



GEORGE W. BUSH

Republican Party

Running mate: Richard Cheney

Background: Governor of Texas 1995-present, senior advisor to 1988 presidential campaign of George Bush, his father.

Economy: Cut taxes by \$1.3 trillion over the next 10 years, cap tax rate at 33%, raise minimum wage by \$1 provided states have option to opt out of national requirement.

Education: Take away federal funds to schools failing to show increase in academic performance, increase tax credits for higher education, supports school vouchers.

Gun Control: Advocates strictly enforcing existing gun laws, will make federal gun prosecutions top priority, will protect law-abiding citizens' constitutional Second Amendment rights, supports a semi-automatic weapons ban, for juveniles.

Health Care: Use budget surplus to save Social Security Program, allow Medicare recipients to change programs annually.

Civil Rights: Opposes hate crimes legislation, favors enforcement of existing crime laws.

Abortion: Supports ban on abortion, except in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is in danger, supports complete ban on partial-birth abortions.



PATRICK BUCHANAN

Reform Party

Running mate: Ezola Foster

Background: Speechwriter for Presidents Nixon and Ford 1966-1974, Director of Communications for President Reagan 1985-1987, ran for president in 1992 and 1996.

Economy: Use the surplus for broad tax cuts, institute 16% flat tax, would allow raise in minimum wage.

Education: Abolish Department of Education and return control to local and state governments, opposes federal mandates teaching standards, supports school vouchers.

Health Care: Limit governmental intervention of health care, allow workers to invest in personal insurance.

Gun control: Will uphold Second Amendment right to bear arms, believes convicted felons should forfeit right to own guns.

Civil Rights: Opposes racial quotas and affirmative action, supports civil rights bill ensuring "equal justice for all and special privilege for none."

Abortion: Supports complete ban of abortions, supports passage of Human Life Amendment to protect unborn children.

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