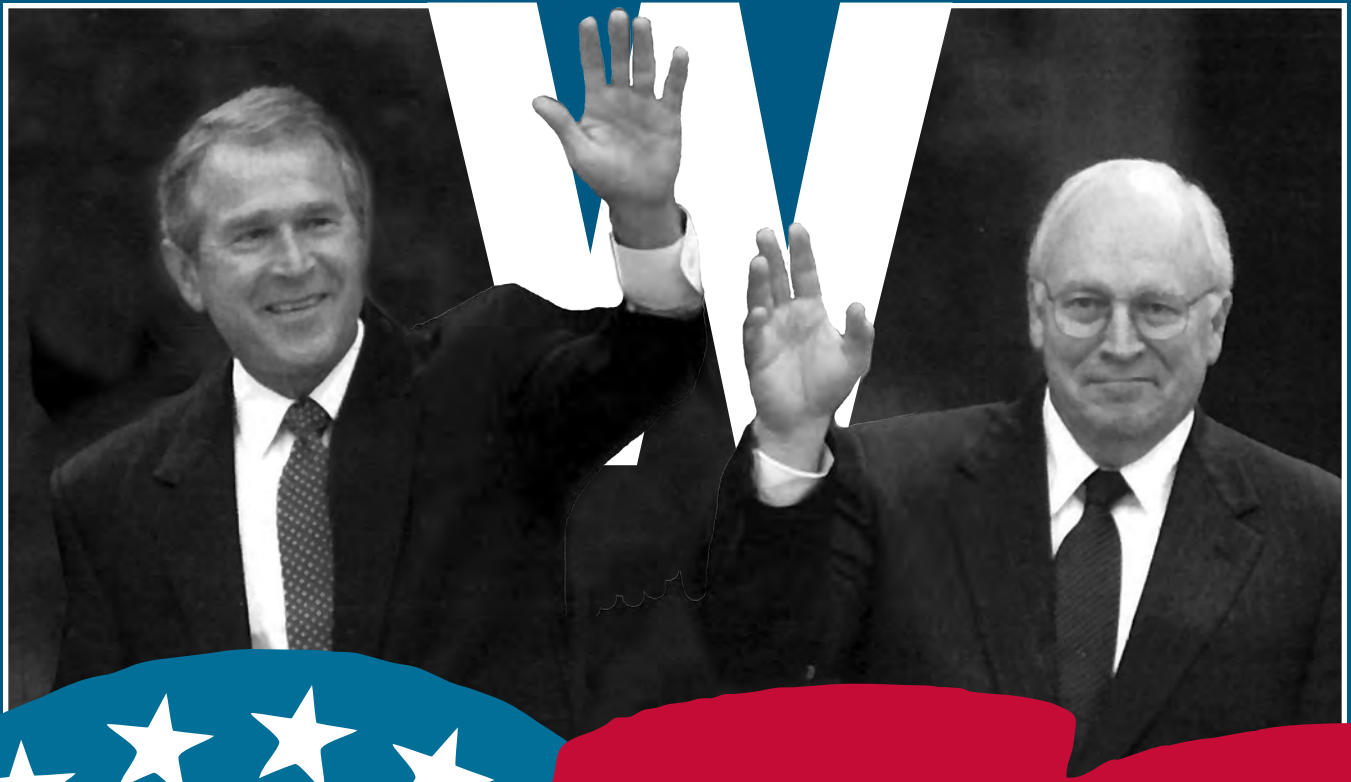


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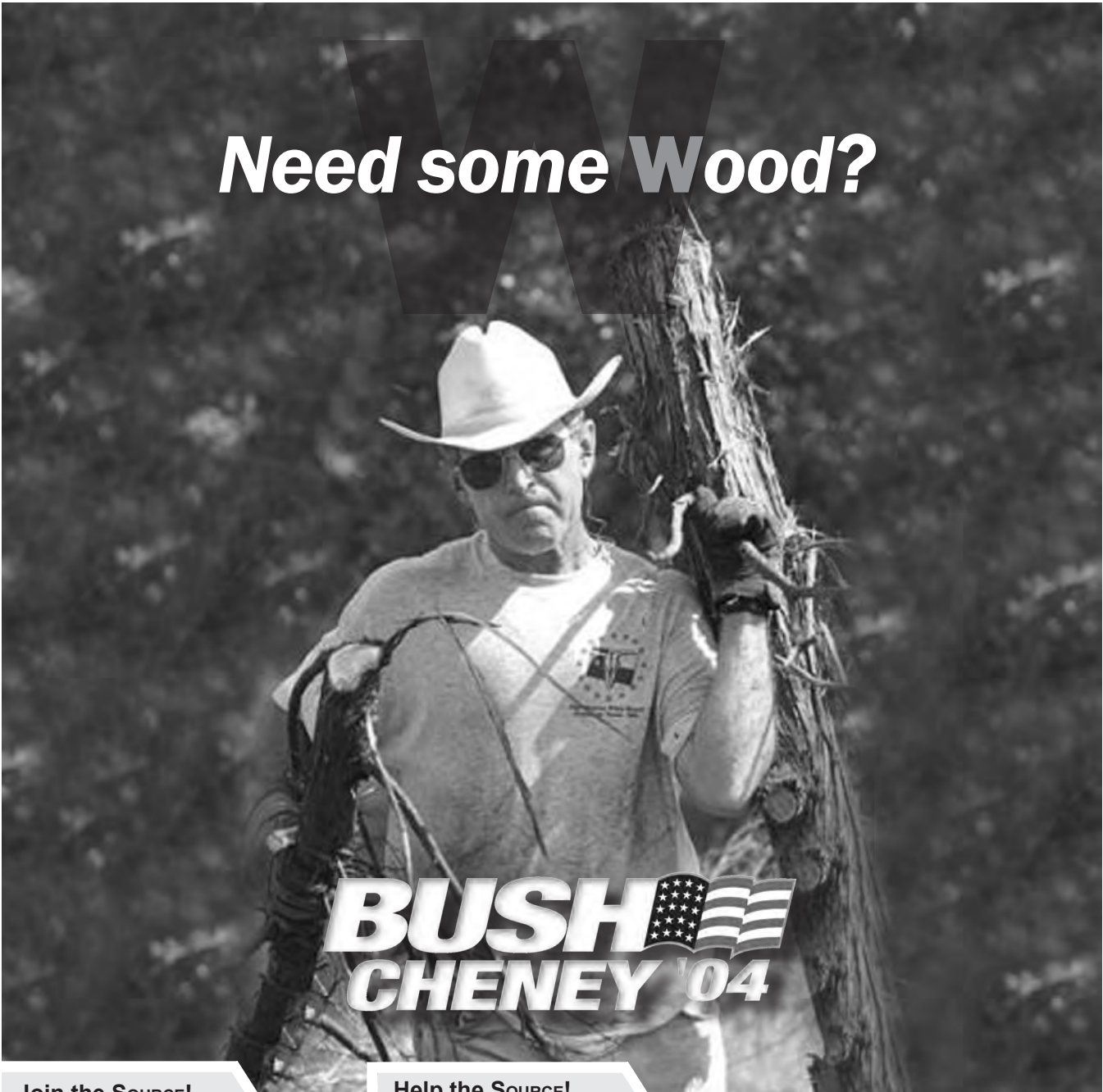
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Anyone But Kerry

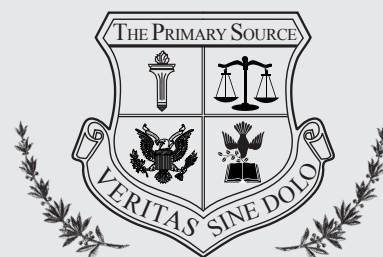
With the election nearing, the campus is ripe for a two-week war of candidates. Unfortunately, Karl Rove is busy creating hurricanes off the coast of Florida, so the responsibility of promoting the conservative candidate rests solely in the hands of *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*. It should be of no surprise to regular readers that the *SOURCE* endorses President George W. Bush, the true candidate of conservative values and strong leadership. He has led America through dark times while giving the country great optimism. The reasons to reelect President Bush are many and in this issue, the staff has analyzed a subset of topics in the hope of educating students before they vote. It is the civic duty of all voters to cast ballots in an informed manner—not, as some would claim, to simply show up and “rock the vote.”

For social issues, education and religion (or separation of Church and State) seem relevant at a Unitarian institution of higher education. Students should know the power of faith-based initiatives and how the recently contested No Child Left Behind Act has helped to eliminate the soft bigotry of low expectations. Social Security reform and tax cuts are perhaps the issues with the most direct impact on current students, as they will either strangle or boost the economy for graduates. Students must also ask themselves if their candidate will move America forward, or have the country “do it in the dark.” President Bush has an energy plan—does his challenger? In this issue, the *SOURCE* examines the bane of the ACLU and al Qaeda alike—the Patriot Act. And of course, conservatives have something to say about John Kerry’s inability to match up with President Bush in the War on Terror—in Iraq and elsewhere.

Covering the issues in such a comprehensive manner is dual purpose. First, it allows the *SOURCE* staff to, in the future, move beyond election politics and onto

more important issues, like the TCU senate’s refusal to vote on the Academic Bill of Rights. Presenting the arguments in this manner also serves the purpose of quelling dozens of requests for two-sided or three-way debates that amount to nothing more than show trials to demonize Republicans. The *SOURCE* does not have the time or the resources to repeatedly discuss Bush’s platform in live debate, nor should it. There is a reason this magazine convenes for countless hours of writing and production—so conservative ideas can be represented clearly and understood without liberal censorship or moderation. Furthermore, liberals have yet to show they are sincere with discussion and debate on campus. The *SOURCE* is over twenty years old and continues forward with only a minority of campus participation. With all the liberal English majors at Tufts, there is only one possible reason there has been no establishment of a credible liberal magazine; they do not have proper rhetorical skills or motivation to counter *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*.

As students read onward, they should challenge themselves to not be complacent with the “Anyone But Bush” mentality. By observing the issues from both sides, they may in fact conclude that “Anyone But Kerry” is a more appropriate state of mind.

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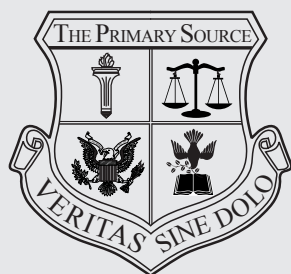


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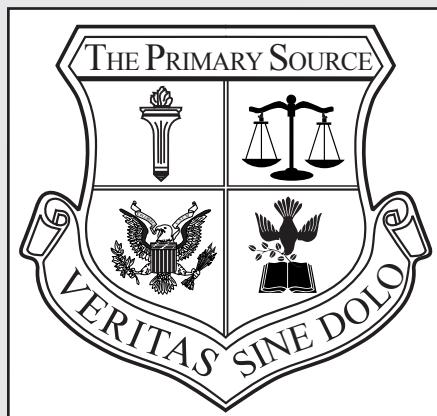
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—Aristophanes

PS The Surgeon General warned that half of all older Americans will have bone-thinning osteoporosis or be at high risk of getting it by 2020—unless they start strengthening their bones now with a boost of calcium, Vitamin D and exercise. Older Americans, fearing their Bocce days are nearly through, flocked to the Internet to figure out what the heck Vitamin D is.

PS From sprawling urban areas to rural counties, racial and ethnic minorities outnumber whites in more parts of the country, according to 2003 Census estimates. Accordingly, Tufts has dropped the mandatory punishment for suggesting a Caucasian culture house to a mere month-long suspension and constant beating with reeds.

PS About one percent of adults has absolutely no interest in sex and is thus asexual, according to a new study. The LGBT Center will now hold weekly workshops in the Biology department's cell division lab.

PS The hurricanes that pounded Florida may have boosted interest in Arizona as a tourism destination, resort owners say. "Arizona has everything that Florida has to offer, except the ocean, beaches, moisture, confused voters, and Disneyworld," said one spokeswoman.

PS A new study says nuclear radiation levels are beginning to decline in the Arctic, years after Soviet nuclear weapons tests and the Chernobyl nuclear accident spewed their fallout over the region. Perhaps our children will someday see a one-headed polar bear.

PS Teresa Heinz Kerry shared her home-remedy for arthritis at a rally: "You get some gin and get some white raisins—and only white raisins—and soak them in the gin for two weeks. Then eat nine of the raisins a day." Her ruling-class experience in South Africa taught her that black raisins aren't good enough for imported liquor.

PS Scientists have designed a chemical to thwart the way HIV penetrates a woman's cells, bringing the possibility of a vaginal gel that women could apply before sex to block the AIDS infection. Coming soon: the flavored gel series—Strawberry Syphilis and Warty Watermelon.

PS A group of Russian mothers, desperate for peace in Chechnya, told rebels in the breakaway region they were ready to mediate peace between the government and militants fighting a decade-long battle for independence. As a start the women offered to bake latkes to be served in an international summit hosted by John Kerry.

PS Top Ten Captions for the picture below:

10. "John, stop that or your face will stick that way."
9. "I can't find my lower teeth."
8. Teresa never shares her gin-soaked raisins.
7. "And then we're going to take back the White House... Yeeeeeeagh!"
6. Teresa reminds Kerry just how much of a ball-breaker she can be.
5. "See I can smile as wide as John Edwards."
4. Teresa thanks John for not mentioning her in the debate—again.
3. "Honey, I think the Botox worked a little too well."
2. Kerry promises to take a bite out of crime. And his wife.
1. "They all think we won't raise taxes."

PS Russia agreed to send warships to help NATO naval patrols that monitor suspicious vessels in the Mediterranean, part of a push for closer counter-terrorism cooperation

between Moscow and the Western alliance. Russian captains vowed to sail "as soon as their mothers would let them out to play."

PS A truck loaded with Bacardi overturned and burst into flames, closing a section of the interstate for hours. This is further proof that friends shouldn't let friends drive drunk.

PS According to a study, fast food dining could be healthier than teens' choices at more formal eateries. Dewick dining will now include Aztec-rubbed Whoppers and Super-sized chicken grillas.

PS A Swedish study suggests that people who use a cell phone for at least 10 years might increase their risk of developing benign tumors. Let that be a warning to men who keep their cell phones in their pockets.

PS Purdue University police canceled a bicycle-lending program intended to decrease theft because most of the bikes were vandalized or disappeared. Students now urge the police to launch similar programs for laptops, iPods, and stereos.





BUSH

Top 10 SOURCE Quotes

KERRY



10. "I've been to war. I've raised twins. If I had a choice, I'd rather go to war."
9. "I've coined new words, like, misundereestimating and Hispanically."
8. "We're concerned about AIDS inside our White House—make no mistake about it."
7. "Russia is no longer our enemy and therefore we shouldn't be locked into a Cold War mentality that says we keep the peace by blowing each other up."
6. "There's an old saying in Tennessee—I know it's in Texas, probably in Tennessee—that says, fool me once, shame on—shame on you. Fool me—you can't get fooled again."
5. "I was proud the other day when both Republicans and Democrats stood with me in the Rose Garden to announce their support for a clear statement of purpose: you disarm, or we will."
4. "Too many good docs are getting out of the business. Too many OB-GYN's aren't able to practice their love with women all across this country."
3. "Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we."
2. "I hear there's rumors on the Internets that we're going to have a draft."
1. "I'm honored to shake the hand of a brave Iraqi citizen who had his hand cut off by Saddam Hussein."

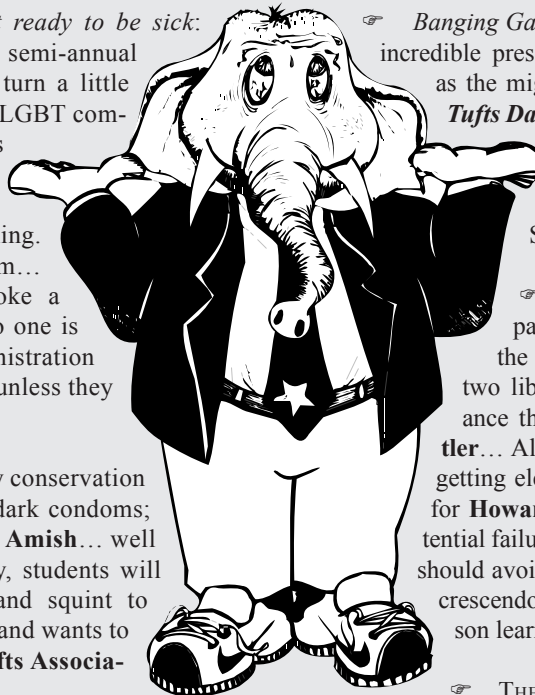
10. "The test I was talking about is a test of legitimacy—not just in the globe, but elsewhere."
9. "I guess the President and you and I are three examples of lucky people who married up. And some would say maybe me more so than others."
8. "I will be voting to give the President of the United States the authority to use force if necessary to disarm Saddam Hussein because I believe that a deadly arsenal of weapons of mass destruction in his hands is a real and grave threat to our security."
7. "I've had one position, one consistent position, that Saddam Hussein was a threat."
6. "We have to get back to the place we were, where terrorists are not the focus of our lives, but they're a nuisance."
5. "I know something about aircraft carriers for real."
4. "I actually did vote for the \$87 billion before I voted against it."
3. "In fact, I've said the opposite: I will never turn the security of the United States over to any nation... But I think it makes sense, I think most Americans in their guts know, that we ought to pass a sort of truth standard."
2. Kerry: "Secondly, when we went in, there were three countries: Great Britain, Australia and the United States. That's not a grand coalition. We can do better."
Bush: "Well, actually, he forgot Poland. And now there's 30 nations involved..."
1. "You bet we might have."

From the Elephant's Mouth

☞ *We're here, we're queer, get ready to be sick:*

Coming Out Day—an offensive semi-annual display that makes even liberals turn a little red. THE ELEPHANT gets it by now. LGBT community members draw penises and print **profanity all over the campus** and it's supposed to be shocking or funny or something. In Texas we call that vandalism... Though the students clearly broke a University policy on profanity, no one is holding their breath for the administration to hand out punishment... that is, unless they like **that sort of thing**.

☞ *Do it in the **dark**:* Tufts energy conservation activists handed out glow in the dark condoms; reminding students to live like the **Amish**... well like horny Amish at least. Ideally, students will shun all modern conveniences and squint to read. THE ELEPHANT loves the idea and wants to create a new club in its honor: **Tufts Association of Mole-People (TAMP)**.



☞ *Banging Gangs:* Somerville's government now faces incredible pressure to repeal its **anti-gang ordinance** as the mighty forces of the **Tufts ACLU** and the **Tufts Daily** have joined hands in a crusade against it. The civil liberties alliance is eager to protest at City Hall, but is afraid of the shady characters that loiter on Somerville's streets.

☞ *Smackdown the Vote:* Tufts hosted a panel of political pundits and many praised the speakers for their diversity. There were two liberal Democratic strategists, and to balance the ideological spectrum, a **WWE wrestler**... All talked about Kerry's best strategies for getting elected but **Grossman**, a former strategist for **Howard Dean**, had particular insight into potential failures. He reminded the audience that Kerry should avoid reciting the names of the fifty states in crescendo, ending with a maniacal scream—a lesson learned the hard way on the campaign trail.

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

The SOURCE takes a stand: Foreign Policy

The War on Terror

report prepared by
David Rawson

There is a clear distinction in the approaches to foreign policy that Bush and Kerry have proposed in this campaign. In Bush's view, America is the world's greatest force for freedom. In its unparalleled position of power, it has a responsibility to bring liberty and democracy to the Middle East, where the outlook for those ideals is the darkest but most necessary. By planting the seeds of change in Iraq, Bush will continue to use unilateral or preemptive action to rid the world of tyranny and terrorism. Bush's vision values freedom and self-reliance as the antidotes to undemocratic regimes. Global harmony will be within reach when democracy spreads, and this will only happen if the US aggressively pursues and defeats individuals and governments that oppose freedom and democracy.

Kerry has no equivalent of this broad vision of the world and America's role in it. He believes that US foreign policy is arrogant and ignorant. In his view, we must restore traditional European alliances to legitimately fight the War on Terror. Today, the international balance of power heavily favors the US, and it is our responsibility to use that power to reform illiberal and undemocratic governments. This is not arrogance; it is commitment and a duty to restore peace to a post-9/11 world. However, Kerry is not optimistic about the transforming power of democracy in the Middle East, and believes that diplomacy is the key to American prosperity and global harmony. These are fundamental differences in strategy: whereas Bush values freedom and democracy as the paramount foreign policy goals, Kerry values internationalism. Instead of using every resource of the American military to fight the war on terror, Kerry plans to acquiesce to anti-

American European powers and the UN. Kerry's soft diplomatic strategy cedes national security responsibility to the elitist international power structure and is not reinforced by the threat of serious economic or military consequences.

In Bush's vision, the values of freedom and democracy come first, and the capabilities of US diplomacy and military action are the most effective ways to

establish those values where they do not yet exist. The optimism of this vision is based on the presumption that the world will be better off with democracy taking

hold where terrorists and dictators once ruled. Instead, Kerry wants traditional alliances and multilateral cooperation to come first. He hopes that the nations of the world can come together and work cooperatively to minimize threats and establish security and stability. A centralized global authority is not going to aggressively fight the war on terror.

In its current position of influence and power, the US cannot afford to hold back its diplomatic and military capabilities in order to restore traditional alliances and sign on to multilateral agreements with UN elites. Our national security will be stronger when democracy and peace spread over nations that have been oppressed by tyranny and terrorism. The broad vision of a world rid of freedom-hating terrorist-sponsoring governments is necessary to effectively use the current balance of power in favor of liberty and democracy. Bush's aggressive pursuit of that vision reminds us that Kerry prioritizes international authorities that are not nearly as optimistic and aggressive on the war on terror. Global interdependence is less of a concern now than the triumph of freedom and self-reliance over terrorism and tyranny. ■

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President
George W. Bush

War on Terror Use America's position of unparalleled strength and influence to promote freedom.

Iran Work with allies and the IAEA to end Iran's nuclear weapons programs; support UN sanctions if diplomacy fails.

Israel Support Israel's security; pressure Israel and Palestine to reform the Palestinian government and economy.

Saudi Arabia Push a hard line against terrorism and other forms of Islamic extremism in the Middle East.

Libya The use of force to depose Saddam Hussein in Iraq played a key role in Libya's decision to disarm.

North Korea Continue multilateral diplomatic negotiations to dismantle North Korea's nuclear programs.



Senator
John Kerry

War on Terror Restore alliances with anti-American European nations; make concessions to France and the international community.

Iran Develop an international coalition to coerce nuclear disarmament; in other words, do what Bush has already proposed.

Israel Support its security and military superiority; do what President Bush is already doing.

Saudi Arabia Take a hard stance against the government and jeopardize America's relationship with an ally in the War on Terror.

North Korea Discontinue vital multilateral negotiations with North Korea's neighbors; resume previously failed direct negotiations with North Korea's dictator.

The SOURCE takes a stand: Foreign Policy

Iraq and Afghanistan

report prepared by
Ryan Veiga

John Kerry claims that he has “a better plan” to win the War on Terror. Insofar as he seems to have many opinions on the War on Terror, for the purposes of this article we’ll assume that the plan listed on johnkerry.com, where Kerry has been so eagerly directing debate watchers, is Kerry’s “official” plan.

A close inspection of Kerry’s website reveals the irony of calling his plan “better.” Actually, Kerry’s “plan” is almost word for word what America is already doing. Kerry hasn’t been able to improve at all on Bush’s determined, principled leadership, and this hasn’t escaped the notice of the President, who now tells cheering crowds that Kerry’s plan is “already known as the Bush plan.”

Perhaps realizing that a campaign of “I agree” would fail to motivate potential voters, Kerry has instead adopted an “anything you can do I can do better” approach to try and convince the American people that he would be able to handle the war better than the current president. To this end, Kerry has staked his campaign on his ability to persuade voters that Iraq is a disaster and Afghanistan is tenuous at best.

This is not the case. The accomplishments taking place in Iraq and Afghanistan are tributes to America’s troops, allies, and current administration. From Kabul to Baghdad, people are fighting for freedom, rebuilding their national infrastructure, protecting their security, revitalizing their economy, and enjoying amazing success as they set the foundation for a democratic Middle East.

In Afghanistan, people across the country affirmed their love of freedom by successfully holding their first ever national elections. Despite fears of terrorism, millions of Afghanis, nearly half

of them women, bravely cast their vote. They showed the world that democracy is the dream of people everywhere and that the desire for liberty is strongest where people have known oppression, hardship, and tyranny.

In Iraq, reconstruction efforts are making impressive progress. Women and children are going to school for the first time. International and US aid is employing Iraqis to rebuild their own country. Hospitals, power plants, and public buildings are under construction. The Iraqis are fighting side by side as our allies, both as police and as soldiers.

Understandably, people in Iraq and Afghanistan want the world to know what they have accomplished. Kerry, however, has consistently insulted or ignored the sacrifices of American troops and allies. He said the coalition was only “window dressing,” and claimed the allies were “coerced” and “bribed.” The Senator won’t even consider that Iraq is now an ally (an omission that allows him to inflate the percentage of casualties sustained by the US). Soldiers and foreign leaders alike have expressed anger and disappointment over his dismissive attitude. Yet, the Senator boasts that he will “issue in a new era of alliances.” One is left to wonder: will he even be able to keep the support of the allies we’ve got?

John Kerry is the wrong person to fight the War on Terror. The Senator’s “plan” is in fact nothing more than an over-sold combination of the obvious, the plagiarized, and the ineffective. There is only one leader who can effectively fight terror, who has the respect of international allies, and who lives by the principles that will lead the world to a safer and more democratic future. That leader is President George W. Bush.

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President
George W. Bush

Al Qaeda Three-quarters of all known al Qaeda leaders have been captured or killed.

Alliances Values support of allied nations in Iraq and Afghanistan, but will not surrender America’s right to defend itself.

Military Launched most comprehensive restructuring of US military since the Korean War.

Reconstruction US fund for reconstruction employs 80,000 Iraqis on more than 700 projects.

Security Over 100,000 Iraqi troops trained. Many more will be trained by the year’s end.

Objective A free and democratic Iraq will be a powerful ally in the War on Terror and will serve as a catalyst for democracy in the Middle East.



Senator
John Kerry

Alliances Claims he will issue in “a new era of alliances” but shows disdain for existing allies.

Troops Tells troops “help is on the way,” but voted against armor and supplies for the troops. Troops are voting for Bush over Kerry 3 to 1.

NATO Supports calling in NATO to help train Iraqis. Forgets that NATO is already training Iraqi troops.

Solution Wants to call a summit of global leaders to discuss Iraq. Various summits are already planned by Bush.

Stand Most recently described operation Iraqi Freedom as “wrong war, wrong place, wrong time.” Somehow still imagines he will succeed in rallying Europeans to support it.

The Master Debater

Over the past two weeks, President Bush and Senator Kerry participated in three presidential debates that were instrumental in helping undecided voters get a better feel for each candidate. Senator Kerry was and always will be the more masterful debater when compared to Bush, who admitted his rhetorical shortcomings before America. But the true measure of success in the debates must be their effect on public opinion of the two candidates.

For Kerry, the debates were his last chance to shake Bush's hold over battleground states like Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida. Yet, days after the end of the debates, Ohio and Florida are still polling for Bush. Pennsylvania is a toss-up, and if Bush wins it, it will spell certain doom for the Kerry candidacy. It is questionable that pundits call all three debates a "win" for Senator Kerry when in fact his strategic goals are completely unmet with only days left before the election. Certainly, Democratic strategists would not say in their own meetings "all we need to do is win the debate, the polls are irrelevant." Nor will Kerry remember the debates as a victory when he returns to his Senate career on November 3rd.

The SOURCE recently featured the highlights of the first foreign policy debate—from which readers need only remember the "Global Test." Bush was definitely not running on all cylinders during this first showing, but the next in the series was his strongest.

Bush did well standing up to Kerry's attacks. When Kerry attacked Bush on fiscal responsibility, the President pointed out Kerry's own unreasonable proposal: "He's proposed \$2.2 trillion in new spending, and he says he's going to tax the rich to close the tax gap. He can't. He's going to tax everybody here to fund his programs. That's just reality." The President's performance was enhanced by his strong presence on stage. Without a podium to hide his posture, he seemed strong and passionate as he spoke. Kerry looked like Frankenstein on stilts as he droned on and on about the nuances of his policy. When asked to look into the camera and speak simply about his policies, Kerry started his hand waving routine, leaving the audience to wonder about his sincerity and his message.

The third and final debate was more of the same and was not sufficient competition to capture attention of Sox fans from the game. Domestic policy was the highlight, but many issues were glossed over, so the depth of understanding for viewers was indeed minimal. In a single exchange, candidates addressed affirmative action, which was a major campaign issue of 2000.

The debates were more of a battle than either campaign would have asked for. Little ground was won or lost, but policy commitments were made. For Bush, this is only an affirmation of his record, but for Kerry, commitment to one side of an issue can be disastrous given his tendency to flip-flop.

An Rx for Intellectual Diversity

Dr. Leon Kass, the chairman of the President's Committee on Bioethics, inaugurated the Snyder lecture series, hailed by President Bacow as a new opportunity to attract controversial speakers to campus. Dr. Kass led a lecture called "*Endless Bodies, Timeless Souls*" and brought the voice of a moderate conservative to the hill, helping to bring intellectual diversity to the campus.

Hopefully, President Bacow realizes this token moderate fell short of fulfilling the vision that, "a great university embraces diversity of every dimension and that includes diversity of ideas." This speaker far from fills the absence of academic conservatism at Tufts, but did provide an alternate perspective to the University's prevailing thought on bioethics.

The lecture provided an overview of the tools available in science now and in the near future to drastically alter the way Americans live and the ethical questions that surround using them. Many might have been expecting a discussion about stem cell research, but Dr. Kass suggested that there were more crucial ramifications to be considered in the realm of human enhancement and replacement.

Kass presented a long-winded consideration of many ethical dilemmas in a format designed to provoke thought about the subject rather than bombard the attendees with facts and figures. At the end, Dr. Kass raised several interesting questions about human modification such as the merit of living well versus living long, the effects longevity would have on youth and reproduction, and how enhancements might change

the very essence of being human or as he put it, "to turn a man into a cockroach would be dehumanizing, to make him more might be the same."

His presentation was very level-headed and possibly even lacked the fire and controversy that President Bacow might have envisioned for the series. Although at times, as was evident during the question and answer period, a politically moderate speaker was about as much as the crowd could handle. Several people in the audience attempted to ask questions to embar-

ass the professor or make President Bush look soft on stem cell research, but Dr. Kass knew the facts well and refuted every claim made by audience members. He even pointed out how a 1995 Congressional act prohibited stem cell research and President Bush was the first to allow any funding to occur.

Dr. Kass believes that the way President Bush has proceeded with federal stem cell research is a "sensible moral position" that allows stem cells that have already been killed to be used for research purposes. He also pointed out that the lines of cells that President Bush made available must be used to show that there really is a medical promise in the realm of embryonic stem cells rather than simply believing the political hype from the likes of John Edwards. Kass shares no illusions that if John Kerry is president, people like the late Christopher Reeve will walk again. Maybe Edwards should file a suit against himself for false advertising.

Many points made by the speaker have also been made recently by articles in THE PRIMARY SOURCE—which makes one wonder why the University scarcely values the contributions of this magazine. Though the SOURCE may have been unable to convince readers with its lack of in-house expertise, Dr. Kass certainly brought clout to the argument that scientific advancement must be balanced with the value of human life.



Look at what the SOURCE found at UCCPS...

**TUFTS
VOTES!**

"How to Vote" Guide

Voting can be a complicated task, especially when organizations like ours try to get clueless college students like you to participate. Here's a simple step-by-step guide that will help us make sure we achieve our objective. An added benefit is that it teaches you how to vote.

NOTE

Though the availability of this choice may shock you, rest assured, this is an authentic ballot.

STEP 2

Violently scribble this column into obscurity.

WARNING

This box is not intended for your favorite anti-Bush slogan.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

This row enables you to select the candidate that is not Bush. A less common name also used to describe this candidate is "John Kerry."

BUSH
CHENEY

NOT BUSH
LITTLE JOHN

STEP 1

Immediately mark the box for the candidate who is not Bush. This ensures your vote will go to the candidate who is not Bush.

SENATE

STEP 3 This row is easy as the correct candidate has no opponent.

KERRY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STEP 4 Once again, the choice is easy. The correct candidate has no opponent.

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AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATORY

PROPOSITION 1

Legalize Gay Marriage
(An affirmative vote automatically weds you to a mail-order gay bride.)

PROPOSITION 2

Renew Patriot Act
(A negatory vote automatically notifies John Ashcroft.)

PROPOSITION 3

Abolish Income Tax
(A negatory vote automatically lets the IRS know you have income to spare.)

YES

YES

YES

YES

NO

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NO

WARNING

Whoa... check this and you're a homophobe! Think globally, act locally.

Still can't make up your mind? Check out www.moveon.org and www.michaelmoore.com for non-partisan information and facts.

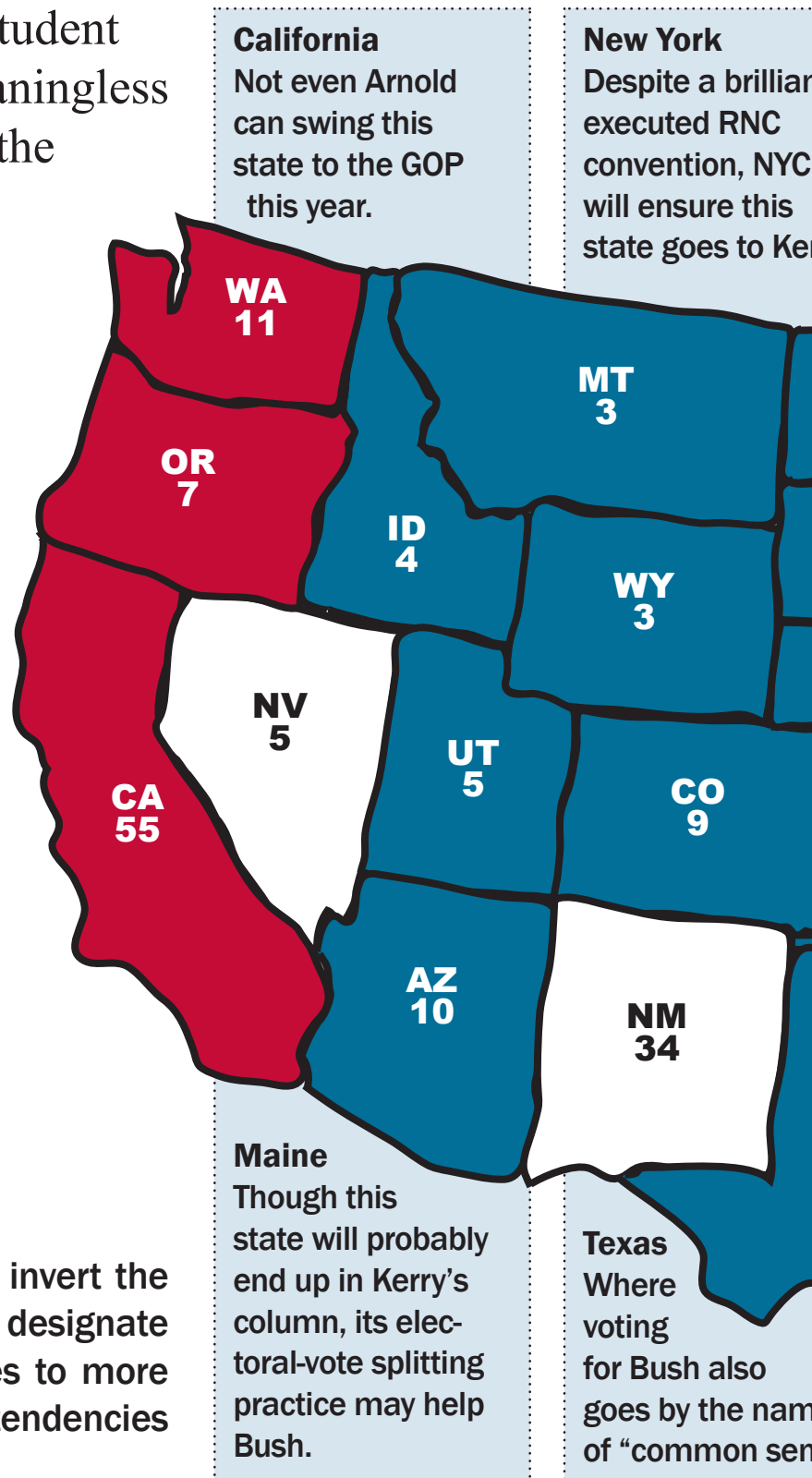
SOURCE 11/2 Projection: BUSH 2

The politically savvy Tufts student knows national polls are meaningless when it comes to predicting the outcome of the presidential election. It is the electoral vote over which the next president must prevail.

It is in this vain that THE PRIMARY SOURCE presents our very own electoral vote projection. Based on state polling and the collective seasoned political experience and instincts of our staff, this map is your companion to coming to terms with a second George W. Bush presidential term.

Confused?

THE PRIMARY SOURCE has decided to invert the traditional use of **red** and **blue** to designate Republican and Democratic states to more clearly indicate the Communist tendencies of the Democratic party.



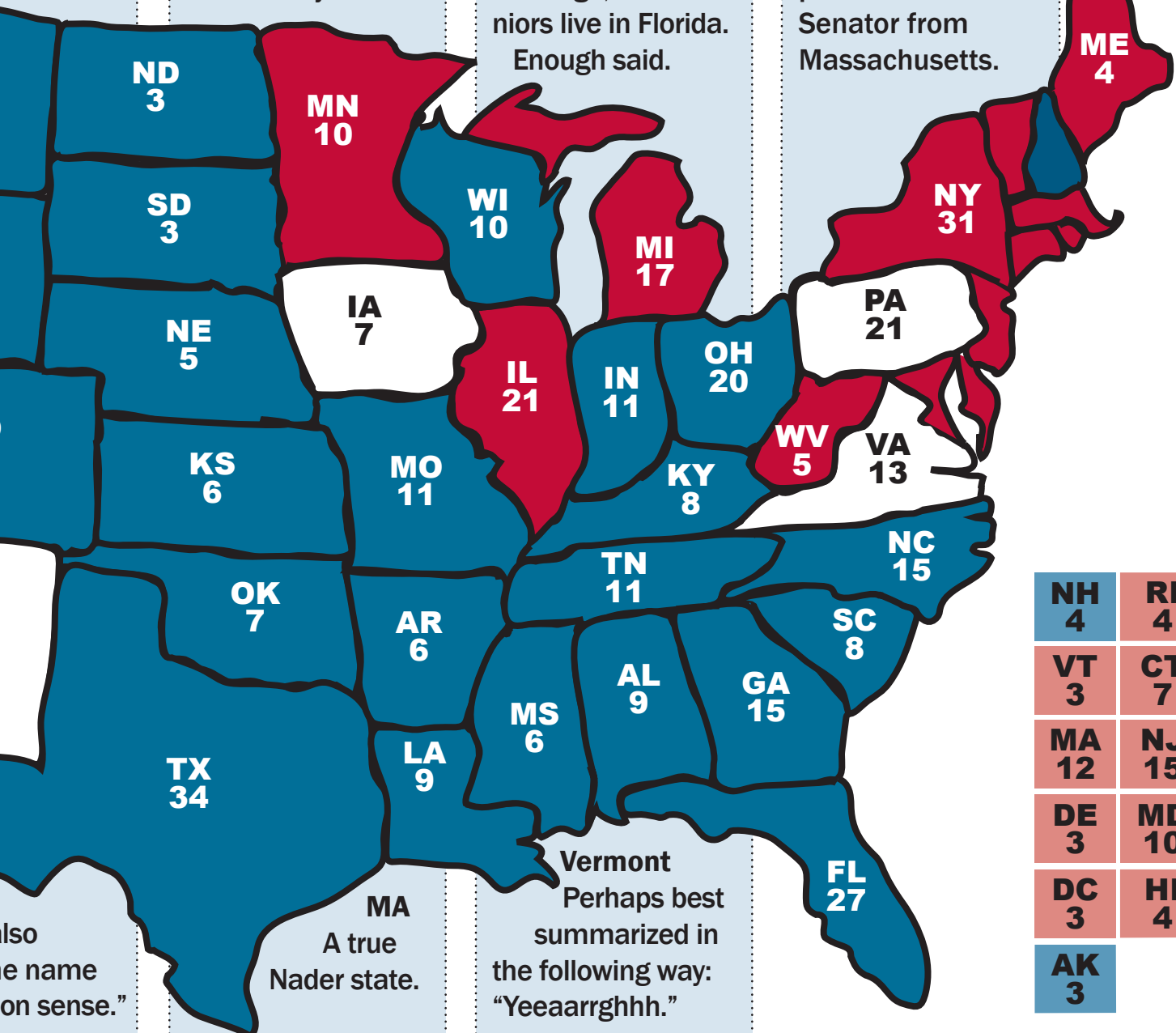
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New Hampshire
With Tufts Republicans campaigning here every weekend, this swing state will give W four more years.

Florida
Seniors vote, seniors support our troops, seniors like the President's prescription drug coverage, and seniors live in Florida. Enough said.

Ohio
This socially conservative state won't stomach voting for a botoxing, flip-flopping, pinko-commie Senator from Massachusetts.



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Conservatives Treated as Second Class Citizens

CONSERVATIVES

Spring 2004

The Academic Bill of Rights was passed in the Georgia State Senate with a sweeping bipartisan majority.

The resolution is heard in many state legislatures and universities with enthusiasm.

The Academic Bill of Rights at Tufts is dismissed by TCU President Chike Aguh on the grounds it is an issue originating from a national movement.

Fall 2004

TCU President Dave Baumwoll urges conservatives to help shuttle the 80 percent Democratic campus to vote. Conservatives request a vote on the Academic Bill of Rights in return.

Baumwoll denies hearing the resolution. He compares it to a resolution on supporting abortion, and claims it is not appropriate for the TCU senate.

LIBERALS

Spring 2004

No disciplinary action is taken against disruptive labor activists at April Open House.

Fall 2004

Adding “gender identity and expression” to nondiscrimination policy has been done at numerous universities, and is being heard in local and state legislatures.

This measure was adopted at Tufts as the first order of business this fall. It was passed unanimously without debate.

The TCU senate recently passed a resolution urging Somerville to repeal its anti-gang laws—an initiative brought forward by Tufts ACLU.

Tufts 1200, a student-run organization is taken under University management. The group, founded by members of the Tufts ACLU, Democrats, and other liberal activists, gains instant approval by UCCPS.

Why does the senate refuse to even vote on this resolution?

THE PRIMARY SOURCE has fought long and hard for its existence at Tufts. Publishing conservative ideas has proven not only unpopular, but also historically dangerous for students who try to fit in while espousing “controversial” ideas (which are accepted in students’ hometowns and elsewhere in America). Enduring the anti-Republican classroom bias and punitive behavior of many professors has become a badge of honor for SOURCE staffers and conservatives-at-large.

The greatest insult has been dealt to conservatives in this election season, when conscience suddenly called the University to seek the approval of the Right in “non-partisan” civics. Something must have seemed awry to them when the Tufts Democrats, VOX, and ACLU flocked to register voters and ship them to the polls, but Tufts’ most outspoken conservative group was not involved. The TCU senate, after being counseled by administrators, in fact begged THE PRIMARY SOURCE and Tufts Republicans to drive an overwhelmingly liberal student body to the polls (keep in mind, for many students, they need only walk to the Gantcher Center). True, it is perhaps more than can be expected of Tufts students to walk ten minutes without use of a campus shuttle, but the University’s

decision to use mass transportation seems contrary to their motives. The walk to Gantcher might give voters an opportunity to see the hard Left-wing bumper stickers of their professors in a kind of last-minute “voter education.”

In reality, total frivolity of the voter shuttle was not what flared tempers at the SOURCE or the Republicans. Last year, the TCU senate disregarded the Academic Bill of Rights, a motion to protect students from classroom political indoctrination, refusing to even hear a vote on the matter. The move was a slap in the face to students who rarely ask for anything beyond fair treatment at Tufts. Now, in order to validate their claims of non-partisanship, the senate has asked campus conservatives for a favor only one semester after dismissing their concerns. The conduct of the University and then TCU senate in dealing with campus conservatives has been appalling.

The grounds on which the senate declined to vote on the resolution are hypocritical and unfair. Last year, TCU President Chike Aguh claimed the resolution was a matter of national politics and therefore the senate would not hear it. Even then, his statement was illegitimate, as the senate’s history shows several occasions when it voted on such issues. But

Text of the nondiscrimination resolution

WHEREAS Tufts University is committed to the fundamental principle of equal opportunity and equal treatment;

WHEREAS transgender students, faculty, and staff at Tufts should not experience bias during application, employment, promotion and/or termination;

WHEREAS transgender students, faculty, and staff at Tufts should not experience gender-identity based discrimination upon coming out as transgender, transitioning on the job, discovery of their birth sex or assumptions regarding their status as transgender;

WHEREAS “gender” in the nondiscrimination policy assumes that one can be identified as male or female

when many students, faculty, and staff, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual people may not conform to conventional gender norms;

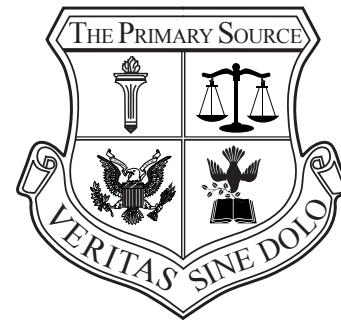
WHEREAS federal courts have ruled that “gender” as included in nondiscrimination policies does not protect gender identity and expression;

WHEREAS many of Tufts’ peer institutions, both public and private, on principle, have subsequently included protections for gender identity and expression in their respective nondiscrimination policies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Tufts University shall add “gender identity and expression” to the Tufts University Non-Discrimination Policy.

The SOURCE may not use fancy words like “whereas”, but here’s an executive summary of the Academic Bill of Rights:

- Students should be evaluated on the quality of their work, not their compliance with an enforced political doctrine.
- Professors should not be hired or fired on the basis of their political views.



to make matters worse, current TCU President Dave Baumwoll reaffirmed the “no resolutions originating from national movements” rule one week after voting on and unanimously passing the resolution to add “gender identity and expression” to the Tufts nondiscrimination policy. This resolution has been passed with similar language at dozens of schools in a recent surge of national LGBT activism, but there was no significant discussion, let alone hesitation to pass resolutions of national importance or origin when proposed by the liberal community.

It is important to clarify that conservatives have no particular animosity towards their peers on campus regarding the proposed amendment to the nondiscrimination policy, so long as it is interpreted in a similar manner to the existing policy. However, the disparity of standards between liberals and conservatives exposed in this case has been so remarkable, that it leaves one to wonder who the senators truly represent—their peers or their own political interests. The TCU senators have strayed so far from their commitment to “outreach” that they refuse to even listen to students who reach out to them.

Now, in all fairness, the TCU president did offer to think about hearing the resolution if it was redrafted as an original document, tailored to Tufts. This was of course after his first contact with conservatives this year, when he needed something from them. Unfortunately for Baumwoll, he was unaware of changes that were already made in the document to compromise with the demands of various student groups. The Academic Bill of Rights may be the name of a national framework for protecting students from classroom indoctrination, but the document brought before and dismissed by the senate last Spring was in fact, unique. The semantics of the nondiscrimination resolution was a breeze for the sponsor, Matt Pohl, who had the assistance of the University’s LGBT center. The senate must have been impressed with the language to simply read it once and unanimously approve it. On the other hand, students who are persecuted for their ideological beliefs have nowhere to turn for such assistance. It may be that the wording of the resolution has nothing to do with the difficulties faced by conservatives. In fact, it is probably the very inequities the resolution seeks to abolish are the reason the sponsors face so much resistance to its passage.

The SOURCE takes a stand: The Economy

The Bush Tax Cuts

report prepared by
Jordan Greene

Home ownership levels are at a record high. Inflation is under control and interest rates are attractive. The economy enjoys a promising 3 percent annual growth rate. Every month, new jobs are cutting into the deficit. This is despite four years of terrorism, war, corporate scandals, and unfounded consumer pessimism. Bush's stance on free trade and tax cuts is exactly what America needs to increase

foreign investment and give domestic industries a real incentive to create jobs. The Kerry-Edwards ticket tries to hide its Maoist tendencies behind class-warfare rhetoric. It's time their masks were ripped off and they were exposed as the lying, protectionist scoundrels they are.

In March of 2004, Kerry began running a television ad in Ohio proclaiming "three million jobs lost [under President Bush]... that is an astonishing failure." Astonishing indeed, considering the net job loss never topped 2.6 million and that actually, by March, 1.5 million new jobs had been created. Instead of subtracting 1.5 from 2.6, Kerry turned a job loss of 1.1 million into three million—creative accounting even by Arthur Anderson standards. President Bush took office shortly after a cyclical economic high-point of 132.5 million payroll jobs. As economist Alan Reynolds posited: "Since it took 120 months to climb to that peak, how can we reasonably expect to have regained the peak after only 39 months?"

The Kerry-Edwards plan to create jobs is to provide "tax breaks" to companies for keeping jobs in America. The tax break, though, is only a relative one. Kerry's plan involves placing heavy penalties on corporate income earned abroad, likely causing many companies to move their headquarters overseas, thereby relinquishing their tax burden entirely. Even tax penalties are

not enough to make American workers competitive with Mexicans or Indians for jobs requiring a relatively unskilled workforce. What penalties will do is make American companies less competitive with foreign rivals unencumbered

by protectionist regulations that conflict with market forces. Tragically, American consumers are ultimately deprived of lower prices afforded by

un-manipulated markets.

Perhaps even more detrimental is the impact corporate tax increases would have on foreign direct investment. Until the Bush tax cuts are made permanent, foreign investors are unlikely to significantly increase speculation in the US because a destructive force like John Kerry could stumble into the White House and jeopardize the profitability of their American ventures.

Kerry opposes the bush tax cuts by crying "fiscal crisis, but real national debt is a bankrupt standard for judging fiscal responsibility: a colossus like the United States cannot compare its total debt to the marginal powers of Europe and Asia. National debt as a percentage of GDP is a more revealing statistic. The US national debt is 62 percent of its GDP, compared with Germany, at 64 percent; France, at 69 percent; Belgium, at 102 percent; Italy, at 107 percent; and Japan, the second most industrialized country in the world, at 155 percent.

John Forbes Kerry-Heinz portrays himself as a defender of the middle class and a corporate slayer. The former isn't true; the second should make Americans sweat—lest they forget who employs them. Kerry's rhetorical strategy is one of class-warfare. He blames the ills of the poor on the fortune of the wealthy. Even more insidious, his class-warfare rhetoric makes the middle class think that they

Kerry's class-warfare rhetoric makes the middle class think that they are poor.



President
George W. Bush

Deficit Plans to continue with pro-growth policies that will increase revenues into the treasury while holding the line on federal spending.

Trade Advocates free trade, both in rhetoric and in practice. Supports United States membership in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Jobs Supports tax cuts that decrease unemployment; understands the link between education and jobs; supports worker retraining programs.

Minimum Wage Cautiously considers raising minimum wage because price floors decrease demand, causing unemployment.

Taxes Supports tax cuts for everyone; no equivocations.



Senator
John Kerry

Deficit Proposes over \$2 trillion in new federal spending, which he says will be paid for through nosebleed taxes on corporations—the same corporations he expects to hire more Americans.

Trade Calls for reviewing trade agreements he previously supported. Favors certain unilateral tariffs; picked one of the most protectionist members of Congress as his running mate.

Jobs Favors lassoing businesses in an uncompetitive market he helped create.

Minimum Wage Supports an unrealistic \$7 national minimum wage that has already driven up the cost of living in Massachusetts.

Taxes Voted in favor of raising taxes 98 times as a Senator.

The SOURCE takes a stand: The Economy

The Bush Energy Plan

report prepared by
Sharon Silverman

Although many fail to recognize it, President George W. Bush's contributions to reliable, cleaner, and more affordable energy are truly commendable. Soon after his election, he proposed a national energy policy that consisted of more than 100 specific energy-wise recommendations. President Bush has held steadfast to this policy: nearly 75 percent of the proposals that do not require legislation have already been implemented. As evidenced, a clear and effective national energy policy has always been a top priority for President Bush. Conversely, John Kerry has introduced no new ideas on any energy issue, and essentially repeats President Bush's plans. The main difference is that even though Kerry frequently states what he plans to do, he rarely gives any substantial explanation as to how he intends to accomplish it. Another difference is that Kerry has shown much hypocrisy between his words regarding national energy and his voting record on the topic.

President Bush has already made efforts to increase clean-burning technologies for coal, and wants to build the world's first zero-emissions coal-fueled power plant. Bush's record proves that when he wants something done, he will not waver. Kerry also claims to support using coal for energy, but at the same time, he is a cosponsor of legislation that would cut coal-based generation by over 50 percent.

President Bush also encourages use of alternative energy sources, including solar and wind, both residentially and commercially, through tax incentives. Kerry states likewise, promising that 20 percent of our electricity will come from renewable

energy sources by the year 2020. Even though Kerry has stated this goal, he has not explained how he intends to pursue it. Furthermore, this is an unreliable statement because although he appears to advocate renewable energy, he refuses to endorse a large wind power project near his home on Cape Cod. People may explain this inaction by saying that he is waiting to see whether it will have an "environmental impact,"

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but Kerry clearly does not want to risk the support of his wealthy Nantucket neighbors, who are against the unattractive turbines. Saving the environment is definitely not worth losing the Kennedy's blessing over.

Another one of President Bush's ideas is to encourage environmentally safe development in 0.01 percent of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) by using advanced technology. This wise move would provide the US with billions of barrels of oil over the next twenty years, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and generate thousands of jobs. Bush also intends to construct a natural gas pipeline from Alaska, to provide the US with additional fuel. Likewise, Kerry wants to lessen our dependence on foreign oil; and has vocalized support for the creation of this pipeline from Alaska. However, he missed a vote on a comprehensive energy bill that would have authorized the construction of this pipeline. Afterwards, the Senator claimed that he would have voted against the bill anyway. This is Kerry duplicity at its best.

For those who are willing to take the time to read the facts on national energy, it is immediately evident who to vote for in November. For a superior national energy policy, vote Bush. ■



President
George W. Bush

Fuel Economy Raises fuel economy standards for SUVs and other light trucks, helping to save one billion barrels of gas over ten years.

Conservation Lower utility bills for 1.2 million low-income families while conserving energy.

Incentives Tax incentives to encourage the development of hybrid and fuel cell vehicles, as well as solar/wind energy.

Infrastructure Modernize and develop the electricity grid to prevent blackouts. Keep Strategic Petroleum Reserve at full capacity to ensure supply in case of disruption.

Consumption Construct an environmentally safe natural gas pipeline from Alaska, which will transport 6%-8% of our daily natural gas consumption.



Senator
John Kerry

Record Supported and voted for policies that raised energy prices for working families and killed jobs. Voted to increase federal gasoline taxes multiple times.

Foreign Oil Opposes oil production in ANWR, which would create hundreds of thousands of jobs and lessen our dependence on foreign oil.

Supply Cosponsored legislation that would cut coal-based generation, which supplies much of the nation's electricity, by more than 50%.

Nuclear Waste Opposes Yucca Mountain nuclear disposal site, but has proposed no alternative.

Infrastructure Has proposed no ideas to address the dependability of the nation's energy grid.

The SOURCE takes a stand: Domestic Policy Healthcare

report prepared by
Matthew Gardner-Schuster

Pundits say that this year's presidential election provides real choices for the first time since Reagan schooled Mondale in 1984. Nothing illustrates the two candidates' difference in attitude toward the American public more than the healthcare coverage debate. While George Bush wants to keep taxes low and put decisions in the hands of health care recipients, his opponent is pushing for a government-run program.

According to a recent analysis done by the American Enterprise Institute, Kerry's proposed health care program would cost the taxpayers 1.5 trillion dollars in the next decade and impose hundreds of mandates on small businesses. His plan calls for placing upwards of 90 percent

of the "newly insured" under government run programs. This massive federalization of the marketplace will cause millions of Americans to lose their private health coverage, and thus the quality of healthcare they enjoy today.

A large government bureaucratization will lead to long waits, inadequate medical care, and doctor shortages. Some Americans may want to import drugs from Canada, but Canadians, who know a thing or two about socialized medicine, come to America for real healthcare. In the Democratic primaries, Lieberman, Graham, and even Edwards all put forward more fiscally responsible and effective plans than Kerry has.

The Democrats frequently use fear-mongering tactics to sway senior citizens to their camp. Contrary to Senator Kerry's misleading remarks, Bush has allowed for the importation of foreign drugs, as signed in the Medicare Modernization Act. He has also made it considerably easier for seniors to pay for their prescription drugs by signing into law the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. Kerry, in fact,

deprived seniors of life-saving drugs by voting against this latest bipartisan bill, as well as voting to raise Medicare premiums five times.

On the issue of stem cells, Bush has a rational and thoughtful position. Kerry supports practically unlimited funding for stem cell research and therapeutic cloning despite little proof of their effectiveness. He went so far as to vote against banning human cloning in 1998. Apparently he has plans to make a

"mini-Kerry."

Republicans and Democrats agree that hospitals and doctors should be held accountable for their mistakes, while only President Bush is pushing for tort reform. The excesses of the system have made it possible for trial lawyers to sue doctors and hospitals for

exorbitant amounts of money for decades. Consequently, the cost of malpractice insurance has become prohibitive for doctors and hospitals that cannot absorb the cost of high jury awards and insurance premiums. They are forced to raise the prices charged to patients and the cost of health care increases for everyone. Alternatively, students facing many years of loans and sacrifice to go through medical school may opt for careers with more opportunity for reward.

Many medical students now shun high-risk fields like obstetrics. There is a shortage of obstetricians in Massachusetts because a system that once made sense has turned into a moneymaking machine for greedy lawyers. Democrats, who receive millions of dollars in contributions by trial lawyers, do not want any restrictions on jury awards. After all, it is how John Edwards robbed his way out of poverty.

On this 20-year anniversary of the Reagan/Mondale match-up, it looks like the Republicans are once again the party with the more respectable, more mature, and more responsible candidate. ■

**This massive
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health coverage.**



President
George W. Bush

Stem Cells First President to allow stem cell research; favors consideration of ethics before plunging into adult stem cell research which has yet to prove fruitful in finding cures to diseases.

Tort Reform Vigorously pushing medical liability reform to combat high medical costs and cut down on frivolous lawsuits that drive good doctors out of business.

Prescription Drugs Lowered costs in recently passed Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit and extended Medicaid eligibility.

Health Insurance Established Health Savings account, giving Americans more control over health coverage; permits small businesses to join together to negotiate health plans for employees and families.



Senator
John Kerry

Stem Cells Disregards ethical concern and ignores possible disastrous outcomes in favor of unlimited stem cell research.

Tort Reform Has voted at least ten times to block medical liability reform and chose a trial lawyer who made his fortune by ripping off money from corporations as his running mate.

Prescription Drugs Encourages outsourcing of drug production to Canada; voted against lowering drug costs in latest Medicare bill.

Health Insurance Claims health insurance is a "right for every American;" plan only covers 25% of Americans and kicks 8 million Americans off their private health care plans.

The SOURCE takes a stand: Domestic Policy

Social Security and Medicare

report prepared by
Gena Gorlin

Of all the pressing election issues, the candidates' policy toward Social Security will potentially have the single most direct and dramatic impact on the current generation of college students. In just a few years, the ticking time bomb that is Social Security will run its course as the baby boomer generation retires. The Social Security system, which FDR dubbed a "generational compact," and claimed was not a tax, but a personal "savings entitlement," is in fact a massive program of legalized theft—robbing each successive generation of its income in order to pay the debt of the generation that was robbed before it.

Starting in 2008, and stretching over the next 20 to 30 years, the last of the baby boomer generation will retire. Their Medicare and Social Security benefits will be paid by the new working generation, who are currently earning their Bachelor's or Master's degrees at higher learning institutions like Tufts. Now, instead of three workers paying for each retiree, as has been the case, there will be only two. This situation leaves two choices: either the retired citizens will be stripped of their benefits (perhaps having to work longer and later to compensate for the trust's deficiency), or the working generation will be stripped of their own retirement savings.

George Bush proposes to minimize the ensuing damage of this vicious cycle by giving younger citizens the option, at last, of a *real* personal entitlement: keeping their own money. He calls for the creation of private savings accounts toward retirement, just like the savings accounts parents

establish to pay for their kids' education. Under this plan, workers will have the option of giving up less of their income to the Social Security tax and investing it instead in their own pension plans, which will get a better rate of return than the current Social Security trust provides. Through this plan, America's working citizens and the fast-approaching younger generation will enjoy the security of an ensured pension, since the money will be staying in their own accounts.

Senator John Kerry, on the other hand, is content to keep the time bomb ticking and, moreover, seeks to detonate it with his own hands. He not only plans to perpetuate the debt

cycle; he intends to *expand* the debt, and inevitably the budget deficit along with it. He wants to spend an extra \$653 million over the next 10 years to supply full medical coverage to every senior, at the expense of every American worker and small business that falls under Kerry's tax hike. President Bush, on the other hand, will offer tax credits to seniors who want to purchase their own medical insurance, while at the same time driving down the cost of prescription drugs through discount cards and Medicare coverage. Meanwhile, Kerry makes empty promises about "universal healthcare," without specifying who will pay for it (except by hinting that it will involve the "evil" rich).

Bush offers a realistic, fiscally sound solution; Kerry offers a blissful descent into fiscal disaster, while the financial future of today's college students hangs in the balance. ■



President
George W. Bush

Privatization Promotes gradual privatization of social security; wants individuals' money to stay in their own pockets.

Personal Savings Accounts

Advocates the creation of personal savings accounts in which young workers can invest their own money toward retirement, at a better rate of return than current social security trusts.

Medicare Empowers consumers by providing tax credits for the purchase of health care; drug discount cards for senior citizens, saving them 15-25% on brand name medicines and even more on generic drugs; \$600 card credit for poor seniors to help them afford drugs.



Senator
John Kerry

Privatization Vows to never privatize social security, claiming it would be an "invitation of disaster"—in spite of imminent bankruptcy.

Solution Plans to pay for the continuation of senior pension benefits by reinstituting a higher tax on the top income brackets.

Medicare Wants to expand Medicare by spending \$653 billion over 10 years to expand insurance coverage to 27 million people, but does not specify how he will pay for it.

Proposal Intends to give federal agencies administering Medicare the power to negotiate lower prices with drug companies, thus driving prices up for private purchasers.

The SOURCE takes a stand: Social Issues

Religion

report prepared by
Nicole Brusco

Only one presidential candidate has the moral clarity needed to guide America through the next four years. George W. Bush has been a courageous leader in his first term and is a genuine man of faith. Leftists may claim that the President wants to create a theocracy in America, but his social policies are based on America's moral foundation, not religious doctrine. He aims also to promote a culture of life, compassion, and charity between Americans—through religious communities and non-religious organizations.

President Bush's administration has worked hard to encourage charity and compassion for the needy through faith-based initiatives. There are thousands of willing volunteers in secular and religious organizations that work with minimal resources to provide services for the needy. They do so with far better compassion and capability than their bureaucratic counterparts like Welfare and HUD. However, their effectiveness is limited by a persistent lack of resources. Bush, though often criticized for lack of fiscal constraint, certainly realizes that supporting community organizations makes tax dollars go much farther than if they were to filter through bureaucratic labor. In the past, the government discriminated against charitable faith-based organizations because there was unreasonable hysteria surrounding the ACLU's demands for separation of Church and State. In reality, faith-based organizations may never use Federal grants to proselytize, and the funds are distributed to secular and religious organizations. Bush's programs simply seek willing participants and free labor.

John Kerry on the other hand, thinks it is more important to appeal to special interests than to tap into the immense power of non-government groups to serve the needy. His plan to increase charitable works includes enlisting one million Americans to do commu-

nity service by spending \$3.5 billion per year, and placing this heavy burden on taxpayers. Kerry would also mandate that every high school student in America fulfill a community service requirement in order to graduate. Again, taxpayers would foot the bill for what amounts to coerced labor. The huge overhead associated with the payroll for Kerry's "charity administration" is prohibitive and smacks of Communism.

President Bush is the only candidate who truly respects innocent life. In his first term, he stressed that the Constitution values the life of every American, born or unborn. In order to have "every child protected by law and welcomed in life," he supported legislation that stops the most brutal types of abortions. Bush has also encouraged fewer abortions by increasing adoption and child tax credits.

John Kerry would, in one breath, call Vietnam veterans war criminals for defending themselves, but in the next breath would demonize anyone who sought to end the brutal practice of partial birth abortion. He did not support banning this practice, which is when a late-term baby is partially delivered; its skull crushed to kill it, and then removed from the mother—certainly more violent than any "zipper-raids" carried out by Kerry during his "Genghis Kahn" episodes. Kerry also did not support the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act. He thinks it is fine for a baby that survives abortion and lives outside the womb to be killed. He was even against the so-called "Laci and Connor's Law." When it comes to the value of innocent life, Bush believes that any life is better than none, while Kerry thinks death and brutality are a matter of opinion.

In a time of war and great sacrifice, America must be confident that its leader knows the value of innocent human life. George Bush has the moral clarity to be Commander-in-Chief—his opponent does not.

The huge overhead associated with the payroll for Kerry's "charity administration" is prohibitive and smacks of Communism.



President
George W. Bush

Morality Has social policies based on our nation's moral foundation and tradition, not religious doctrine.

Charity Supports "Charitable Choice," allowing faith-based organizations to deliver services to the needy.

Faith-Based Initiative Respects the Constitution while effectively funding Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, secular and educational organizations.

Adoption Adoption tax credit increased to \$10,000 and child tax credit increased from \$600 to \$1,000.

Abortion Has only supported prohibition of the most brutal abortion practices.



Senator
John Kerry

Morality Catholic who is not in agreement with his own church, not allowed to receive communion.

Charity Would spend \$3.5 billion per year to enlist one million Americans in community service, raising taxes to pay for it.

Coerced Charity Would implement community service requirements for high school students, enforced by a ballooning bureaucracy.

Abortion Does not support Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, which bans killing a baby that survives abortion and lives outside the mother's womb.

Laci and Connor's Law Against the law, which allows two counts to be filed in the murder of a pregnant woman.

The SOURCE takes a stand: Social Issues

Education

report prepared by
Alison Hoover

Education is one of the most relevant issues in the upcoming election for Tufts students. Bush and Kerry agree that America's school systems need improvement, but they differ in their records on education and their plans for the next four years. Bush's plan is to continue to support the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), mainly through increased funding. Kerry has a variety of ideas, which he hopes will improve the system.

The goal of the President's NCLB is to allow children in America the opportunity to have an education that will prepare them for a successful future. Bush's budget for 2005 includes significant spending increases to enable his programs to succeed.

One proposed area for increased spending will be in the improvement of the quality of teachers in classrooms. Without well-educated, well-qualified teachers in classrooms, children might as well stay home. In Bush's plan, teacher evaluations will be used to determine which teachers are not up to par, while teacher training will enable teachers to improve. He also plans to establish a Teacher Incentive Fund, to reward significant improvements shown by teachers, and also qualified teachers who teach in low-income areas. The President has also increased financial aid for college, and plans to continue to do so. In 2005, financial aid awards will increase by 55 percent, which means that almost ten million students will receive aid.

Senator Kerry supported NCLB when it was initiated. Since then, he has denounced it on several occasions, and has his own plans that he now believes will be more effective. Kerry agrees with Bush that teachers are an important part of

schools. However, instead of funding programs for the improvement of teachers, he is in favor of ensuring that all teachers have access to voicemail. This doesn't really address the problem. Accessibility of teachers is a nice idea, but poorly qualified teachers with voicemail will not be able to prepare children for their future.

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financial aid through a proposed College Opportunity Tax Credit. This tax credit is confusing though, as it is described differently on two separate pages of Kerry's campaign website. One page describes a fully refundable tax credit on up to \$4000 of tuition for every year of college, while another says that it is "worth

60 percent of \$4000 for each of four years of college."

Kerry also supports easier application for student loans and allowing many students to apply for college via postcard. This presents many problems, including the likelihood that federal money would end up in the hands of those who don't need it, and that college acceptance could occur through the same process as ordering a magazine subscription. This may sound appealing, but the quality and atmosphere of a college has a lot to do with its students.

The clearest indicator of what each candidate will do in office is his record. President Bush initiated NCLB, which is improving education in leaps and bounds. Senator Kerry missed at least 24 important education votes in 2003, and less than 3 percent of all bills that he has sponsored during his 20 years in the Senate have been about education. In this election, pick the man who truly cares about the future of America, through the education of its children. ■



President
George W. Bush

Funding Funding for elementary and secondary schools has increased by 49% during the past four years.

Financial Aid Plans additional 55% financial aid increase to more than \$73 billion for higher education so that 10 million students receive financial aid in FY 2005.

Proposal No Child Left Behind allows children to switch out of poor, low-performing, or unsafe schools in order to receive better preparation for their future.

Teacher Incentives In favor of holding teachers accountable, rewarding those who take steps toward improving their qualifications. Also in favor of rewarding qualified teachers who decide to teach in low-income areas.



Senator
John Kerry

Financial Aid Has voted against expanded education savings accounts six times, which would have been \$4 billion parents could have spent toward college tuition.

No Child Left Behind Voted in favor when it was originally proposed, but now attacks it.

Proposal Against allowing for students to transfer to other public schools or receive tutoring for extra help, trapping students in failing schools and putting their future and safety in jeopardy.

Teacher Accountability Wants to make sure all teachers are accessible for parents, though will not provide incentives to teachers who improve and stay up to date on their teaching styles.

The SOURCE takes a stand: Homeland Security

The Patriot Act

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John Kerry's stance on the USA PATRIOT Act (Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism) is yet another example of why the Senator cannot be trusted with America's safety. Although he voted for the act as it stood in 2001, on December 1, 2003, he insisted it was time to replace it as part of a larger campaign to end the "era of John Ashcroft." Now, he advocates keeping most of it, fixing some of it, and letting the rest expire. His position is frighteningly unclear; he wants Americans to first elect him and then find out what he will really do. Bush, on the other hand, has a clear vision. He recognizes the necessity of this legislation in giving American forces the best tools and powers to protect the country.

According to FOX News, a report issued in the summer of 2004

found that "Justice Department terrorism investigations resulted in charges of 310 people." Of those, 179 were convicted or pled guilty.

"The Patriot Act is al Qaeda's worst nightmare when it comes to disrupting and disabling their operations here in America," said Attorney General John Ashcroft. He cited specific examples of success, including an instance in which new intelligence sharing capabilities had resulted in six guilty pleas from terrorists discovered after the FBI received a suspicious letter. The financial provisions have helped prosecute many people convicted of illegal money transfer from various countries, including Yemen, Iraq, and India.

The accusations that the Patriot Act destroys civil liberties are completely unfounded. It has yet to be shown that the government has ever abused the power it

has been given, and the success in finding terrorists and cells has been stunning. The Patriot Act is a vital law for the protection of Americans in a world that is far more dangerous than most people understand. Conspiracy theorists like the ACLU, who are convinced that the Bush Administration is interested in "spying" on citizens, must recognize that the Patriot Act is not a tool used to undermine civil rights. It is an effective, concerted law that simply expands the government's ability to track leads, share evidence, communicate concerns, and investigate possible threats.

Part of the act's effectiveness comes from its efficiency. Terrorists do not wait for American intelligence to discover their plots; they mobilize to carry out deadly

schemes as quickly as possible. John Kerry's website claims that his proposed revisions, "would not reduce the government's power to fight terrorism—they would

just ensure that the government's use of these powers is truly necessary." This is a classic example of Kerry trying to appeal to everybody while taking no definitive stance. He is, in effect, claiming he will simultaneously keep the act as strong as it is now to appease its supporters, and weaken it, pandering to the ludicrous accusations of groups like the ACLU. While Kerry's administration gets hopelessly lost in red tape trying to ensure that some investigation is "truly necessary," dangerous and hostile enemies will seize their opportunity to act on the government's inefficiency and mount another horrific attack. This is something America simply cannot afford.

The Patriot Act is constitutional, effective, and vital. George W. Bush will do everything he can to protect this landmark legislation that is truly making America safer.

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President
George W. Bush

Stand Fully supports the Patriot Act as it is written.

Reason Considers it successful legislation that is necessary in the ongoing offensive against terrorism.

Quote "[It] allows federal law enforcement to better share information, to track terrorists, to disrupt their cells, and to seize their assets. Our law enforcement needs this vital legislation to protect our citizens."

Promise Will fight to keep the Patriot Act and its components from expiring.

Proposal Will push for reforms, including an intelligence director who will oversee and coordinate the foreign and domestic activities of the intelligence community.



Senator
John Kerry

Originally In 2001, Kerry voted in favor of the Patriot Act.

Now Advocated the replacement of the Patriot Act in 2003. Wants to keep "95%" of it and "strengthen" the rest.

Reasons Claims to be concerned about possible abuse by authorities. Says he is in agreement with the goals of the act, but does not feel it is effective in its current form.

Proposals Wants a Director of National Intelligence to consolidate information and improve communication. Says intelligence sharing must be improved in order for the Patriot Act to be effective.

Promise Would reform and revise, not abolish, the Patriot Act.

Think you have to vote for either Bush or Kerry? Think again!

The Third Parties

Like it or not, we live in a two-party government system. Republicans are fiscally and socially conservative, and Democrats are fiscally and socially liberal. Voters whose political views cross over the party lines but still want their vote to count generally find themselves in a position to choose the “lesser of two evils.”

For conservatives displeased with the Bush administration’s lacking fiscal responsibility and disregard for the Constitution, John Kerry is not the only other option. Liberals who can’t stomach Kerry’s flip-flops, his secret plan for national security, or his voodoo economics, don’t have to vote for Bush. Voting third party is the means to vote for one’s principles, while still keeping the “worst of the two evils” out of office.

PICK
YOUR
SYMBOL,
THEN VOTE
FOR IT.



LIBERTARIAN

The government which governs best governs least.

Libertarians, notably fiscally conservative but socially liberal, support limited government and personal responsibility. While liberals want to control America’s wallets and conservatives want to control America’s bedrooms, Libertarians believe the role of government is strictly limited to the Constitutional provisions that grant it power. Importantly, the judicial system must uphold this document and protect the rights it grants.

The Republican Party faces a divide between social conservatives and libertarians. Libertarians often support moderate Republican candidates to defeat socialist Democrats. With impending Supreme Court appointments, however, keeping a social conservative in the White House is too risky with Republicans also controlling the House majority.



CONSTITUTION

Restoring our government to its Constitutional limits and our law to its Biblical foundation.

- Libertarians with a Christian twist
- Restoration of state powers and a limited federal government
- Reintroduction of religious morality in public life
- Abolish the IRS and the income tax
- Pro-life and anti-homosexual rights
- Anti-globalist, opposition to international trade agreements
- Strong national defense



GREEN

Can't we all just get along?

- Direct elections on all levels of government
- Demilitarization and non-violent national defense
- “Sustainable” agriculture and clean energy
- Redistribute earned income to unemployed parents, hobbyists, homemakers, and volunteers
- Anti-corporation
- Affirmative action in leadership roles for women and minorities
- Environmentalism over economic development



INDEPENDENT

Nader for President!

- Universal, government-sponsored health care
- Eliminate employer rights to hiring practices
- Increase taxes
- End private school voucher programs
- Investment in labor intensive public works
- Enact campaign finance reform
- Fund organic and independent food producers
- Strengthen the EPA’s toxicity standards
- Cut military spending



SOCIALIST

From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.

- Abolition of capitalism and the free market
- Public ownership of all industry
- Overhaul of the US Constitution
- Housing, food, clothing, health care, and education to be federally run and funded by taxes
- Preferential treatment given to women and minorities
- Publicly fund generous retirement plans for seniors

NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

Only a liberal senator from Massachusetts would say that a 49 percent increase in funding for education was not enough.

—George W. Bush

President Clinton was often known as the first black president. I wouldn't be upset if I could earn the right to be the second.

—John Kerry

My toast would be, may our country always be successful, but whether successful or otherwise, always right.

—John Q. Adams

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

—George S. Patton

I'm very dubious of all sorts of government solutions. I do not think they work over the long run.

—Alan Greenspan

NAFTA and GATT have about as much to do with free trade as the Patriot Act has to do with liberty.

—Michael Badnarik

The government feels that we, the people, need to be transparent. It should be the other way around.

—Larry Pratt

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.

—Winston Churchill

A liberal is a person whose interests aren't at stake at the moment.

—Willis Player

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul, can always count on the support of Paul.

—George Bernard Shaw

Government at its best is a necessary evil, and at its worst, an intolerant one.

—Thomas Paine

Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.

—George Washington

Liberty is not a means to a political end. It is itself the highest political end.

—Lord Acton

The power to tax is the power to destroy.

—John Marshall

A sword never kills anybody; it is a tool in the killer's hand.

—Lucius Annaeus Seneca

The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government—lest it come to dominate our lives and interests.

—Patrick Henry

According to a recent study I read, the French have sex 137 times a year. And that doesn't include screwing the United States.

—David Letterman

There is no terrorist threat in this country. This is a lie. This is the biggest lie we've been told.

—Michael Moore

Diplomacy—the art of saying “Nice doggie” ‘til you can find a stick.

—Wynn Catlin

Underlying most arguments against the free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself.

—Milton Friedman

Laws are like sausages. You sleep far better the less you know about how they are made.

—Otto Von Bismark

Vote for the man who promises least; he'll be the least disappointing.

—Bernard Baruch

A democracy is a place where numerous elections are held, at great cost, without issues, and with interchangeable candidates.

—Gore Vidal

The difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.

—Will Rogers

America is never wholly herself unless she is engaged in high moral principle. We as a people have such a purpose today. It is to make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world.

—George H. W. Bush

Government cannot make a man richer, but it can make him poorer.

—Ludwig von Mises

Republicans will shoot, burn, and bury the terrorists. Kerry will give them a speech.

—Ann Coulter

The candidates were asked if they thought homosexuality was a choice. John Kerry said it isn't. Good thing he doesn't think it's a choice. Otherwise, he'd still be trying to make up his mind.

—Jay Leno

The Democratic Party's love—the word is too weak for the phenomenon—for lawyers is expressed in countless courtesies, from blocking tort reform to the multiplication of laws and regulations that make it impossible to navigate life without a lawyer in tow.

—George Will

Clothing is wonderful, but let them go naked for a while, at least the kids.

—Teresa Heinz Kerry

Bureaucracies are inherently antidemocratic. Bureaucrats derive their power from their position in the structure, not from their relations with the people they are supposed to serve. The people are not masters of the bureaucracy, but its clients.

—Alan Keyes

There are two kinds of people—those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there.

—Indira Gandhi