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Protect America's Freedoms & Security by...

Challenging the country to reduce dependence on foreign oil by transitioning to renewable energy sources

Securing the Homeland and fighting terrorism through cooperation with other governments

Protecting individual civil liberties

Striving to eliminate discrimination in all its forms

Supporting a woman's right to choose

Appointing judges that reflect America's values

Working toward a cleaner, safer, healthier environment

Honoring veterans benefits for the men & women who risked their lives for our country

Challenge the Status Quo by...

Providing affordable healthcare to all Americans

Focusing on improving K-12 education

Winning back friends and allies around the world with a firm, yet more multilateral approach to foreign policy

Working toward government finance reform

Adopting an energy policy that moves us away from dirty fossil fuels and reliance on foreign oil

Promoting civic responsibility through public service in the Peace Corps and here at home

Reducing wasteful government spending by seeking more effective solutions rather than more costly ones

Fight for American Families by...

Creating jobs and renewing our cities and towns by rebuilding or modernizing infrastructure like highways and schools.

Establishing tax credits that benefit working families not the wealthy

Safeguarding social security and making sure the program remains viable for future generations

Providing incentives to pay for schooling so out of work people can acquire new skills

Protecting workers rights to organize a union

Fighting for better wages and safer conditions in the work place

Extending and expanding eligibility on unemployment benefits for those still out of a work

"Real Democrats don't walk away from the middle class"

About Senator Kerry

- *Lt., U.S. Navy 1966-70; Silver Star, Bronze Star with Combat V, and three awards of the Purple Heart for his service in combat as a gunboat commander in Vietnam*
- *Graduate of Yale University and Boston College School of Law*
- *Started Senate probe that was the key to revelation of the Iran-Contra scandal*
- *Co-Chaired w/John McCain the investigation of POW claims that led to normalization of relations with Vietnam*
- *A Harley enthusiast & avid windsurfer, Senator Kerry is the only presidential candidate to have appeared on the cover of American Windsurfer magazine (feature article in Vol. 5, Issue 5, July 1998).*

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The Kerry Vision

"I'm running for President to make the country we love safer, stronger, and more secure.

I'm asking every American to be a Citizen Soldier again committed to leaving no American behind."

-John Kerry

•**Ending the Fiscal Recklessness of the Bush Administration.** This Administration has the worst economic record of any modern President. No President since World War II has seen job losses during his tenure, but President Bush is poised to be the first. Under his stewardship, there have been more than 75,000 jobs lost per month. The economy grew at a rate of 0.3 percent in 2001 and 2.4 percent in 2002 -- the worst two years of economic growth since 1990-91. Yet this President's answer has been the same: cut taxes for the wealthiest Americans and run up the deficit to starve the government. John Kerry believes we need to restore fiscal discipline and focus tax cuts on middle class Americans

•**Ending Policies That Starve States and Cause Them to Layoff Workers and Raise Taxes.** States are struggling under the worst fiscal crisis in decades and are facing a cumulative budget gap of \$90 billion next year. Across the country critical education and health programs have been slashed, workers have been laid off and taxes have been raised in order to balance state budgets. John Kerry has made it a priority to get fiscal help to the states

•**Energy Security is National Security.** John Kerry believes that by promoting alternative sources of energy and developing smarter ways to use energy we can create thousands of well-paying new jobs in research, technology and manufacturing sectors. By reducing our dependence on foreign oil, our economy will also be less vulnerable to supply interruptions and price instability.

•**Make Investments in Homeland Security, Infrastructure, and Transportation.** Improvements in infrastructure are long overdue. It's how you create jobs. It's how you move products. It's how you make our cities work.

•**Cutting Reckless Government Spending and Closing Corporate Loopholes.** John Kerry believes that we should start restoring fiscal discipline and our economy by cutting corporate welfare and closing corporate loopholes that allow large companies to avoid paying taxes. He also supports Senator McCain's idea to have a bipartisan commission to review and get rid of wasteful spending.

•**The Highest Quality Healthcare Affordable to All.** A panel of 10 health policy professionals, representing a range of organizations from the conservative Heritage Foundation to the liberal Urban Institute, all agreed that John Kerry's plan to make health care more affordable and accessible is the best choice for doctors, health care workers, businesses, and all Americans looking for a solution to the health care crisis that has plagued our country for too long. Kerry's plan would cover 27 million uninsured Americans and reduce premiums for everyone by 10%. With a plan that zeroes in so intensely on both the rising costs of health care and the crisis of the uninsured, it's no wonder the top experts in the health care field think Kerry's proposal is the best of the bunch.

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