

Boys in the Backroom

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The poll taken by Tony Olivieri showing Al Lowenstein running four percentage points ahead of Carter Burden for the Democratic congressional nomination has been the subject of Dem debate for the past few weeks. The poll's validity has been suspect because of allegations that Olivieri had used too small a sample and that whatever sample there was had come only from the southern part of the district, which would favor Lowenstein.

However, we've been able to determine that, despite the seeming surprise of the results, the Olivieri poll is valid and that, albeit by a narrow margin, Al Lowenstein is currently the frontrunner for the nomination.

(How we were able to determine that is going to have to remain a deep, dark secret.)

The poll reported its results broken down into assembly districts within the congressional district. Those minor portions of the 67th and 72nd A.D.s which form a small bit of the 18th C.D. were omitted from consideration, and it's clear that their inclusion would not have changed the result.

In the poll, Lowenstein took the 63rd A.D. by 13%, the 64th by 12%, the 65th by about 8% and the 66th by about 4%. Burden won the 68th A.D. by 3%.

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