TIMES

National Security Adviser Robert O’Brien speaks at a news conference at the White House on Sept. 4. Two Americans held hostage by Iran-backed Houthi fighters in Yemen were released on Wednesday in a deal brokered by the Trump administration and the government of Oman, according to a senior administration official.

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Israel and Lebanon begin talks

BY BEN HUBBARD
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BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon and Israel kicked off their first negotiations in 30 years on nonsecurity issues, aiming to end a long-running dispute over their maritime border in the gas-rich Mediterranean Sea.

The brief first session Wednesday was hosted by the United Nations and mediated by the United States, whose diplomats worked for years to get the negotiations going before the two sides announced Oct. 1 that they had agreed on a framework for talks.

At issue is more than 330 square miles in the Mediterranean that Israel and Lebanon both claim is in their exclusive economic zone. Pressure to resolve the dispute has mounted as Israel and Cyprus have begun exploiting offshore gas in the eastern Mediterranean. Lebanon has sought to do the same, hoping the new industry can assuage its profound economic woes.

It was not immediately clear whether any progress was made during the first session in the southern Lebanese town of Naqoura, near the Israeli border. The meeting lasted about an hour, and the teams are expected to gather again Oct. 28.

The Lebanon-Israel talks follow normalization agreements between Israel and two Gulf States — Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. They were the third and fourth Arab states to recognize Israel, after Egypt and Jordan.

But officials on both sides of the talks said that they sought to address only the maritime border and that normalization was not on the table.

The Israeli team was headed by the director general of its energy ministry, Udi Adiri, and the Lebanese delegation was headed by Brig. Gen. Basam Yassin, the army’s deputy chief of staff for operations.

The talks were held in a U.N. base where representatives from Lebanon and Israel have regular talks about security issues along their disputed border. Under the framework agreement, the delegations were not supposed to address each other directly but instead to communicate through intermediaries from the United States.

Yassin said in a statement released by the Lebanese army before the talks began that they were “technical, indirect negotiations.” He called the talks “the first step on a 1,000-mile journey” but added that he hoped the issue would be resolved “within a reasonable time frame.”

Israel has three objectives for the talks, said Maj. Gen. Amos Yadlin of the Institute for National Security Studies, an independent research organization in Tel Aviv: to deny Hezbollah, Lebanon’s most powerful military force, an excuse for war with Israel; to diminish the possibility that Hezbollah will target its gas drilling platforms; and to show the Lebanese that they can benefit from cooperation with Israel.

Among Hezbollah’s grievances against Israel are disputes over land and maritime borders.