

More women than men voting lately

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Women have emerged as a voting majority in recent elections yet presidential candidates in both parties have not begun talking their language, the leader of a women's political group says.

Irene Natividad, head of the National Women's Political Caucus, said the pattern of women out-voting men is particularly striking in the South, where nearly one-third of the Democratic and Republican delegates will be at stake in the "Super Tuesday" March 8 presidential primaries.

Presidential candidates in both parties, she said, have failed to recognize that women now constitute a voting majority or to find a way to address their message in a way that women, concerned with pocketbook issues, will respond to.

"The partisan strategy as I see it has been to woo the white male vote," Natividad said in a recent interview. "What they are missing is that the constituency that has delivered and can deliver again, the women's vote, is not being paid as much attention to."

The National Women's Political Caucus, a bipartisan group, is sponsoring a meeting in Atlanta next month in an attempt to draw attention to this point. Several hundred women from across the South are expected for the Dec. 5 forum, called "Super Saturday: Women and the Primary Politics of Super Tuesday."

The presidential election of 1984 was the first in which women surpassed men in voting participation, she said, citing U.S. Census Bureau figures.

In the 1986 Senate, House and state elections, women made up a majority of those who voted in

every one of the 20 states that next year will hold Democratic or Republican primaries or caucuses on Super Tuesday.

Among some of the 15 Southern Super Tuesday states, the female majority last year was quite high. It was nearly 56 percent in Florida and Mississippi, and nearly 55 percent in Alabama and Georgia. Republican Senate incumbents were turned out of office in three of those four: Florida, Alabama and Georgia.

"There have been poll after poll that indicate women's votes, in coalition with minority votes in certain states, were the ones that changed the Senate composition in 1986," Natividad said. "They are the critical votes for any candidate, Democrat or Republican, who wishes to get a majority of Super Tuesday delegates."

"Women are pretty savvy voters," she said.

Assoc.: South Africa book boycott wrong

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — A university press association is decrying moves by some big-city school boards to boycott publishers that sell books to South Africa.

School boards in Pittsburgh and Detroit have ordered a halt to purchases from any company that has commercial dealings with South Africa, where a white minority rules and deprives blacks of rights under its apartheid system.

E.H. Phillips, executive director of the Association of American Univer-

sity Presses, said publishers "are being urged in the name of common decency to join in a general boycott and to stop selling books to South Africa."

"But we believe that this is a misguided policy," he said. "We hold that books are different and have no place in an international boycott."

"To us, it makes no sense to deprive South Africans, black and white, of the opportunity to read, to be enlightened and perhaps uplifted by the printed word from across the seas," said Phillips.

But Mary Frances Berry, a U.S. Civil Rights Commission member and

leader of the Free South Africa Movement, rejected Phillips' reasoning.

"While we have freedom of expression in our society, they obviously don't in South Africa," said Berry, the Segal Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania.

She said sanctions have had an impact already on the apartheid regime. "What we're talking about is stopping as many contacts as possible, not for the purposes of constraining free expression ... but to bring home to them that South Africa will be deprived of the contacts you ex-

pect to have in a civilized society until they change the policy."

A major U.S. publisher, McGraw-Hill Inc., recently pulled out of South Africa.

International Book Distributors, a subsidiary of Prentice-Hall International, has informed several university presses that it will no longer ship their titles to South Africa, and University Microfilm International has suspended shipments of monographs and other scholarly materials to South Africa.

Phillips said going along with a boycott was the easiest course of action for U.S. publishers.

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