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Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
Chairman

March 17, 1988

Mr. Lex Frieden, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Frieden:

As Chairman of the Republican National Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to a special meeting on March 31, 1988, at the Capitol Hill Club, 300 First Street, S.E., Washington, DC. The meeting will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Private Dining Room #3.

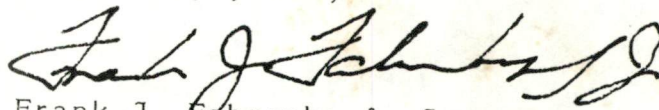
The purpose of this meeting is to gain your valuable input with regard to outreach to the disabled community. It is my hope that by beginning a dialogue with community leaders such as yourself, we might come to better understand how to ensure that your community becomes an integral part of the political process at all levels.

I have asked Justin Dart, Jr. to call you in the next few days to confirm your attendance. In the event that you would have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call Mark Valente III, Director of our Coalition Development Department. Mark can be reached at 202/863-8650.

I sincerely hope you will be able to attend this meeting. I look forward to seeing you on March 31.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.

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GEORGE BUSH

September 8, 1988

Mr. Lex Frieden
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Dear Lex,

Thank you for accepting my invitation to serve on the Bush/Quayle '88 Disability Coalition. It means a great deal to Barbara and me to have your active support in my bid for the Presidency.

With leadership of people like you, I plan to build on and strengthen the policies of the Reagan-Bush Administration, opposing any discrimination that has kept disabled people out of the American mainstream. I am committed to programs and services that will improve the quality of life for all disabled Americans.

With the support and commitment from persons of your caliber, I am confident I will reach disabled Americans, parents, and disability advocates with my message. Together I am confident that we can enjoy a rewarding victory in November.

Sincerely,

George Bush



Republican National Committee

COALITION DEVELOPMENT

April 12, 1988

Mr. Lex Frieden, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Frieden:

Thank you for participating in the RNC's March 31 meeting for leaders of the disabled American community. I found the meeting both informative and enlightening. I look forward to receiving your summary and notes on the meeting, as well as increasing the involvement of disabled Americans in our political process at all levels.

Enclosed please find an application to testify at the Republican National Committee's Platform Hearings. In addition, I have also enclosed a news release regarding the hearings.

Domestic issues will be the focus of the May 31 hearing in Kansas City. As noted on the attached form, due to time constraints, all requests to testify in a public forum cannot be filled. Submission of written testimony, however, is both welcomed and encouraged, and will be given comparable consideration by the Platform Committee.

Again, thank you for attending the meeting. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,


Mark Valente III
Director

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Enclosures



The American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural

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Executive-Director

Stephen M. Studdert

December 6, 1988

Mr. Lex Frieden
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Dear Mr. Frieden:

The American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural is pleased to inform you that you have been chosen to serve as National Co-Chairman of the Access to Opportunity Committee for the 1989 Inaugural Celebration.

Should you have any questions, please call Devorah Goldberg at the Inaugural Headquarters. The telephone number is (202) 252-3192.

Again, we thank you for serving on the Inaugural team as we build a better America together, through this "Celebration for the Nation."

Sincerely,

Bobby Holt
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Bush 88 Quayle

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 30, 1988

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BUSH ANNOUNCES BUSH-QUAYLE '88 DISABILITY COALITION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Vice President George Bush today announced the national leadership of the Bush-Quayle '88 Disability Coalition. The six honorary co-chairs of the coalition are Mrs. Sarah Brady, wife of Presidential Press Secretary James Brady; U.S. Senator Lowell Weicker of Connecticut; U.S. Senator Robert Dole of Kansas; Mr. Billy Barty, professional actor; Mrs. Madeleine Will, Assistant Secretary of Education, Office of Special Education; and Ms. Ginny Thornburgh, Coordinator for Persons with Disabilities programs, Harvard University.

Vice President Bush said, "I am delighted to have the support and endorsement of this prominent group of individuals who share my feelings that the disabled must be brought into the mainstream of our society. My highest domestic priority as President will be to see that every American who wants a productive job in the private sector has that opportunity. And when I say every American, I mean every American -- including those who happen to be disabled."

Ms. Thornburgh, in commenting on the establishment of the coalition remarked, "I am pleased to serve as an Honorary Chairperson for the Disability Coalition for the Bush/Quayle '88 campaign. Having supported organizations and programs to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities for over twenty years, as President, George Bush will provide a better quality of life for all Americans with disabilities."

Mr. Evan Kemp, Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and a member of the coalition added, "George Bush knows that the proper way to treat disabled people is to treat them as human beings. He is the first national political leader who has sought the advice of individuals with disabilities and the parents of disabled children. His actions over the last seven years have hastened the day when our dream of true integration into society becomes a reality."

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At the August 10, 1988 White House swearing-in ceremony of Paul Hearne as Executive Director of the National Council on the Handicapped, the Vice President repeated his call for equal rights for the disabled. He stated, "Disabled people do not have the same civil rights protections as women and minorities. However, an enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1988 -- legislation developed by the National Council on the Handicapped or similar legislation -- would remedy this situation."

He added, "The Reagan Administration has been on the right track in opposing the discrimination of the past that has kept too many people with disabilities out of the American mainstream. We should not ignore the needs of the disabled, and must continue to develop programs and policies that promote independence, freedom of choice and productive involvement in the social and economic mainstream."

(Attached is a list of the national leadership of the Bush-Quayle '88 Disability Coalition)

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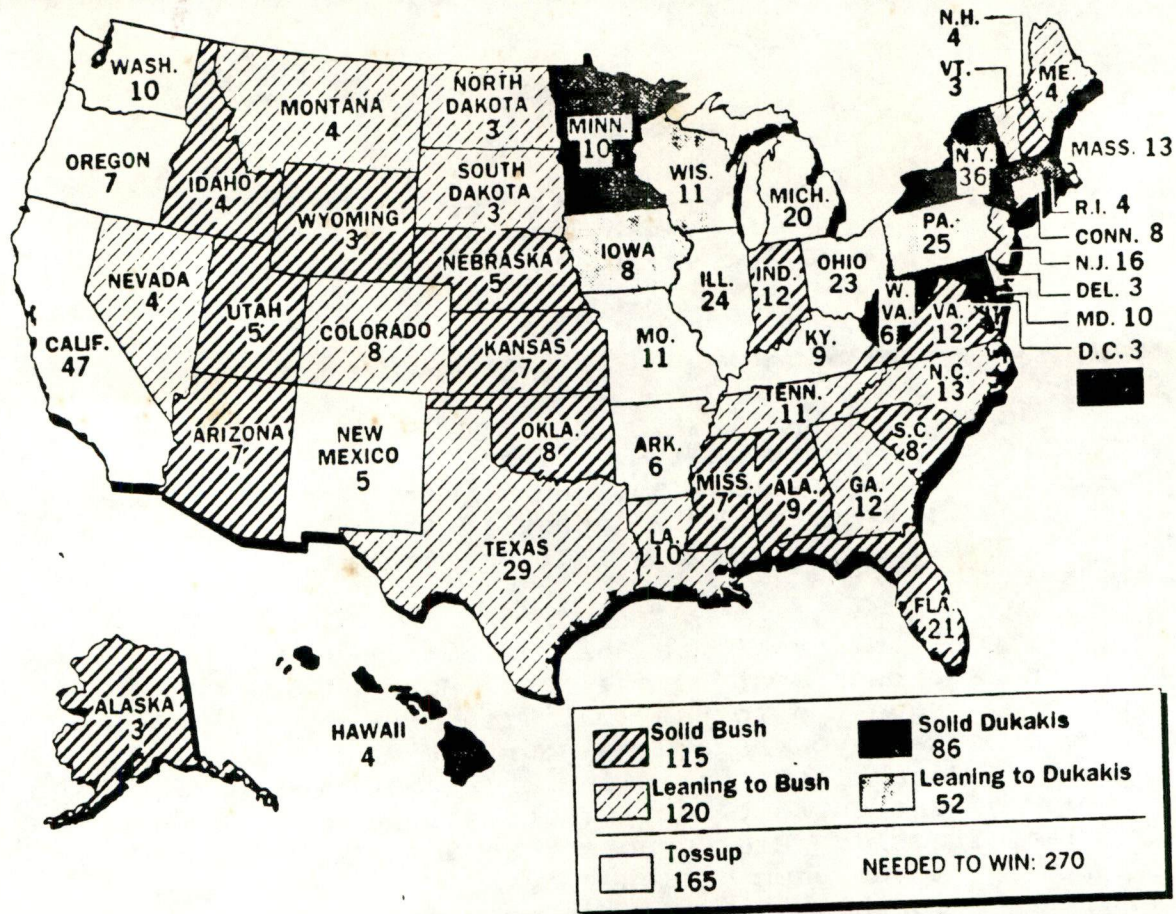
MEMORANDUM TO: Bush-Quayle '88 Disability Coalition
FROM: Roberta Van Beek
Director, Disability Coalition

Attached is a Washington Post item from September 18, 1988, that shows an in depth analysis of the Electoral College vote. The map indicates a strong showing for the Vice President. These projections will most likely change in the weeks ahead and we still have work to do on behalf of the ticket, but the trends are encouraging!

This week a list of the Chairpersons for the Disability Coalition have been sent to the state Bush-Quayle '88 offices. It has been suggested to the Coalition contact in your state that he or she contact you regarding your activities with the Bush-Quayle Disability Coalition. For your reference, enclosed is a copy of the current list of state contacts...I suggest you call them directly. Please note that in a few states, a contact person has not yet been designated. If this is your state, I will notify you when a person has been named.

Finally, there is enclosed a copy of excerpts from the Vice President's acceptance speech from the Republican National Convention. It is worth sharing with your friends. Please note the comments regarding persons with disabilities.

DECISION '88: THE FIGHT FOR ELECTORAL VOTES



Sunday, September 18, 1988

THE WASHINGTON POST

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EXCERPTS OF REMARKS
VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1988

Eight years ago I stood here with Ronald Reagan and we promised, together, to break with the past and return America to her greatness. Eight years later look at what the American people have produced: the highest level of economic growth in our entire history -- and the lowest level of world tensions in more than fifty years.

Some say this isn't an election about ideology, it's an election about competence. Well, it's nice of them to want to play on our field. But this election isn't only about competence, for competence is a narrow ideal. Competence makes the trains run on time but doesn't know where they're going. Competence is the creed of the technocrat who makes sure the gears mesh but doesn't for a second understand the magic of the machine.

The truth is, this election is about the beliefs we share, the values we honor, the principles we hold dear.

But since someone brought up competence....

Consider the size of our triumph: A record high percentage of Americans with jobs, a record high rate of new businesses -- a record high rate of real personal income.

These are facts. And one way you know our opponents know the facts is that to attack the record they have to misrepresent it. They call it a swiss cheese economy. Well, that's the way it may look to the three blind mice. But when they were in charge it was all holes and no cheese.

Inflation was 12 percent when we came in. We got it down to four. Interest rates were more than 21. We cut them in half. Unemployment was up and climbing, now it's the lowest in 14 years.

My friends, eight years ago this economy was flat on its back -- intensive care. We came in and gave it emergency treatment: Got the temperature down by lowering regulation, got the blood pressure down when we lowered taxes. Pretty soon the patient was up, back on his feet, and stronger than ever.

And now who do we hear knocking on the door but the doctors who made him sick. And they're telling us to put them in charge of the case again. My friends, they're lucky we don't hit them with a malpractice suit!

We've created seventeen million new jobs in the past five

Every one of our children deserves a first rate school. The liberal democrats want power in the hands of the federal government. I want power in the hands of the parents. I will increase the power of parents. I will encourage merit schools. I will give more kids a Head Start. And I'll make it easier to save for college.

I want a drug free America -- and this will not be easy to achieve. But I want to enlist the help of some people who are rarely included. Tonight I challenge the young people of our country to shut down the drug dealers around the world. Unite with us, work with us. "Zero tolerance" isn't just a policy, it's an attitude. Tell them what you think of people who underwrite the dealers who put poison in our society. And while you're doing that, my administration will be telling the dealers: whatever we have to do we'll do, but your day is over, you're history.

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I am going to stop ocean dumping. Our beaches should not be garbage dumps and our harbors should not be cess pools. I am going to have the FBI trace the medical wastes and we are going to punish the people who dump those infected needles into our oceans, lakes and rivers. And we must clean the air. We must reduce the harm done by acid rain.

I will put incentives back into the domestic energy industry, for I know from personal experience there is no security for the United States in further dependence on foreign oil.

In foreign affairs I will continue our policy of peace through strength. I will move toward further cuts in the strategic and conventional arsenals of both the United States and the Soviet Union. I will modernize and preserve our technological edge. I will ban chemical and biological weapons from the face of the earth. And I intend to speak for freedom, stand for freedom, and be a patient friend to anyone, east or west, who will fight for freedom.

It seems to me the Presidency provides an incomparable opportunity for "gentle persuasion."

I hope to stand for a new harmony, a greater tolerance. We've come far, but I think we need a new harmony among the races in our country. We're on a journey to a new century, and we've got to leave the tired old baggage of bigotry behind.

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years -- more than twice as many as Europe and Japan combined. And they're good jobs. The majority of them created in the past six years paid an average of more than \$22,000 a year. Someone better take 'a message to Michael': Tell him we've been creating good jobs at good wages. The fact is, they talk -- we deliver. They promise -- we perform.

There are millions of young Americans in their 20's who barely remember the days of gas lines and unemployment lines. Now they're marrying and starting careers. To those young people I say, "You have the opportunity you deserve -- and I'm not going to let them take it away from you."

The leaders of the expansion have been the women of America -- who helped create the new jobs, and filled two out of every three of them. To the women of America I say "You know better than anyone that equality begins with economic empowerment. You're gaining economic power -- and I'm not going to let them take it away from you."

There are millions of older Americans who were brutalized by inflation. We arrested it -- and we're not going to let it out on furlough. We're going to keep the social security trust fund sound, and out of reach of the big spenders. To America's elderly I say, "Once again you have the security that is your right -- and I'm not going to let them take it away from you."

I know the liberal democrats are worried about the economy. They're worried it's going to remain strong. And they're right, it is. With the right leadership.

But let's be frank. Things aren't perfect in this country. There are people who haven't tasted the fruits of the expansion. I've talked to farmers about the bills they can't pay. I've been to the factories that feel the strain of change. I've seen the urban children who play amidst the shattered glass and shattered lives. And there are the homeless. And you know, it doesn't do any good to debate endlessly which policy mistake of the '70's is responsible. They're there. We have to help them.

But what we must remember if we are to be responsible -- and compassionate -- is that economic growth is the key to our endeavors.

I want growth that stays, that broadens, and that touches, finally, all Americans, from the hollows of Kentucky to the sunlit streets of Denver, from the suburbs of Chicago to the broad avenues of New York, from the oil fields of Oklahoma to the farms of the great plains.

Can we do it? Of course we can. We know how. We've done it. If we continue to grow at our current rate, we will be able to produce 30 million jobs in the next eight years. We will do

it -- by maintaining our commitment to free and fair trade, by keeping government spending down, and by keeping taxes down.

Our economic life is not the only test of our success. One issue overwhelms all the others, and that is the issue of peace.

Look at the world on this bright August night. The spirit of democracy is sweeping the Pacific rim. China feels the winds of change. New democracies assert themselves in South America. One by one the unfree places fall, not to the force of arms but to the force of an idea: freedom works.

We have a new relationship with the Soviet Union. The INF treaty -- the beginning of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan -- the beginning of the end of the Soviet proxy war in Angola, and with it the independence of Namibia. Iran and Iraq move toward peace.

It is a watershed.

It is no accident.

It happened when we acted on the ancient knowledge that strength and clarity lead to peace -- weakness and ambivalence lead to war. Weakness tempts aggressors. Strength stops them. I will not allow this country to be made weak again.

The tremors in the Soviet world continue. The hard earth there has not yet settled. Perhaps what is happening will change our world forever. Perhaps not. A prudent skepticism is in order. And so is hope. Either way, we're in an unprecedented position to change the nature of our relationship. Not by preemptive concession -- but by keeping our strength. Not by yielding up defense systems with nothing won in return -- but by hard cool engagement in the tug and pull of diplomacy.

My life has been lived in the shadow of war -- I almost lost my life in one.

I hate war.

I love peace.

We have peace.

And I am not going to let anyone take it away from us.

Our economy is strong but not invulnerable, and the peace is broad but can be broken. And now we must decide. We will surely have change this year, but will it be change that moves us forward? Or change that risks retreat?

In 1940, when I was barely more than a boy, Franklin Roosevelt said we shouldn't change horses in midstream.

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My friends, these days the world moves even more quickly, and now, after two great terms, a switch will be made. But when you have to change horses in midstream, doesn't it make sense to switch to the one who's going the same way?

An election that is about ideas and values is also about philosophy. And I have one.

At the bright center is the individual. And radiating out from him or her is the family, the essential unit of closeness and of love. For it is the family that communicates to our children -- to the 21st century -- our culture, our religious faith, our traditions and history.

From the individual to the family to the community, and on out to the town, to the church and school, and, still echoing out, to the county, the state, the nation -- each doing only what it does well, and no more. And I believe that power must always be kept close to the individual -- close to the hands that raise the family and run the home.

I am guided by certain traditions. One is that there is a God and He is good, and His love, while free, has a self imposed cost: We must be good to one another.

I believe in another tradition that is, by now, imbedded in the national soul. It is that learning is good in and of itself. The mothers of the Jewish ghettos of the east would pour honey on a book so the children would know that learning is sweet. And the parents who settled hungry Kansas would take their children in from the fields when a teacher came. That is our history.

And there is another tradition. And that is the idea of community -- a beautiful word with a big meaning. Though liberal democrats have an odd view of it. They see "community" as a limited cluster of interest groups, locked in odd conformity. In this view, the country waits passive while Washington sets the rules.

But that's not what community means -- not to me.

For we are a nation of communities, of thousands and tens of thousands of ethnic, religious, social, business, labor union, neighborhood, regional and other organizations, all of them varied, voluntary and unique.

This is America: the Knights of Columbus, the Grange, Hadassah, the Disabled American Veterans, the Order of Ahepa, the Business and Professional Women of America, the union hall, the bible study group, LULAC, "Holy Name" -- a brilliant diversity spread like stars, like a thousand points of light in a broad and peaceful sky.

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Some people who are enjoying our prosperity have forgotten what it's for. But they diminish our triumph when they act as if wealth is an end in itself.

Does government have a place? Yes. Government is part of the nation of communities -- not the whole, just a part.

I do not hate government. A government that remembers that the people are its master is a good and needed thing.

I respect old fashioned common sense, and have no great love for the imaginings of social planners. I like what's been tested and found to be true.

For instance:

Should public school teachers be required to lead our children in the pledge of allegiance? My opponent says no -- but I say yes.

Should society be allowed to impose the death penalty on those who commit crimes of extraordinary cruelty and violence? My opponent says no -- but I say yes.

Should our children have the right to say a voluntary prayer, or even observe a moment of silence in the schools? My opponent says no -- but I say yes.

Should free men and women have the right to own a gun to protect their home? My opponent says no -- but I say yes.

Is it right to believe in the sanctity of life and protect the lives of innocent children? My opponent says no -- but I say yes. We must change from abortion -- to adoption. I have an adopted granddaughter. The day of her christening we wept with joy. I thank God her parents chose life.

I'm the one who believes it is a scandal to give a weekend furlough to a hardened first degree killer who hasn't even served enough time to be eligible for parole.

I'm the one who says a drug dealer who is responsible for the death of a policeman should be subject to capital punishment.

I'm the one who won't raise taxes. My opponent now says he'll raise them as a last resort, or a third resort. When a politician talks like that, you know that's one resort he'll be checking into. My opponent won't rule out raising taxes. But I will. The Congress will push me to raise taxes, and I'll say no, and they'll push, and I'll say no, and they'll push again. And all I can say to them is no new taxes, period.

Let me tell you more about the mission.

On jobs, my mission is: 30 in 8. Thirty million jobs in the next eight years.

There are those who have dropped their standards along the way, as if ethics were too heavy and slowed their rise to the top. There's graft in city hall, the greed on Wall Street; there's influence peddling in Washington, and the small corruptions of everyday ambition.

But you see, I believe public service is honorable. And every time I hear that someone has breached the public trust it breaks my heart.

I wonder sometimes if we have forgotten who we are. But we're the people who sundered a nation rather than allow a sin called slavery -- we're the people who rose from the ghettos and the deserts.

We weren't saints -- but we lived by standards. We celebrated the individual -- but we weren't self-centered. We were practical -- but we didn't live only for material things. We believed in getting ahead -- but blind ambition wasn't our way.

The fact is prosperity has a purpose. It is to allow us to pursue "the better angels," to give us time to think and grow. Prosperity with a purpose means taking your idealism and making it concrete by certain acts of goodness. It means helping a child from an unhappy home learn how to read -- and I thank my wife Barbara for all her work in literacy. It means teaching troubled children through your presence that there's such a thing as reliable love. Some would say it's soft and insufficiently tough to care about these things. But where is it written that we must act as if we do not care, as if we are not moved?

Well I am moved. I want a kinder, gentler nation.

Two men this year ask for your support. And you must know us.

As for me, I have held high office and done the work of democracy day by day. My parents were prosperous; their children were lucky. But there were lessons we had to learn about life. John Kennedy discovered poverty when he campaigned in West Virginia; there were children there who had no milk. Young Teddy Roosevelt met the new America when he roamed the immigrant streets of New York. And I learned a few things about life in a place called Texas.

We moved to west Texas 40 years ago. The war was over, and we wanted to get out and make it on our own. Those were exciting days. Lived in a little shotgun house, one room for the three of us. Worked in the oil business, started my own.

In time we had six children. Moved from the shotgun to a duplex apartment to a house. Lived the dream -- high school football on Friday night, Little League, neighborhood barbecue.

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People don't see their experience as symbolic of an era -- but of course we were. So was everyone else who was taking a chance and pushing into unknown territory with kids and a dog and a car. But the big thing I learned is the satisfaction of creating jobs, which meant creating opportunity, which meant happy families, who in turn could do more to help others and enhance their own lives. I learned that the good done by a single good job can be felt in ways you can't imagine.

I may not be the most eloquent, but I learned early that eloquence won't draw oil from the ground. I may sometimes be a little awkward, but there's nothing self-conscious in my love of country. I am a quiet man -- but I hear the quiet people others don't. The ones who raise the family, pay the taxes, meet the mortgage. I hear them and I am moved, and their concerns are mine.

A President must be many things.

He must be a shrewd protector of America's interests; And he must be an idealist who leads those who move for a freer and more democratic planet.

He must see to it that government intrudes as little as possible in the lives of the people; and yet remember that it is right and proper that a nation's leader take an interest in the nation's character.

And he must be able to define -- and lead -- a mission.

For seven and a half years I have worked with a President -- and I have seen what crosses that big desk. I have seen the unexpected crises that arrive in a cable in a young aide's hand. And I have seen problems that simmer on for decades and suddenly demand resolution. I have seen modest decisions made with anguish, and crucial decisions made with dispatch.

And so I know that what it all comes down to, this election -- what it all comes down to, after all the shouting and the cheers -- is the man at the desk. And who should sit at that desk.

My friends, I am that man.

I say it without boast or bravado; I've fought for my country, I've served, I've built -- and I will go from the hills to the hollows, from the cities to the suburbs to the loneliest town on the quietest street to take our message of hope and growth for every American to every American.

I will keep America moving forward, always forward -- for a better America, for an endless enduring dream and a thousand points of light.

That is my mission. And I will complete it.

Thank you. God bless you.

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GEORGE BUSH'S PROPOSALS

- A strong pledge against raising taxes
- A four-year "flexible freeze" on federal spending
- A cut in the capital-gains tax rate to 15%
- College Savings Bonds and more student loans
- Encourage adoption instead of abortion
- Death penalty for drug kingpins and murderers
- A new, aggressive international drug strike force
- Continued aid to anti-communist freedom-fighters
- Continue arms-reduction negotiations with the Soviets
- Affordable, high-quality child care built around parental choice
- A commitment to restore and conserve the vast resources of our great nation

BUSH '88 CITIZENS AGAINST CRIME

In contrast to "card-carrying members" of the ACLU, George Bush's first priority is the protection of law-abiding citizens and the rights of the victims of crime. His support for law enforcement officers is uncompromising. In contrast to his Democratic opponent, George Bush advocates:

- A federal death penalty, especially for major drug kingpins who are poisoning our children, drug-related murders, and cop killers.
- Criminals convicted of first-degree murder and those serving life sentences without parole should not be granted weekend furloughs, as practiced Governor Dukakis.
- Abuse of constitutional protections by thugs who can hire clever lawyers, and by judges who coddle hardened criminals, must be stopped.
- We can no longer tolerate the modern-day version of a prison-break—crawling through loopholes of liberal legal technicalities. Judicial appointments must be closely monitored.
- Convert obsolete domestic military bases into state-run prison facilities.
- Since 1981, violent crimes are down 20 percent; personal thefts down 21 percent; robberies down 31 percent; assaults down 12 percent; burglaries down 30 percent. Crimes in 1986 reached their lowest level in 14 years. The 1984 Armed Career Criminal Act was enacted.

BUSH '88 FAMILY ISSUES COALITION

George Bush's feelings about the importance of the family is best described in his own words.

"Family is not a neutral word for me, it's a powerful word full of emotional resonance. I was part of a strong family growing up, and I have been fortunate to have a strong family grow up around me."

It is obvious that the Vice-President's own family experience has played a major role in the development of his character, his personality, his integrity and his sense of responsibility and desire to excel. He firmly believes that the most important function of the family is to raise the next generation of Americans, handing on to them the Judeo-Christian values of Western Civilization and our ideals of liberty.

George Bush has stated that the last 25 years of "social experimentation... from permissiveness to promiscuity, from open classrooms to open marriages, just hasn't worked. Much of it," he concludes, "was destructive to our family structure." His proposals for our future are built on solid family values and will stop the government's intrusion into our lives and promote an environment where families can stay together.

- George Bush is opposed to abortion, and supports a Constitutional amendment that would reverse the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. He also supports a human life amendment and opposes the use of federal funds to pay for abortions except when the life of the mother is threatened.

- George Bush believes that the best decision-makers about child care are Mom and Dad, not Uncle Sam. He has proposed a flexible four-point plan for childcare: (1) creation of a new refundable children's tax credit of up to \$1,000 per child under age 4, (2) refundable dependent care tax credit to assist low-income families who do not earn enough to pay taxes, (3) expanded employer-sponsored child care programs, and (4) federal assistance to state and local child care programs.
- Under Reagan-Bush leadership, a national movement of reform has been launched to restore excellence in education. This vision has brought education back to parents, back to basics, and back on track to restoring American education to first-place in the world. George Bush supports systems, such as vouchers and tuition tax credits, that allow families to choose quality and demand accountability in their children's schooling.
- Bush disagrees with those who claim you can't teach values. "I don't buy that. I think most of us know what constitutes good character. It includes such qualities as decency and fairness, honesty and tolerance, self-discipline and respect for the law. Sadly, not everyone learns these values in their home or church. The schools must play a role, too. We should teach our children what I call the R's... reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic, and respect."
- Keeping families together is an important priority for the Vice-President, who has proposed a change in welfare benefits to keep families together, not split them apart. He has called the current welfare system "a disgrace".

BUSH '88 DRUG FREE AMERICA

The drug epidemic didn't just happen overnight. It was fueled by liberal attitudes of the 1960s and 1970s that tolerated drug usage, and by a liberal legal and judicial system that gives drug criminals little more than a slap on the wrist. George Bush insists on a **zero-tolerance policy** - we will not tolerate any illegal use of alcohol or drugs. Calls to legalize illicit drugs is a call to surrender - and surrender is **not** in America's vocabulary.

George Bush will attack the drug problem at the federal level on all fronts through an aggressive, concerted national strategy. He intends to appoint his Vice-President as a "drug czar", in charge of a Cabinet-level **Council of War**. His comprehensive action plan calls for the following:

- Prevention and Education: the first step begins with education--conveying the message through our schools and our churches and our media--and, most importantly, through our homes--that drugs are not cool, drugs are evil, drugs will chew you up and spit you out and eventually kill you. We must develop stronger drug education programs--from elementary through high school years--and stress values, self-discipline, and moral responsibilities. **Ultimately, we will win the war by defeating the demand side of the problem--and changing the attitude of our country.**
- Eradication of crops and laboratories at home and abroad. Demand strict cooperation and policy adherence from over 20 drug-source countries, many of whom are recipients of U.S. military, economic, and trade assistance.

- Call a summit of Western Hemisphere nations to push full implementation of anti-drug strategies and to discuss economic alternatives.
- Vigorous, stepped-up interdiction with expanded use of military forces. Fight liberal Democratic sabotage of anti-drug agenda: they set back funding of Coast Guard air and sea patrols by 55 percent (money foolishly diverted to mass transit Amtrak).
- Get tough on drug dealers: the death penalty for major drug kingpins who are poisoning our children and for drug-related murders. (Dukakis opposes instituting a federal death penalty.) Step up seizure and forfeiture operations to take the profit out of drug sales. Close down dealers.
- Get tough on drug users: ensure certain arrest and mandatory sentencing. Suspend federal assistance (grants, loans, contracts) and drivers' licenses to convicted users. Step-up rehabilitation, treatment, and counselling programs.

The Vice-President's action plan is based on seven years of accomplishments under Reagan-Bush leadership:

- Federal drug arrests up by two-thirds in past six years.
- Two-and-a-half times more drug offenders sent to prison in 1987 as in 1980.
- \$21.5 billion spent to combat drugs on two major fronts: supply and demand. (Spending has tripled over last seven years.)
- New ground broken in use of U.S. intelligence agencies to combat drugs.
- Drug use in U.S. armed forces dropped dramatically through education and random testing programs.

WHERE WE STAND BY COALITION

BLACK AMERICANS FOR BUSH

For the last thirty years, Black Americans have given 80-94 percent of their vote to the Democratic party. In return, they have largely received generous but empty promises.

Black Americans must not forget:

- We are the party of Lincoln, author of the Emancipation Proclamation.
- The only Black American to serve in the Senate since Reconstruction, Sen. Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, was a Republican.
- Twenty years ago, when it was not popular to do so, Congressman George Bush voted for **open housing**. As Vice-President, he renewed his commitment by supporting a stronger fair housing law to end discrimination.
- George Bush supports **equal rights** for all Black Americans.
- Since 1982, black unemployment has been cut almost in half, and black teen unemployment is at its lowest level in 15 years.
- Under Reagan-Bush leadership significant growth in black-owned businesses (7.9 percent) has outstripped growth in every other category.
- Sales for the top 100 black firms rose 15 percent from 1982-1986 under the strong pro-business leadership of Reagan-Bush.

There is still much more to be done. As president, George Bush will fight for:

- Crime-free and drug-free black communities.
- An all-out war against drug traffickers; major drug kingpins who are destroying black children will be given the death penalty.
- Increased funding for Head Start, merit and magnet schools, and special programs that give disadvantaged black children the fair chance they deserve.
- Low-income black students seeking higher education will be assisted with grants, student loans, and work-study programs to make their dreams a reality.
- A wide range of child care assistance with special attention to the needs of low-income parents and single-parent families in the black community.
- A housing program that makes the American dream of owning your home a reality for all Black Americans at every level of income.
- George Bush is committed to addressing the root causes of poverty and strongly supports welfare reform that keeps families together and ultimately breaks the cycle of dependency.

EDUCATION

Republican: Emphasizes freedom of choice in education, with call for states to enact tuition voucher systems for both public and private schools. Backs magnet school concept.

Democrat: Stresses greater federal financing of education, including tuition incentives for prospective teachers in underprivileged areas, and a commitment to the principle that no person should be denied a college education for financial reasons.

SOUTH AFRICA

Republican: Calls apartheid "morally repugnant", but opposes actions against South Africa that harm blacks in that country.

Democrat: Labels South Africa a "terrorist state" and recommends setting a date for U.S. corporations to leave the country.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Republican: Supports "security assistance" to Central America allies and humanitarian and military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

Democrat: Supports the Arias peace plan and its call for a cease-fire in Nicaragua, and implies a cutoff of aid to the Contras.

WHERE THE PARTY PLATFORMS DIFFER

CIVIL RIGHTS

- Republican:** Promises equal treatment for women, but does not support the Equal Rights Amendment. Endorses an amendment prohibiting abortion, and the appointment of judges who support it.
- Democrat:** Supports Equal Rights Amendment, protection of AIDS victims from discrimination and the right to abortion "regardless of ability to pay."

TAXES

- Republican:** Promises **NO** tax increases! Calls for cut in capital gains tax from 28% to 15%.
- Democrat:** Contains no language referring to tax increases, including no promises **not** to raise taxes.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Republican:** Says lower taxes spur economic growth.
- Democrat:** Calls for a web of innovative regional and local programs for economic development.

BUSH '88 EDUCATIONAMERICA

Under Reagan-Bush leadership individuals and organizations in every state - indeed, in every community - have launched a neighborhood movement for education reform. This reform movement is bringing excellence back to the classroom, returning the rights and responsibilities for education back to parents and curricula back to basics.

George Bush gives education the very highest priority: it is our most powerful economic program, our most important trade program, our most effective urban program, and our best program for producing jobs and bringing people out of poverty. A Bush Administration's agenda will include the following points:

- George Bush proposes expanding the Federal Government's fund to finance experiments in education reform to a level of \$50 million.
- George Bush strongly supports choice and competition in education and has proposed the creation of a new \$500 million federal program of Merit Schools that would provide awards to individual schools which improve the standards of education for its students. He also supports giving federal matching funds to states creating more Magnet schools.
- George Bush believes in curricula based on values that stress the four R's: "Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic and Respect."
- George Bush believes our children have the right to a quality education with competent teachers and administrators in a **drug-free** and **crime-free** school environment.

- George Bush will continue to place special emphasis on educational programs and funding for the disadvantaged. He proposes full funding for all eligible four year olds in the Head Start program. He will establish a public-private partnership using the Department of Labor's Job Training Partnership Act to encourage youths to stay in school and graduate.
- Under the Bush-proposed Merit School program, schools serving a significant proportion of disadvantaged students will receive an average federal award of \$100,000.
- Both George and Barbara Bush will continue an active commitment to building a more literate America.
- Bush supports maintaining work-study, Pell grants for low-income students, income contingent loan programs and College Savings Bonds to help fund higher education.
- George Bush believes that "values" belong in the classroom. He wants all children to be able to recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day and to have a moment of silence before the school day begins.

ASIAN AMERICANS FOR BUSH

George Bush holds Asian Americans in high esteem for their industry, their many outstanding achievements and valuable contributions that have enriched American society. He has deep appreciation for the long history of the Asian Americans, dating back to their heroic role in uniting our vast continent by railroad. The example set by the Asian Americans' family life builds stronger communities, and reinvigorates traditional values of character and responsibility.

- George Bush will not raise taxes--period! His goal is to create 30 million new jobs over the next eight years.
- George Bush believes that child care is nothing short of a family necessity. While the Democrats continue to talk, Reagan-Bush expanded child care assistance through tax-credits for dependents. George Bush has proposed a comprehensive program of affordable, high-quality child care that is built around parental choice. His opponent would not provide Asian American parents with options, but would impose federal preferences.
- George Bush agrees with the Asian American community that education should have the very highest priority: it is our most powerful economic program, our most important trade program, our most effective urban program, and our best program for providing jobs and bringing people out of poverty.
- Under Reagan-Bush leadership, a national movement of reform has been launched to restore excellence in education. This vision has brought education back to parents, back to basics, and back on track to

a brighter future for all Americans. Unlike his Democratic opponent, George Bush supports programs--such as College Savings Bonds and Magnet Schools--that allow families to choose quality and demand accountability in their children's schooling.

- George Bush puts top priority on the protection of law-abiding citizens and the rights of the victims of crime. His support for law-enforcement officers is uncompromising.
- George Bush advocates a federal death penalty, especially for major drug kingpins who are poisoning our children. He also wants to end the liberal legal technicalities that allow hardened criminals to escape justice by crawling through loopholes.
- George Bush insists on a zero-tolerance policy--no amount and no type of "recreational" drug use is acceptable. He is calling for an all-out war that attacks the drug problem on all fronts simultaneously--international, domestic, supply, and demand!
- George Bush is concerned with the full spectrum of health care needs of the Asian American family--from pre-natal care to long-term care of the elderly--and advocates greater competition and consumer choice.
- The realistic anti-communism of Truman and Kennedy has been **abandoned** by today's National Democrat Party. George Bush and the Republican Party have the **only** legitimate claim to this legacy.
- George Bush strongly advocates traditional American values in the upbringing of our children.

CATHOLICS FOR BUSH

George Bush believes, as did the framers of the Constitution that the God-given rights of the family come before those of government. That separates him from his liberal Democratic opponent. Republicans seek to strengthen the family. Democrats try to supplant it.

The Vice-President strongly believes that the most important function of the family is to raise the next generation of Americans, handing on to them the Judeo-Christian values of Western civilization and our ideals of liberty. We must guide our children to make their own affirmation of life, one that places the highest regard on moral character, self-discipline, self-sacrifice, courage, faith in God and in one's self.

- George Bush advocates expanding adoption as an alternative to abortion. Unlike his liberal Democratic opponent, who favors abortion and the use of federal funds to perform them, George Bush believes the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed. George Bush strongly endorses legislation to make clear that the 14th Amendment's protection of the individual applies to unborn children.
- Unlike his liberal Democratic opponent, George Bush will protect the Pledge of Allegiance as a reminder of the values that must be at the core of a free society.
- George Bush abhors religious intolerance. He insists that religious institutions should not be taxed and vigorously resists attempts by the ACLU to tax the Roman Catholic church or any other religious institution.

- George Bush supports a Constitutional amendment to allow voluntary prayer in school.
- Under Reagan-Bush leadership a national movement for reform has been launched to restore excellence in education. This vision has brought education back to parents, back to basics, back on a track for a brighter future for all Catholic Americans.
- Unlike his liberal Democratic opponent, George Bush supports tuition tax credits and education vouchers to provide Catholic parents with a choice in their children's schooling, and to enable them to choose a Catholic education if they so desire.
- George Bush has proposed a comprehensive program of affordable high-quality child care that is built around parental choice. His opponent's approach would not provide parents with options, but would rely on the creation of a federal day-care bureaucracy with federally-set standards that disdain religious participation. **In fact, the Democratic approach would prevent church-run day care programs.** George Bush would **never** bar aid to any Catholic family for choosing a child-care facility that includes a simple prayer. His opponent would.

YOUTH FOR BUSH

In 1980 and again in 1984, Ronald Reagan and George Bush--the "malaise busters"--promised to reduce taxes, to cut double-digit interest rates and inflation, to promote economic growth, to slow federal spending, and to restore America's credibility in the world. That is **exactly** what they delivered.

Over 17 million new jobs have been created--and these are "good jobs at good wages": the average high-skill new job commands well over \$20,000; in 1987 alone, these high-skill jobs averaged \$26,000 per annum.

It was the renaissance of a strong defense capability and America's resolute determination and will under Reagan-Bush leadership that brought the Soviets to the bargaining table and resulted in the historic INF agreement eliminating a whole class of nuclear weapons. George Bush can best build on that progress.

- George Bush knows first hand that the Oval Office is no place for on-the-job training. Unlike his Democratic opponent, George Bush will not subjugate America's vital national interests to the United Nations.
- George Bush's foreign policy objections have been tested and validated. Today, peace is breaking out all over the world.
- George Bush proudly stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the freedom fighters in Nicaragua, Afghanistan, and Angola. It was our support for the Contras that brought the Sandinistas to the negotiating table; our support for the Mujahidin that sent the Soviet military packing; and our support of the freedom fighters of Angola that will soon turn away some 40,000 Cuban troops.

- George Bush gives the highest priority to restoring excellence in education. In the years ahead, education can be our most powerful economic program,, our most important trade program, our most effective urban program, and our best program for producing jobs and bringing people out of poverty.
- George Bush is determined to make a college education affordable for all Americans, and will continue to support adequate funding for student loans, work-study programs, and grants for low-income students. Moreover, he will challenge college administrators to keep costs in-line. He recommended the college bond program, and President Reagan introduced it.
- Unlike his liberal Democratic opponent--who grants weekend furloughs to convicted murderers--George Bush's first priority is to ensure the safety of law-abiding citizens and the rights of the victims of crime. Our youth must be protected.
- George Bush is calling for an all-out war on drugs that attacks the problem on all fronts simultaneously--international, domestic, supply, and demand. Moreover, he insists on a zero-tolerance policy--no amount and no type of "recreational" drug use is acceptable.
- In contrast to his liberal Democratic opponent, George Bush advocates a federal death penalty, especially for major drug kingpins who are poisoning our children, and for drug-related murders.

HISPANICS FOR BUSH

George Bush holds Hispanic Americans in high esteem for their many outstanding achievements, and their rich cultural and national traditions that have contributed to the quality and variety of American society. Their children are justly proud of their heritage founded on deep faith in God, strong family bonds, and hard work dedicated to ensuring a better life for the next generation.

- George Bush will not raise taxes--period. His goal is to create 30 million new jobs over the next eight years.
- George Bush believes that child care is nothing short of a family necessity. While the Democrats talk, the Reagan-Bush expanded child care assistance through tax-credits for dependents.
- George Bush has proposed a comprehensive program of affordable, high-quality child care that is built around parental choice, and targeted to low- to mid-income families. His opponent would not provide Hispanic American parents with options, but would impose federal preferences.
- George Bush agrees with Hispanic Americans that education should be our very highest priority: it is our most powerful economic program, our most important trade program, our most effective urban program, and our best program for providing jobs and bringing people out of poverty.
- Under Reagan-Bush leadership, a national movement of reform has been launched to restore excellence in education. This vision has brought education back to parents, back to basics, and back on track to a brighter future for all Americans. Unlike his Democratic opponent,

George Bush supports systems--such as vouchers and tuition tax credits--that allow families to choose quality and demand accountability in their children's schooling.

- George Bush's first priority is the protection of law-abiding citizens and the rights of the victims of crime. His support for law-enforcement officers is uncompromising.
- George Bush advocates a federal death penalty, especially for major drug kingpins who are poisoning our children, and the end to liberal legal technicalities that allow hardened criminals to escape justice by crawling through loopholes.
- George Bush insists on a zero-tolerance policy--no amount and no type of "recreational" drug use is acceptable. He is calling for an all-out war that attacks the drug problem on all fronts simultaneously--international, domestic, supply, and demand.
- George Bush is concerned with the full spectrum of health care needs of the Hispanic American family--from pre-natal care to long-term care of the elderly--and advocates greater competition and consumer choice.
- The realistic anti-communism of Truman and Kennedy has been abandoned by today's National Democrat Party. George Bush and the Republican party have the only legitimate claim to this legacy.
- George Bush strongly advocates traditional American values in the upbringing of our children.

SENIORS FOR BUSH

It has been said that young Americans see most clearly when they stand on the shoulders of the past. George Bush realizes that America would not be the greatest nation on Earth without the immense contributions made by our older citizens. Their valor, moral fiber, hard work, ingenuity, and self-sacrifice have given us an enduring foundation on which we build the future.

After eight years of President Reagan's positive leadership, we must not allow liberal Democrats to imperil the gains made by our senior citizens under the current administration. Since 1980:

- The Social Security system has been put back on a sound financial footing. George Bush pledges to preserve the integrity of that trust fund, and to fight against attempts by liberal Democrats to use surpluses for their own purposes.
- Income eroding double-digit inflation has been tamed to a steady 3 to 4 percent.
- The poverty rate for Senior Americans declined by 20%. When non-cash benefits are counted, the poverty rate is now the lowest in history: 3%.
- Estate taxes were cut dramatically to protect surviving spouses.
- A broad range of programs under the Older Americans Act have been reauthorized.
- Anti-crime legislation was passed with resources specifically targeted to protect the elderly.

- Landmark legislation for catastrophic health insurance was enacted.
 - A national campaign was launched to ensure quality treatment and prevent abuse in nursing homes.
 - Effective spending on Medicare more than doubled while at the same time reforms in procedures saved money for both taxpayers and beneficiaries.
- George Bush will work hard to protect these gains and fight to secure new

ones:

- Safeguards that protect public and private pension funds from raiding, as was done by Governor Dukakis in Massachusetts.
- Affordable, quality, long-term care that emphasizes the care older citizens prefer with ample visiting nurse and support services.
- George Bush will fight to protect the income security of America's senior citizens, by working to maintain and build on the economic gains of the last seven years. George Bush promises to keep inflation in check.

ENTREPRENEURS FOR BUSH

Our country's 18 million small business entrepreneurs are the superstars of the longest peacetime economic expansion in our nation's history (70 months duration) that created 17 million new "good jobs at good wages" for all Americans--more than twice the jobs created in Japan, Western Europe, and Canada combined. The overwhelming majority of these new jobs are high-skilled and high-paying, commanding over \$20,000 annually. Last year alone, 80 percent of new, high-skill jobs averaged \$26,000 a year.

In 1980 and again in 1984, Ronald Reagan and George Bush - the "malaise busters" - promised to reduce taxes; cut interest rates; loosen the strangling grip of massive anti-business federal regulations to promote economic growth; slow federal spending; and restore America's standing in the world. That is exactly what they delivered:

- Interest rates were cut to less than half of what they were under the Carter-Mondale Administration.
- Inflation down from 18 percent to a steady 3-to-4 percent.
- Unemployment plunged to its lowest level in 14 years.
- New business start-ups have increased, with women starting new businesses at nearly twice the rate of men (they now own some 30 percent of all small businesses).
- Family incomes, down nearly 7 percent under Carter-Mondale, caught up and then surged another 9 percent, making for strong consumer spending.

- Productivity is up, rising three times faster than it did during late 1970s.
- Industrial output up by one-third; business investment up by 20 percent. Manufacturing now accounts for 23 percent of GNP - a healthy rebound — except in Massachusetts, where Governor Dukakis presided over a net decline of 94,000 manufacturing jobs.
- Tax reform healed our bleeding pocketbooks, and brought 3 million Americans above the poverty line.
- “George was there”, heading a Task Force to eliminate unnecessary federal regulations standing in the way of new business development: 600 million federal manhours were cut to the benefit of business, tax payers and the budget deficit alike.
- U.S. exports climbed an astonishing 30 percent. George Bush will not allow the Democrats to reverse that growth by cowering behind trade barriers.

And that's only the beginning. As President, George Bush will vigorously pursue the following initiatives:

- **No new taxes** - period!
- Reform of Tort Liability to more reasonable fault-based standards of product liability, at state and federal levels.
- Promoting tax policies that further encourage capital formation and investment with incentives for research and development; reduction of the capital gains tax by 15 percent.

BUSH '88 COALITION OF AMERICAN NATIONALITIES

The diversity of our ethnic culture is the strength of our unity as a nation. George Bush knows that the greatness of America has been fueled by the genius, hard work, and ingenuity of the people who have come to her shores. They were all drawn by common ideals: that liberty is precious, that opportunity should be unlimited, that freedom represents man's ultimate triumph.

Our ethnic cultures are not the property of any Party, and those who deserve its support are those who bring peace, prosperity, and security to our country. No one running for President has a better claim to that support than George Bush.

- The realistic anti-communism of Truman and Kennedy, with freedom as its goal, has been abandoned by today's national Democrat Party. George Bush and the Republican Party have the only legitimate claim to this legacy.
- Under strong Reagan-Bush leadership, America's renewed defense capabilities brought the Soviet Union to the bargaining table; and America's restored standing in the world has brought hope to captive nations everywhere in their struggle for human rights, freedom, and self-determination.
- George Bush will not raise taxes--period! His goal is to create 30 million new jobs over the next eight years.

- George Bush has proposed a comprehensive program of affordable, high-quality child care that is built around parental choice. His opponent would not provide Ethnic American parents with options, but would impose federal preferences.
- As do Ethnic Americans, George Bush gives education the very highest priority: it is our most powerful economic program, our most important trade program, our most effective urban program, and our best program for providing jobs and bringing people out of poverty.
- Under Reagan-Bush leadership, a national movement of reform has been launched to restore excellence in education. This vision has brought education back to parents, back to basics, and back on track to a brighter future for all Americans. Unlike his Democratic opponent, George Bush supports systems--such as vouchers and tuition tax credits--that allow families to choose quality and demand accountability in their children's schooling.
- George Bush's first priority is the protection of law-abiding citizens and the rights of the victims of crime. His support for law-enforcement officers is uncompromising.

BUSH '88 WOMEN'S TASK FORCE: WORKFORCE 2000

The Republican party has an historic commitment to equal rights for women that dates back to its pioneering effort to secure the right to vote. George Bush has renewed the Republican commitment to economic justice and unlimited opportunity for all women.

- George Bush has been a tireless champion of the Equal Pay Act **considers "equal pay for equal work" a fundamental right that cannot be infringed.**
- George Bush believes that child care is nothing short of a family necessity and has proposed a comprehensive, sweeping program of affordable high-quality child care alternatives which would aid families regardless of whether they choose in-home, church, neighborhood, corporate, or community child care facilities.
- George Bush does not subscribe to the notion of federally-mandated comparable worth because (1) it substitutes the decisions of bureaucrats for the judgement of individuals, and (2) as a concept it has no relationship to basic principles of economics such as supply and demand in the marketplace.
- Under Reagan-Bush leadership hourly wages for women rose to an unprecedented 70 cents on the dollar earned by men. But George Bush realizes working women are the backbone and future of the American economy, and he will not rest until **total parity**--a dollar for a dollar--and just rewards are achieved.

- George Bush will not tolerate the channelling of bright and capable women into traditional low-paying occupations.

Some critics have argued that George Bush's approach to economic justice lacks "compassion." But what can be more compassionate than helping women overcome the tide of economic decline they suffered under the Democrats: high inflation, high interest rates, high unemployment, and steadily declining income.

Under Reagan-Bush leadership:

- More than 60% of the record number of new jobs created since 1982 are held by women with the average income from 17 million new jobs well over \$20,000 per annum. Since 1982, the number of women in \$5 per hour or less jobs has actually decreased by 28%.
- Women are starting small businesses at twice the rate of men and now own some 30% of all small businesses.
- Pension reform, which increased pension rights of young and older women alike, became law during the Reagan-Bush watch.
- And when the Democratic-controlled Congress couldn't muster the courage to clamp down on delinquent fathers, the Reagan-Bush team forced enactment of stricter child-support enforcement laws. While the Democrats talked, the Reagan-Bush team expanded child-care assistance through Dependent Tax Credit, and protected widows through Estate Tax Reform laws.
- George Bush will continue to tirelessly champion the cause of economic empowerment and justice for women on every front.

BUSH '88 WOMEN'S TASK FORCE: WORKFORCE 2000

The Republican party has an historic commitment to equal rights for women that dates back to its pioneering effort to secure the right to vote. George Bush has renewed the Republican commitment to economic justice and unlimited opportunity for all women.

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HISPANICS FOR BUSH

George Bush holds Hispanic Americans in high esteem for their many outstanding achievements, and their rich cultural and national traditions that have contributed to the quality and variety of American society. Their children are justly proud of their heritage founded on deep faith in God, strong family bonds, and hard work dedicated to ensuring a better life for the next generation.

- George Bush will not raise taxes--period. His goal is to create 30 million new jobs over the next eight years.
- George Bush believes that child care is nothing short of a family necessity. While the Democrats talk, the Reagan-Bush expanded child care assistance through tax-credits for dependents.
- George Bush has proposed a comprehensive program of affordable, high-quality child care that is built around parental choice, and targeted to low- to mid-income families. His opponent would not provide Hispanic American parents with options, but would impose federal preferences.
- George Bush agrees with Hispanic Americans that education should be our very highest priority: it is our most powerful economic program, our most important trade program, our most effective urban program, and our best program for providing jobs and bringing people out of poverty.
- Under Reagan-Bush leadership, a national movement of reform has been launched to restore excellence in education. This vision has brought education back to parents, back to basics, and back on track to a brighter future for all Americans. Unlike his Democratic opponent,

George Bush supports systems--such as vouchers and tuition tax credits--that allow families to choose quality and demand accountability in their children's schooling.

- George Bush's first priority is the protection of law-abiding citizens and the rights of the victims of crime. His support for law-enforcement officers is uncompromising.
- George Bush advocates a federal death penalty, especially for major drug kingpins who are poisoning our children, and the end to liberal legal technicalities that allow hardened criminals to escape justice by crawling through loopholes.
- George Bush insists on a zero-tolerance policy--no amount and no type of "recreational" drug use is acceptable. He is calling for an all-out war that attacks the drug problem on all fronts simultaneously--international, domestic, supply, and demand.
- George Bush is concerned with the full spectrum of health care needs of the Hispanic American family--from pre-natal care to long-term care of the elderly--and advocates greater competition and consumer choice.
- The realistic anti-communism of Truman and Kennedy has been abandoned by today's National Democrat Party. George Bush and the Republican party have the only legitimate claim to this legacy.
- George Bush strongly advocates traditional American values in the upbringing of our children.