

George W. Bush

On The Issues

- Has both supported and opposed affirmative action. Against quotas
- Wants to amend constitution to ban same-sex marriage
- Opposes inclusion of sexual orientation in hate crime legislation
- Has not proposed increasing the Army's size
- Supports placing limits on patient lawsuits against HMO's
- Opposes abortion except in cases of incest, rape, and when mother's life in danger
- Supports legislation to protect gun makers against lawsuits
- Supports investing some Social Security taxes in the Stock Market
- Supports giving documentation to illegal immigrants so they can work legally in the U.S.
- Opposes stem cell research. Sites that it destroys fertilized eggs (embryos) in research laboratories
- Ended tariffs on imported steel

John F. Kerry

On The Issues

- Against quotas. Supports affirmative action
- Against same-sex marriage. Opposes amending the constitution
- Supports sexual orientation inclusion in hate crime legislation
- Increase active duty personnel to 40,000. Double the Special Forces. Transform the National Guard for Homeland Security
- Cut waste on paperwork and administrative processing in healthcare to save billions. Reduce prescription costs allowing the purchase of drugs from Canada. 45,000,000 Americans don't have health insurance
- Supports abortion rights
- Supports ban on assault weapons
- Would end tax breaks for businesses that ex-port jobs. Cut taxes for businesses that keep jobs in America.

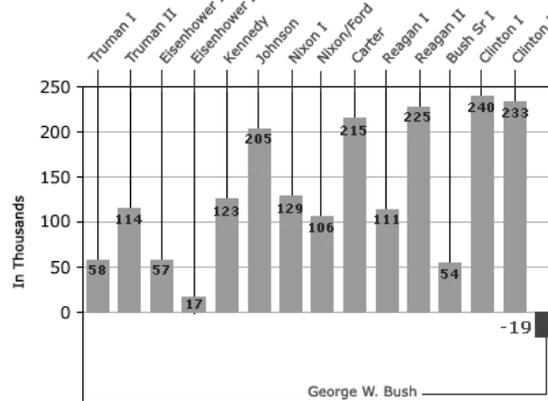
- Would roll back tax cuts for individuals making over \$200,000. Would keep child tax credit and the ended marriage penalty tax
- Would lead world against nuclear proliferation
- Supports increased investment in renewable energy & reducing our oil dependence by 2 million barrels of oil a day
- Improve Veteran's health care and quality of life
- Supports stem cell research
- Created the COPS program which put 100,000 additional cops on the streets

* (These are not all of the issues on the candidates. I could only list a few. Foxnews.com, cnn.com, and the candidates websites offer more).

Job Growth under Bush Set to Be Worst in 70 Years

Bush on track to be first president since Herbert Hoover to end his term with fewer jobs than when he started.

(Average Monthly Growth in Employment During Presidency)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Some Bush Facts

Environment: 11/06/01 Administration shuts down Everglades Restoration Office.

12/10/01 Snowmobile ban lifted in Yellowstone & Grand Teton, in Voyageurs National Park in 11/29/01. 10/31/01 EPA issues an arsenic-in-tap water standard higher than that recommended by public health advocates.

03/29/02 Pentagon seeks exemption from environmental laws.

04/22/02 EPA watchdog, Robert Martin, resigns in protest over Bush policies.

05/24/02 Administration lets construction companies off the hook from protecting the environment.

07/25/02 EPA official, Sylvia Lowrance, resigns in protest over Bush policies.

08/22/02 Interior Dept. allows more air pollution at national park.

- I just highlighted a few things during two years of his administration. There's too many to list all events.

* (Source:

NRDC)

Homeland Security: 09/28/04 Three years after the Sept. 11 attacks, more than 120,000 hours of potentially valuable terrorism-related recordings have not yet been translated by linguists at the FBI.

09/21/04 Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens) was able to board United Airlines Flight 919 in London. It was en route before a match was made between him and the watch list. The plane landed in Maine before he was flown back to London.

- Out of more than 300,000 suspected terrorist names only 3,500 comprise the No Fly List. Worse, there are several lists that agents have to look through in order to pick out possible terrorist.
 - 90% of import shipping containers are not inspected.
 - 3,000,000 illegal immigrants enter our country every year.
 - Aug. 30, 2004 President Bush said **“I don't think you can win the war on terror”**
 - Rumsfeld: **“I have not seen any hard, strong evidence that links the two”** Iraq and al Qaeda
- **How safe at home do you feel?**

* (Source: CNN,

MSNBC)

Halliburton: The Pentagon awarded Halliburton Co. \$18 billion no-bid contracts in Iraq. Marie deYoung, an Army Chaplain, uncovered more fraud and over charging by the Co. Here are just a few: **\$50,000** a month for **soda**, at **\$45 a case**; **\$1 million** a month to

clean **clothes** – or **\$100 for each 15-pound bag of laundry**. Mike West was paid \$82,000 a year along with many others to be a labor foreman. The only problem is he says “They said just log 12 hours a day & walk around & look busy. OK, so we did.” They were paid to do nothing. Also, employees were living in 5 star hotels.

- Dick Cheney received \$36 million in 2000 from the company. He receives \$150,000 a year ‘til 2005. He holds hundreds of thousands of stock options in the company. I think I can make a connection.

* (Source: MSNBC, Cheney’s Tax return, Independent Media TV)

Iraq: 10/05/04 Paul Bremer testifies that the U.S. made two major mistakes: not deploying enough troops & then not containing the violence & looting. We never had enough troops on the ground. So many generals & experts suggested this. The President was warned but was too certain, stubborn, & steadfast to listen to practical advice. For more just watch the daily news.

- There may be support from a few leaders of the world for the Iraq War, but even in those countries overwhelmingly their populations do not support the war. In fact, a Gallop poll in our supported coalition shows less than 10%-15% of the people support the U.S. for going to war with Iraq. We had the support of the world to go after terrorism after 9/11.
- At the time we went to war with Iraq there were approximately more than 20 nations with known terrorist support or activity. Indonesia, Philippines, Angola, N. Korea, The Palestinian Authority, Sudan, Lebanon, Libya, Syria, Iran, Jordan, Algeria – to name a few.
- Iraq was not on the list. Still today there is no proof that Saddam Hussein and his government had any connection to any terrorist groups.

Pakistan Pres. Musharraf, in an interview in Sept. ’04 with Paula Zahn.

Paula: Is the world a safer place because of the war in Iraq?

Musharraf: No. It’s more dangerous. It’s not safer. Certainly not.

Paula: How so?

Musharraf: Well, because it has aroused the actions of the Muslims more. It’s aroused certain sentiments of the Muslim world, & then the responses, the latest phenomena of ex-plosives, more frequent for bombs and suicide bombings. This phenomenon is extremely dangerous.

Paula: Was it a mistake to have gone to war with Iraq?

Musharraf: Well, I would say that it has ended up bringing more trouble to the world * (Source: CNN)

Some Kerry Supporters

The International Brotherhood of Police Officers

48 Nobel Prize winning Scientists

10 Nobel Prize winning Economists

American Federation of Teachers

AFL-CIO (consists of 64 different labor unions)

Firefighters Union

United Steel Workers of America

Over 200 Corporate Executives

12 Retired Generals and Admirals

Lee Iacocca (previous Bush supporter), Bruce Springsteen,

REM, Leonardo DiCaprio, Ben Affleck, Matt Damon, Meg

Ryan, Jennifer Anniston, Kevin Costner, Barbara Streisand,

Dixie Chicks, Kevin Bacon, Dave Matthews Band, Bette

Midler, Jon Bon Jovi, Mary J. Blige, Whoopi Goldberg,

James Taylor, Pearl Jam, Jackson Browne, Bonnie Raitt,

John Mellencamp, Moby, The Who . . . on and on.

- But I must add even Bush’s hometown paper switched. The **Lone Star Iconoclast** supported Bush in 2000 now endorses Kerry. They lay out very strong evidence why. It is very worth reading. Here’s a few points they make: Few Americans would have voted for Bush four years ago if he had promised that, as President, he would:

-Empty the SS trust fund by \$507 billion to help offset fiscal irresponsibility and at the same time slash SS benefits.

-Cut Medicare by 17% and reduce veterans’ benefits and military pay.

-Eliminate overtime pay for millions of Americans

-Give tax cuts to businesses that sent American jobs overseas, and, in fact, by policy encourage their departure.

-Give away billions of tax dollars in government contracts without competitive bids

-Involve the country in a deadly and highly questionable war, and

-Take budget surplus and turn it into the worst deficit in the history of the U.S., creating a debt in just four years that will take generations to repay

* I found a very interesting Bush supporter. In a videotape of a man describing himself as al Qaeda’s European military spokesman & who claimed responsibility for the Madrid bombing, supported Bush for the Presidency. He claimed that “it was not

possible to find a more foolish leader”. Group named after Muhammed Atef. (Source: Reuters)

Validated Facts Every Voter Should Know About The Candidates

I would first like to say that I am not being paid to do this. I do not belong to any organization. I am doing this because I think there are facts that everyone should know. Secondly, I have personally seen friends and co-workers affected by this administration along with myself. I work in a hospital and since the beginning of this year my hours have been cut changing my lifestyle. More sadly, many others have lost their jobs completely. For people that can afford health insurance, I have seen their premiums go up.

I have spent many long hours scrutinizing and double checking these facts from very credible sources. Unfortunately, I am unable to cover everything. That’s why I encourage everyone to go to news websites themselves and read further for more information. Along with these highlighted facts, there is additional detail that is worth reading on these topics. Check out my facts. The information is there. Educate yourself. Pass this information on. Get involved. And please VOTE!

SOUNDBITES

*Hatred is not a family value

*No one is free when others are oppressed

*I'm too poor to vote Republican

*If only closed minds came with closed mouths

*BUSH, making millionaires into billionaires

*Campaign spending: \$180,000,000. Having your little brother rig the election for you: Priceless.