

# The Bush-Gore Comparison

## Education Reform

### Bush:

- Wants to narrow the gap between rich, middle class and disadvantaged students to provide education on an equal plane
- Proposes to combine all federal programs into five sectional programs and give states more responsibility in education.

### Gore:

- Suggests teachers to take required exams in addition to college courses to prove their competency before being hired.
- Would like students to take three tests between third grade and graduation to prove they deserve to proceed to the next level.
- Plans to spend an additional \$170 billion to develop better schools.

## Health Coverage

### Bush:

- Individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid or other government sponsored programs will receive a \$1000 credit to aid in finding a good health care plan.
- Intends to expand and reform health care systems to give people more choices they can afford.

### Gore:

- Plans to form a Medicare 'lock box' to allow Medicare taxes only be used to either pay off the National Debt or 'strengthen' the current Medicare system.
- Would expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to cover eligible parents as well.
- Wants to offer small businesses a 25% tax credit to make it cheaper to get a good medical plan for employees.

## Tax Reform

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#### Bush:

- Wishes to cut marginal tax rates across all tax brackets, wants government to allow families to keep more of their earnings and 'trust' them to use it wisely.
- Intends to eliminate the death tax and marriage penalty taxes. Also wants to lower middle class tax rate down to 25% from the 30% it is currently held at.

#### Gore:

- Plans a \$500 billion package of targeted tax cuts spaced out among those found eligible
- Wants to eliminate the marriage penalty tax and lower estate taxes.

## Social Security

### Bush:

- Wants any current Social Security surplus to be locked away and kept solely for the program, instead of being spent by government.
- Would like to ensure there is no change in benefits for existing retirees or those close to retirement age.

### Gore:

- Aims to spend the Social Security surplus to eliminate the national debt.
- Proposes to create new tax-free savings accounts so people can save for retirement age.

## Abortion

### Bush:

- Pro-life, wanting to ban taxpayer funds for abortion and totally ban partial-birth abortion.
- Intends to make a permanent \$5000 adoption tax credit for parents who adopt a child.

### Gore:

- Pro-choice
- Would push for better foster care facilities and promote adoption.

## Foreign Policy

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#### Bush:

- Supports free trade and interaction with other nations.
- Pushes the U.S. to participate in peacekeeping missions if American interests are at stake.

#### Gore:

- Advocates continued U.S. peace-keeping involvement regardless of the circumstances
- Champions free trade and interaction with other nations.

Political positions courtesy chooseorlose.com

## Vote and make yourself heard

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No doubt that, unless you have been living under a rock during the past two months, you have seen the TV screen invaded with countless political ads filled with empty promises and mudslinging.

Political jargon such as "health care reform," Social Security surplus, foreign policy, and "campaign finance policy" bombards you from every angle. In the midst of all

the confusion, you might be asking, how does all this pertain to you? Believe it or not, the politicians elected into office make decisions that affect everyone, including you, on a daily basis. Those in political positions often make their decisions based upon voter support.

Sadly, not everyone takes advantage of the voting privilege, and their opinion remains unheard. To make your opinion heard this Election Day, you have registered.

Students registered in the Boiling Springs precinct can make their way to the Boiling Springs Town Hall (located next to the Communications Studies Hall) to cast their ballot.

If you are not registered in Cleveland County, you must have registered for an absentee ballot from your hometown. If you haven't done that, it is too late for this election.

No matter how or who you decide to cast your vote for on Nov. 7, take advantage of this opportunity.

## Letter to the Editor....

There is something very uplifting to an athlete--the cheers of support from their peers. For that matter, there is something very encouraging to a student--the show of support from a professor. All human beings need the encouragement of others.

Unfortunately, at the GWU Cross Country Invitational Oct. 6, some GWU students decided to show their support for our athletes in a less than positive way. Derogatory and vulgar comments made to our rival competitors does not reflect well on our school as a real Christian University. This negative display brought many com-

plaints from the schools participating. In addition, members of the GWU Cross Country team, Women's Swim team and Men's Basketball team that took part in the event were embarrassed by the actions of their fellow students. All athletic teams desire the support of their peers, but this kind of support is not what GWU is about. GWU has a mission to be Christ-like by edifying. Therefore, we need to show the world we are "Different." We can compete to win, while maintaining our Christian Integrity. We can win the right way.

*Michael Simpson,  
GWU Swim Coach*