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Dedicated to Debra Forfreedom
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—Washington, D.C., May 19, 2003
"They [Democrats] want the federal government controlling Social Security like it's some kind of federal program..."

—Campaign Rally, November 02, 2000
"I was raised in the West. The west of Texas. It's pretty close to California. In more ways than Washington, D.C., is close to California."

— on a trip to California, April 8, 2000
The fundamental question is, ‘Will I be a successful president when it comes to foreign policy?’ I will be. But until I’m the president, it’s going to be hard for me to verify that I think I’ll be more effective.”

—Wayne, Michigan, June 27, 2000
"People say, how can I help on this war against terror? How can I fight evil? You can do so by mentoring a child; by going into a shut-in's house and say I love you..."

—Washington, D.C., September 19, 2002
"There's only one person who hugs the mothers and the widows, the wives and the kids upon the death of their loved one. Others hug but having committed the troops, I've got an additional responsibility to hug and that's me and I know what it's like."

—on 20/20 December 2002
"...we must not allow the world's worst leaders to develop and harbor the world's worst weapons. I got a lot of tools at my disposal, and I'm a patient man; and I'm a patient man."

—Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, August 29, 2002
"It's amazing I won. I was running against peace, prosperity and incumbency."

—speaking to Swedish Prime Minister Goran Perrson, June 14, 2001
"I know the human being and the fish can coexist peacefully."

—Bush discussing fisheries issues in Michigan. Date unknown.
"We spent a lot of time talking about Africa, and we should. Africa is a nation that suffers from incredible disease."

—Goteborg, Sweden, June 14, 2001
"Let me put it to you that way. Conservation is important. That's going to be an important ingredient . . . but we need energy. The California crunch really is the result of not enough power-generating plants and then not enough power to power the power of generating plants."

— at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, January 12, 2001
“Redefining the role of the United States from enablers to keep the peace to enablers to keep the peace from the peacekeepers is going to be an assignment.”

—at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, January 12, 2001
"Nobody wishes this evil had ever happened, but as a result of evil there are some amazing things that are taking place in America."

—Daytona, Florida, January 30, 2002
"We need an energy bill that encourages consumption..."

—Trenton, New Jersey, September 23, 2002
"I don't remember debates. I don't think we spent a lot of time debating it [The Vietnam War]. Maybe we did, but I don't remember."

— July 27, 1999
"Do you have blacks, too?"
—Washington D.C., November 8, 2001
Question posed from Bush to President Fernando Henrique Cardoso of Brazil
"All in all, it's been a fabulous year for Laura and me."

—Washington D.C., December 22, 2001
Anyone who knows how to use a coloring book knows our leaders lie to us, but the mark of the 21st century leader will be the person who gets others to believe the messianic zeal in its own rightness has meant such wacky policies as (1.) the electorate voted for this president. That's nowhere close to a mandate, even if he or anyone really does think the Almighty appointed him. And the administration's purged over 90,000 voters for the 2000 election, primarily from Black American counties and districts. This in an election decided by just over 500 votes, an election to pollute from other companies who aren't using up their own pollution poker chips. (2.) Charles Pickering, who is famous for supporting the rights of people to burn crosses in protest of Black people's, well, right to exist, has just been installed on the Katherine Harris and Gov. Jeb Bush to come up with a list of felons to be purged from the Florida voting rolls, and the company has admitted they wrongfully ignominy. For those not in the know (which by the U.S. coverage is most of us), Database Technologies International was hired by then Florida Secretary of State of dynastic thing we once fought a revolution over (3.) and incumbency.

The New York Times reported in a June 15, 2001 story that Frank Bruni that European leaders and Bush disagreed on just about everything. Arguments flared over Bush's missile shield plan, the Kyoto Protocol and—incridibly—the expansion of the European Union. "My vision of Europe is a larger vision," Bush said.

11. "Let me put it to you that way. Conservation is . . ." Plenty of great Bushisms came out of this interview with The New York Times that took place on his ranch in Crawford, Texas. The interview was conducted on January 12, 2002 and appeared in the January 14th Sunday edition.


13. "Nobody wishes this evil . . ." According to the Federal News Service Inc. this was spoken at a "FLORIDA WELCOME CEREMONY" on January 30, 2002. He went on to say, "People have really begun to challenge the culture of the past that said, 'If it feels good, do it,' to welcome a new culture that says, 'I'm responsible for the decisions I make in life.'"

14. "We need an energy bill that encourages consumption." This Energy Bill speech was delivered at a National Guard base in Trenton, New Jersey. 


15. "I don't remember debates . . ." Evidently, Bush never debated the merits of the Vietnam War while he was an undergraduate at Yale.

SOURCE: Washington Post (August 1, 1999)

16. "Do you have blacks, too?" This was an off-the-record bit of conversation picked up between Bush and President Fernando Henrique Cardoso of Brazil. The social blunder was widely reported abroad.

SOURCE: Der Spiegel (May 19, 2002)

17. "All in all, it's been a fabulous year for Laura and me." Mike Allen reported this untimely observation in a December 22, 2001 Washington Post piece about the war on terrorism. "The presidency might be a burden in these times, but it seemed to rest lightly for at least a day," Allen wrote.


A HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE BY JOLEY WOOD

Bush (bōosh) NOUN: 1. A low shrub with many branches. 2. A thick growth of shrubs; a thicket. 3a. Land covered with dense vegetation or undergrowth. b. Land remote from settlement: the Australian bush. 4a. A shaggy mass, as of hair. b. Vulgar Slang A growth of pubic hair. 5. A fox's tail. 6a. Archaic A clump of ivy hung outside a tavern to indicate the availability of wine inside. b. Obsolete A tavern. (American Heritage Dictionary)
New Orleans 5th Circuit Court of Appeals by Bush over the protests of Congress. (4.) The stonewalling of the public's right to information: Late on a Wednesday night in early November, 2001 Bush passed an executive order effectively sealing all presidential records and overturning the Freedom of Information Act by putting the onus on the individual to prove in court, at one's own expense, why those records should be made available. The FOIA had been around since the Kennedy assassination in 1966 and was expanded after Watergate, and now after 9/11, when such records could be really fucking important, the act might as well be in the grave with JFK and Nixon. (5.) The crushing of public education: Standardized testing? Anyone who knows anything about education knows that standardized testing only tests what well one can follow the mindless totem of the test. The issue is if students don't perform up to the test's standards (incidentally established in company boardrooms, not by educators), those public schools lose funding. Do you see the logic in this? Think about some of the worst cases — Chicago Public Schools, Milwaukee Public Schools, L.A. or New York or really any U.S. public school in a city, schools with overcrowded classrooms, a dearth of outdated books, leaking ceilings and broken windows: the economics behind the funding of schools dictates the quality of a student's education, and if those students who need the most help don't fill in the right blank on a standardized test, they lose their meager funding, or even their school. We had to have the teachers and the cojones we'd be doing something useful like comprehensive testing. (6.) The loss of support by our international allies: After 9/11 even the French offered to send some military aid to Afghanistan, and we gave them a big finger. We did things our way: we secured the country long enough to set up a pipeline leading from the Caspian Sea to a failing power plant in North India owned by (guess who?) Enron and Ken Lay. Dick Cheney had been lobbying for that while he was still the titular head of Halliburton ... who says tragedy and opportunism don't mix? Also recall that next to no one on the story of Angola, Peru, the Caribbean, Bulgaria, or Cuba, that this country wanted to be on the inside of the U.N. cooperation with these nations. (7.) The absence: the 9/11 commission. The inspector general in the event of a terrorist attack is if students don't perform up to the test's standards (incidentally established in company boardrooms, not by educators), those public schools lose funding. Do you see the logic in this? Think about some of the worst cases — Chicago Public Schools, Milwaukee Public Schools, L.A. or New York or really any U.S. public school in a city, schools with overcrowded classrooms, a dearth of outdated books, leaking ceilings and broken windows: the economics behind the funding of schools dictates the quality of a student's education, and if those students who need the most help don't fill in the right blank on a standardized test, they lose their meager funding, or even their school. We had to have the teachers and the cojones we'd be doing something useful like comprehensive testing. (6.) The loss of support by our international allies: After 9/11 even the French offered to send some military aid to Afghanistan, and we gave them a big finger. We did things our way: we secured the country long enough to set up a pipeline leading from the Caspian Sea to a failing power plant in North India owned by (guess who?) Enron and Ken Lay. Dick Cheney had been lobbying for that while he was still the titular head of Halliburton ... who says tragedy and opportunism don't mix? Also recall that next to no one on the story of Angola, Peru, the Caribbean, Bulgaria, or Cuba, that this country wanted to be on the inside of the U.N. cooperation with these nations. (7.) The absence: the 9/11 commission. The inspector general in the event of a terrorist attack
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