

Was Senator Carnahan's election in the last Senatorial race due to a sympathy vote? Has she maintained that support?

The more you learn about politics, and I am sure it is the same for business or education or anything else, the less flat it becomes. The more honest you are about how politics operates, the fewer ironclad rules there are. That is true even about particular races. I think one of the things I have gleaned — because I have been out and about everywhere— is that, while there certainly is a considerable amount of sympathy for Jean, to the extent that there was a sympathy vote, I don't think that is there now. And that's what I would expect. I believe voters act on the whole logically in terms of how they define their own interests. Sometimes I wish they would define their own interests in the way I would like them to define it. But you can look back on most elections and explain them in terms of people's overall perceptions about the state they were in, which direction they wanted to go in. You may be very frustrated by all of that, but you can explain it. So I always believed that this election would be about how people perceive the future, what their concerns were, what direction they wanted to go in, rather than about the past for either Jean or me. I think that's going to be the case. I don't think the numbers indicate anything different. If you look at how both sides are operating you can tell that both sides are assuming that.