

Politically Speaking

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1. Ron Elving discusses the changes he has seen in the presidential elections over the past few decades. What changes have you noticed most in the years since you began to cast your vote?
2. When the media use the term “evangelical” in reporting on this election, how do you think they define it? How do you define it?
3. How would you respond to the question posed to Elving in the interview, “Covenant folks have long attempted to strike a balance between living faithfully as Christians while being gracious and engaged members of the wider culture. What would you say to Covenanters who are striving to be good citizens in the midst of today’s political polarization?”
4. Elving says part of his “mission” in journalism is to provide reliable information for people to think and make decisions. How would you describe your own “mission” in your given field of work?
5. What programs, if any, do you listen to on National Public Radio? Do you perceive NPR to be liberal, conservative, or representative of a wide range of perspectives?
6. Ron Elving’s father had hopes for him to become a minister but was open-minded about his son’s choice of journalism. How did the interaction with your own parents play out regarding your chosen profession?