

George Bush:

1. Misled U.S. into war by spreading false fear of weapons of mass destruction and inventing a connection between Osama and Saddam.
2. **Has created unrest and terrorism in Iraq**—our Iraq occupation is galvanizing terrorists.
3. **Shirked his National Guard duty.** Got special treatment during Vietnam.
4. **Lost American Jobs:** Put 2 million Americans out of work (but claims that he has created jobs)
5. **Increased the Deficit:** Turned Clinton's \$300+ billion surplus into a \$300 billion deficit much of it through **tax cuts to the rich.**
6. **Undermined our most basic freedoms** with the Patriot Act. Increased surveillance on Americans.
7. **Sold America out to his corporate friends;** Appointed campaign contributors to ambassadorships & cabinet positions; Gave military contracts in Iraq to Haliburton without putting them out for bids.
8. **Ruined America's standing in the world;** Broke many International treaties: International Test Ban Treaty, the Geneva Convention; Wouldn't sign Kyoto Protocols to address global climate change.
9. **Shows disdain for science;** Pressured scientists to change/weaken/ lie about findings to deny protection for endangered species & ecosystems.
10. **Has done irreparable environmental damage:** Paid back his polluter contributors. Threatened Alaska wilderness for 6-mo supply of oil. Opened up National Forests to drilling & mining.
11. **Supported legislation threatening children's health** including allowing more mercury in fish and more arsenic in drinking water.
12. **Provided inadequate funding for education.** His *"No Child Left Behind"* is an **UNFUNDED mandate** causing many states to sue the administration.
13. **Stole the 2000 election** in Florida and won't support paper ballots in the 2004 election.
14. **Does not support a woman's right to choose, blocked** doctors from discussing reproductive issues. **Tearing down barriers between church & state.**
15. **Does not understand complexities or have the moral integrity or capability to be a world leader.** Cheney, Rove & Ashcroft run the country.

More info:

<http://www.fred.net/tds/bushfail2004.html>

John Kerry:

1. **Is a Team Player and will work with our allies** to make the most of a difficult situation.
2. **Will use the force of the International Community to fight the war on terrorism.** Will mend relationships with our allies who do not respect Bush.
3. **Fought with honor and valor for our country in Vietnam,** then spoke out against that unjust, misguided war.
4. **Has a plan to put people back to work** with a jobs corps approach (similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps during the depression).
5. **Believes in a balanced budget:** Criticizes tax cuts for the rich; Understands problems of working people; Endorsed by most of the unions.
6. **Is concerned about the loss of American's civil liberties** and constitutional rights that are threatened under the Patriot Act.
7. **Will not be in the pocket of Big Oil ; Committed to developing renewable energy and reducing our dependence on foreign oil**
8. **Has spoken out about the importance of addressing global climate change and abiding by international treaties.**
9. **Respects science and understands the importance of basing decisions on sound science.**
10. **Has a 93% positive rating from the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) for his support of environmental record.** Has voted for protection of Ancient Forests. Supports no roads in roadless area; Supports protection of national parks from drilling & mining.
11. **Has an excellent voting record on children's health issues;** Understands the relationship between health and environmental contamination.
12. **Has supported funding of education,** teaching science. Will raise teachers' salaries to insure American's strength as a world economic power.
13. **Has called for paper ballots to ensure fair elections.**
14. **Supports a woman's right to choose;** Supports the right of women internationally to have access to information about reproductive health.
15. **Has proven himself to be a thoughtful, intelligent, wise, capable, moral, strong leader.**

More info: JohnKerry.com

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