

2004 GENERAL ELECTION – Vote November 2



President of the United States

Republican

George W. Bush

Age: 58 (7/6/1946)

Political experience: Is the 43rd U.S. President, 2001-present; Governor of Texas, 1994-2000

Background: MBA, Harvard University, 1975; BA in History, Yale Univ. 1968; Pilot, Texas Air National Guard, 1968-73; Founder/CEO of Bush Exploration, 1975-86; General Partner, Texas Rangers baseball club, 1989-94; Methodist

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Democrat

John Kerry

Age: 60 (12/11/1943)

Political experience: U.S. Senator, 1985-Present; Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, 1983-85

Background: JD, Boston College Law School, 1976, BA in Political Science, Yale University, 1966, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, 1966-1970; First Asst. District Attorney in Mass. county, 1977-82; Catholic

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	BUSH	KERRY
ABORTION	<p>President Bush signed into law these pro-life bills: the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act (2002), the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 and the Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004</p> <p>"Every person, however frail or vulnerable, has a place and a purpose in this world. Every person has a special dignity. This right to life cannot be granted or denied by government, because it does not come from government, it comes from the Creator of life." (November 2003)</p>	<p>Senator Kerry voted against the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act and the Unborn Victims of Violence Act</p> <p>"I think that tonight we have to make it clear that we are not going to turn back the clock. There is no overturning of Roe v. Wade... There is no outlawing of a procedure necessary to save a woman's life or health..." (2003)</p> <p>"I am proud that I am the only presidential candidate to pledge that I will support only pro-choice judges to the Supreme Court." (January 2004)</p>
CLONING	<p>"Anything other than a total ban on human cloning would be unethical. Research cloning would contradict the most fundamental principle of medical ethics, that no human life should be exploited or extinguished for the benefit of another." (April 2002)</p>	<p>Co-sponsored legislation to allow the cloning of human embryos for research (July 2004)</p> <p>"What if we have a President who believes in science, so we can unleash the wonders of discovery, like stem cell research to treat illness..." (DNC Speech, 7/29/04)</p>
EDUCATION	<p>"When schools do not teach and will not change, parents and students must have other meaningful options" (2001)</p> <p>"The No Child Left Behind Act (which he signed into law in 2002) has made the expectation of literacy the law of our country." (January 2004)</p>	<p>"I have never supported vouchers. I understand why parents want more choices and I believe they should have more choices in public schools. But public schools need resources and support, and vouchers drain them of both" (January 2004)</p>
MARRIAGE	<p>"I call upon the Congress to promptly pass, and to send to the states for ratification, an amendment to our Constitution defining and protecting marriage as a union of a man and woman as husband and wife." (February 2004)</p>	<p>Voted against the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996; opposes the Federal Marriage Amendment and was not present for the Senate vote in July 2004</p>
TAXES	<p>"We had a fair view that said, if you pay taxes, you ought to get relief. Families with children got relief. Married couples got relief. Small businesses that purchased equipment got relief." (July 2004)</p>	<p>"I will cut middle-class taxes. I will reduce the tax burden on small business. And I will roll back the tax cuts for the wealthiest individuals who make over \$200,000 a year..." (DNC speech 7/29/04)</p>
TERROR	<p>"We've got to do a better job of securing our ports and borders. ...I wake up every day thinking about how to better protect our country and our people. I will never relent in defending America, whatever it takes." (July 2004)</p>	<p>"We will add 40,000 active duty troops...We will provide our troops with the newest weapons and technology to save their lives." (DNC 7/29/04) Voted against spending bill to support military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan 10/17/2003</p>

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MORE KEY ISSUES:

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ENERGY	<p>The President has dedicated \$1.7 billion over five years to develop hydrogen fuel cells and related technologies. He launched the FutureGen project that will create the world's first zero-emissions fossil fuel plant.</p> <p>His 2005 budget proposes tax incentives totaling \$4.1 billion through 2009 to spur the use of clean renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies.</p>	<p>"We value an America that controls its own destiny because its finally and forever independent of Mideast oil."</p> <p>"I want an America that relies on its own ingenuity and innovation — not the Saudi royal family. And our energy plan for a stronger America will invest in new technologies and alternative fuels and the cars of the future." (Democratic National Convention, 7/29/04)</p>
ENVIRONMENT	<p>President Bush's Clear Skies Initiative would dramatically improve air quality by reducing power plants' emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and mercury by approximately 70 percent over the next 15 years.</p> <p>In 2002, he signed historic bipartisan brownfields legislation, accelerating the cleanup of abandoned industrial sites.</p> <p>In December 2003, he signed legislation implementing key provisions of the Healthy Forests Initiative.</p>	<p>"As Americans, we have the right to breathe unpolluted air, drink safe water, eat uncontaminated food, and enjoy our national treasures. Over the last three years, we have seen these rights eroded." (campaign website)</p> <p>Kerry's plan includes revitalizing contaminated industrial sites, enacting a Conservation Covenant with America, and reducing dangerous air emissions.</p>
GUN CONTROL	<p>"Law-abiding citizens ought to be able to protect their families. We ought to keep guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them. That's why I'm for instant background checks at gun shows. I'm for trigger locks." (2000)</p> <p>Favors granting immunity to gun makers from civil lawsuits.</p>	<p>"Too many die each year from guns. I'm for the assault weapons ban. I'm for the Brady Bill." (October 2003)</p> <p>Voted for background checks on all firearm sales at gun shows and against more penalties for gun and drug violations. (both Senate votes were in May, 1999)</p> <p>Opposes granting immunity to gun makers from lawsuits.</p>
HEALTH CARE	<p>"We have to do more to make quality health care available and affordable. ...We have expanded community health centers for low income Americans. We've created health savings accounts so families, can save, tax free, for their own health care needs. ...To improve health care we must stop the frivolous lawsuits that raise the cost of health care." (July 2004)</p>	<p>"Our health care plan calls for a stronger America cracks down on the waste, greed, and abuse in our health care system and will save families up to \$1,000 a year on their premiums. ...Health care is not a privilege for the wealthy, the connected, and the elected, it is a right for all Americans." (DNC July 29)</p>
JOBS	<p>"There's more to do. More to make sure America is job-friendly and America's workplaces are family-friendly. To keep American jobs in America, regulations should be reasonable and fair. To keep American jobs in America, we must lessen our dependence on foreign sources of energy. ...We will insist on a level playing field when it comes to trade. You see, I believe this: we can compete with anybody, anytime, anywhere if the rules are fair."</p>	<p>"We value an America that exports products, not jobs — and we believe American workers should never have to subsidize the loss of their own job. Next, we will trade and compete in the world. But, our plan calls for a level playing field — because if you give the American worker a fair playing field, there's nobody in the world the American worker can't compete against" (DNC July 29)</p>

Major Third Party Candidates

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"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." - James 2:17(NIV)

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