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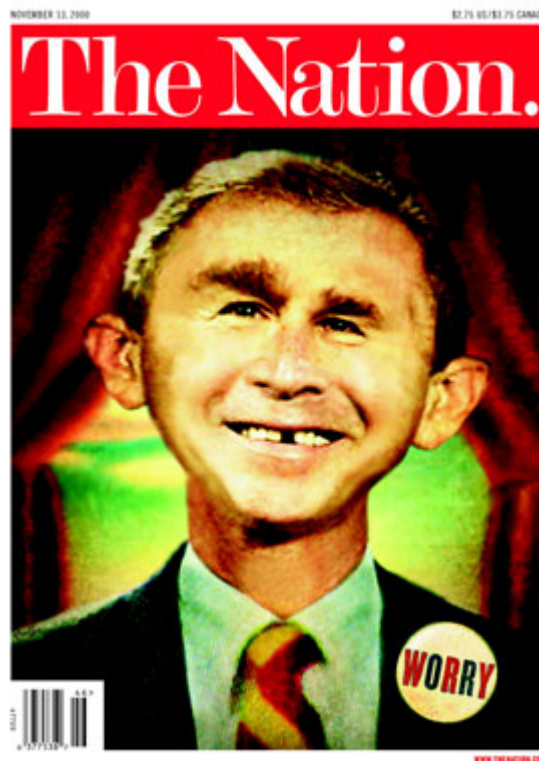
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## *100% Pure Dubya*

Listen, thank you all for coming. I promise you I will listen to what has been said here, even though I wasn't here.

-- President's Economic Forum, Aug. 13, 2002

My pan plays down an unprecedented amount of our national debt.

-- Address to Congress, Feb. 27, 2001

And so one of the areas where I think the average Russian will realize that the stereotypes of America have changed is that it's a spirit of cooperation, not one-upmanship; that we now understand one plus one can equal three, as opposed to us and Russia we hope to be zero.

-- Crawford High School, Crawford, Texas, Nov. 15, 2001

We've tripled the amount of money — I believe it's from \$50 million up to \$195 million available.  
-- Lima, Peru, March 23, 2002

I know the human being and fish can coexist peacefully.  
-- Saginaw, Michigan, Sept. 29, 2000

We have struggle to not proceed, but to precede to the future of a nation's child.  
-- Journal Gazette, Nov. 12, 2000

We want our teachers to be trained so they can meet the obligations, their obligations as teachers. We want them to know how to teach the science of reading. In order to make sure there's not this kind of federal-- federal cufflink.  
-- At Fritsche Middle School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 30, 2000

I know how hard it is for you to put food on your family.  
-- Greater Nashua, NH, Chamber of Commerce, Jan. 27, 2000

I think we need not only to eliminate the tollbooth to the middle class, I think we should knock down the tollbooth.  
-- As quoted by Gail Collins in the New York Times, Feb. 1, 2000

The most important job is not to be governor, or first lady in my case.  
-- As quoted by the San Antonio Express-News, Jan. 30, 2000

She's just trying to make sure Anthony gets a good meal— Antonio.  
-- On Laura Bush inviting Justice Antonin Scalia to dinner at the White House. NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, Jan. 14, 2001

I'm gonna talk about the ideal world, Chris. I've read—I understand reality. If you're asking me as the president, would I understand reality, I do.  
-- On abortion. Hardball, MSNBC, May 31, 2000

It is white.  
-- Bush's reply when asked by a child in Britain what the White House was like

He's a good man.  
-- Comment about his dog Barney. Barbara Walters interview, Dec. 4, 2001

Families is where our nation finds hope, where wings take dream.  
-- LaCrosse, Wis., Oct. 18, 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.  
-- As quoted by Katharine Q. Seelye in the New York Times, June 28, 2000

I want each and every American to know for certain that I'm responsible for the decisions I make, and each of you are as well.  
-- On "Live With Regis", Sep. 20, 2000

One of the common denominators I have found is that expectations rise above that which is expected.  
-- Los Angeles, California, Sept. 27, 2000

I think anybody who doesn't think I'm smart enough to handle the job is underestimating.  
-- U.S. News & World Report, April 3, 2000

Let me see if I can put this into English, or Texan.

-- I think we'd settle with "intelligible". Remarks at Albers Manufacturing, O'Fallon, Missouri, Mar. 18, 2002

The true threats to stability and peace are these nations that are not very transparent, that hide behind the, that don't let people in to take a look and see what they're up to. They're very kind of authoritarian regimes. The true threat is whether or not one of these people decide, peak of anger, try to hold us hostage, ourselves. The Israelis, for example, to whom we'll defend, offer our defenses. The South Koreans.

-- Mar. 13, 2001

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## *Being Too Truthful*

I glance at the headlines just to kind of get a flavor for what's moving. I rarely read the stories, and get briefed by people who probably read the news themselves.

-- Washington, D.C., Sept. 21, 2003

It was amazing I won. I was running against peace and prosperity and incumbency.

-- June 14, 2001

You know I could run for governor, but I'm basically a media creation. I've never done anything. I've worked for my dad. I worked in the oil business. But that's not the kind of profile you have to have to get elected to public office.

-- Dubya in 1989

Sitting down and reading a 500-page book on public policy or philosophy or something.

-- Bush's answer when asked to name something he's not good at. Talk Magazine, Sep. 1999

I don't make any apologies for what I do on the campaign trail.

-- Comment made when asked about his campaign visit to Bob Jones University. New York Times, Feb. 24, 2000

As I understand it, the current FBI form asks the question, 'Did somebody use drugs within the last 7 years?' and I will be glad to answer that question, and the answer is no.

-- Putting down rumors of past illicit drug use... sort of. Time Magazine, Aug. 18, 2000

Listen, I'm just as shocked as you are that I'm sitting here talking about the presidency -- it's never been a part of my -- my life's ambition hasn't always been to be the president.

-- Apr. 27, 2000

In 1994, there were 67 schools in Texas that were rated "exemplary" according to our own tests.

-- Manhattan Institute for Policy Research (New York), Oct. 5, 1999

Well, first of all, I knew our troops were good because I've been reading reports about how good they are.

-- Commander-in-Chief making a really hands-on assessment of his soldiers on tour of Ft. Bragg. Mar. 15, 2002

I do remain confident in Linda. She'll make a fine labor secretary. From what I've read in the press accounts, she's perfectly qualified.

-- Austin, Texas, Jan. 8, 2001

I had no idea we had so many weapons. What do we need them for?

-- Demonstrating grasp of America's nuclear weapons system. May, 2001

There are a couple of cows waiting for me. You know, when I first got back from Washington, it seemed like the cows were talking back. But now that I've spent some time in Crawford, they're just cows.

-- Revealing disturbing facts about his brain chemistry. Town Hall Forum on Economy, Ontario, California, Jan. 5, 2002

I can assure you, when I was a senior in high school, I never sat in an audience saying, gosh, if I work hard I'll be President of the United States.

-- I guess you don't need the hard work if your last name is Bush. Crawford High School, Crawford, Texas, Nov. 15, 2001

The woman who knew that I had dyslexia—I never interviewed her.

-- Orange, Calif., Sept. 15, 2000

I'm not going to play like I've been a person who's spent hours involved with foreign policy. I am who I am.

-- Interview with Jim Lehrer, News Hour with Jim Lehrer, Apr. 27, 2000

If this were a dictatorship, it'd be a heck of a lot easier...just as long as I'm the dictator.

-- During his first trip to Washington as President-Elect, Washington, DC, Dec 18, 2000

There's no question that the minute I got elected, the storm clouds on the horizon were getting nearly directly overhead.

-- Washington, D.C., May 11, 2001

I'm going to be a president who hails success as well as failure.

-- March, 2000

Sometimes when I sleep at night I think of "Hop on Pop."

-- Pennsylvania State University, Apr. 2, 2002

I think if you know what you believe, it makes it a lot easier to answer questions. I can't answer your question.

-- In response to a question about whether he wished he could take back any of his answers in the first debate. Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Oct. 4, 2000

Then I went for a run with the other dog and just walked. And I started thinking about a lot of things. I was able to—I can't remember what it was. Oh, the inaugural speech. Started thinking through that.

-- Pre-inaugural interview with U.S. News & World Report, Jan. 22, 2001 issue

I suspect that had my dad not been president, he'd be asking the same questions: How'd your meeting go with so-and-so? ... How did you feel when you stood up in front of the people for the State of the Union Address—state of the budget address, whatever you call it.

-- Interview with the Washington Post, March 9, 2001

FINK: When you're talking about politics, what do you and [your father] talk about?

DUBYA: Pussy.

-- Interview with David Fink of the Hartford Courant at the Republican Convention, 1988

Those of us who spent time in the agricultural sector, and in the heartland, we understand how unfair the death penalty is ... er ... the death tax is.

-- Omaha, Nebraska, Feb. 28, 2001

I don't know whether I'm going to win or not. I think I am. I do know I'm ready for the job. And, if not, that's just the way it goes.

-- Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 21, 2000

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## *Campaigning*

The fact that he relies on facts — says things that are not factual — are going to undermine his campaign.

-- New York Times, March 4, 2000

Anyway, after we go out and work our hearts out, after you go out and help us turn out the vote, after we've convinced the good Americans to vote, and while they're at it, pull that old George W. lever, if I'm the one, when I put my hand on the Bible, when I put my hand on the Bible, that day when they swear us in, when I put my hand on the Bible, I will swear to not — to uphold the laws of the land.

-- Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 27, 2000

If you're sick and tired of the politics of cynicism and polls and principles, come and join this campaign.

-- Hilton Head, S.C., Feb. 16, 2000

I was a little discouraged -- not discouraged -- I was quite discouraged at the end of the 2000 campaign to see tons of dollars flowing into the political campaign at the last minute, on these so-called independent groups, and we don't know who was funding them.

-- Discouraged or not? You make the call. Washington, D.C., Mar. 24, 2002

As far as the legal hassling and wrangling and posturing in Florida, I would suggest you talk to our team in Florida led by Jim Baker.

-- Crawford, Texas, Nov. 30, 2000

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## *Computers*

It's important for us to explain to our nation that life is important. It's not only life of babies, but it's life of children living in, you know, the dark dungeons of the Internet.

-- Arlington Heights, IL, Oct. 24, 2000

Will the highways on the Internet become more few?

-- Concord, NH, Jan. 29, 2000

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## *Economy*

You know what else I think when they say, tax the rich? Most rich people are able to avoid taxes, and if you can't raise enough money from taxing the rich, guess who pays the taxes? Yes, you do.

-- Dubya portrays the concept of taxing the rich as a pipe dream. Aug. 11, 2004

You know, when I was campaigning in Chicago, in the general election, somebody said, "Would you ever deficit spend?" I said, "Well, only if we were at war, or there was a national emergency, or we were in a recession." Little did I realize we'd get the trifecta.

-- Yes, America hit the jackpot, and Dubya has free reign to deficit spend. Republican Party luncheon, Dallas, Texas, Mar. 29, 2002

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## *Energy*

It is clear our nation is reliant upon big foreign oil. More and more of our imports come from overseas.

-- Beaverton, Oregon, Sep. 25, 2000

I've been talking to Vicente Fox, the new president of Mexico... I know him... to have gas and oil sent to U.S.... so we'll not depend on foreign oil.

-- on the first Presidential debate, Oct. 3, 2000

One of these days, this little lady right here is going to be driving an automobile with a hybrid engine in it, and a fuel cell in it. And it's going to work. And I hope I'm around to see it, too.

-- Hybrid cars already exist today Dubya - see them while you're still around. Washington, D.C., Feb. 25, 2002

Because if the economies of the world come back, we might be in a tight again, in which case we're going to be wondering where was the energy policy that the President was arguing for back in the year 2001.

-- Town hall meeting, Orlando, Florida, Dec. 4, 2001

But even more efficient, however, is the transference of heat and cool as a result of circulating water below the -- it's called thermal heating and cooling -- okay.

-- Demonstrating his command of basic home heating. Crawford, Texas, Aug. 25, 2001

We want to reduce greenhouse gases. Ours is a large economy. We used to generate more wealth than we are today. And as a result, we do contribute greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

-- Press conference with Tony Blair, London, July 19, 2001

Natural gas needs to move in our hemisphere. It needs to move easily across our borders to find markets, to be able to ease the pressures of reduced supply all around the country.

-- Characterizing natural gas as having a human sense of purpose. Department of Energy, June 28, 2001

We also need to conserve more, and conservation comes as a result of new technologies.

-- CNN interview, Apr. 25, 2001

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## *Environment*

It would be helpful if we opened up ANWR. I think it's a mistake not to. And I would urge you all to travel up there and take a look at it and you can make the determination as to how beautiful that country is.

-- Dubya making his case that the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge isn't all that great anyway. Mar. 29, 2001

There are some monuments where the land is so widespread, they just encompass as much as possible. And the integral part of the - the precious part, so to speak, I guess all land is precious - but the part that the people uniformly would not want to spoil, will not be despoiled. But there are parts of the monument lands where we can explore without affecting the overall environment.

-- March 13, 2001

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## *Evil*

My administration has a job to do. We will rid the world of evildoers.

-- Preparing for a Batman-like role. Washington, D.C., Sept. 16, 2001

September the 11th taught us an interesting lesson, that while -- by far, the vast majority of people who have come to America are really good, decent people, people that we're proud to have here, there are some who are evil.

-- That certainly is interesting. Homeland Security Council, Oct. 29, 2001

We need to counter the shock wave of the evildoer by having individual rate cuts accelerated and by thinking about tax rebates.

-- Countering bin Laden with tax cuts. Labor Department, Oct. 4, 2001

The best way to fight evil is to do some good. Let me qualify that -- the best way to fight evil at home is to do some good. The best way to fight them abroad is to unleash the military.

-- Dubya explains different ways of fighting evil, depending on where the evil is located. Knoxville, Tennessee, Apr. 8, 2002

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## *Geography*

Keep good relations with the Grecians.

-- Quoted in the Economist, June 12, 1999

Kosovians can move back in.

-- Inside Politics, CNN, April 9, 1999

If the East Timorians decide to revolt, I'm sure I'll have a statement.

-- Quoted by Maureen Dowd in the New York Times, June 16, 1999

I would have my secretary of treasury be in touch with the financial centers, not only here but at home.

-- Boston, Oct. 3, 2000

I was raised in the West. The west of Texas. It's pretty close to California. In more ways than Washington, DC, is close to California.

-- As quoted by the Los Angeles Times, April 8, 2000

And today, I'm informing the prime minister that we're lifting the travel ban on Turkey.

-- Which would have been a good thing if their had been a travel ban on Turkey in the first place. Press conference with Turkish prime minister, Jan. 17, 2002

Border relations between Canada and Mexico have never been better.

-- Dubya apparently forgetting about the country wedged between Canada and Mexico. Press conference with Canadian PM, Sept. 24, 2001

To help displaced workers around this part of the world -- to help those who want to help themselves find the training necessary to allow them to learn new skills to find work again.

-- The "part of the world" mentioned above is Florida. Town Hall Meeting in Orlando, Dec. 4, 2001



We spent a lot of time talking about Africa, and we should. Africa is a nation that suffers from incredible disease.

-- Warsaw, Poland, June 15, 2001

Most people in Arkansas know where Texas is, and all the people in Texas know where Arkansas is.

-- Insulting Arkansas in front of a group of Arkansas schoolchildren. Little Rock, Mar. 1, 2001

I assured the prime minister of Canada that my vision of the hemisphere goes both north and south.

-- Talking to reporters aboard Air Force One, Feb. 13, 2001

The only thing I know about Slovakia is what I learned first-hand from your foreign minister, who came to Texas.

-- Bush's meeting was with Janez Drnovsek, the prime minister of Slovenia. June 22, 1999

Vice President mentioned Nigeria is a fledgling democracy. We have to work with Nigeria. That's an important continent.

-- Presidential debate, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Oct. 11, 2000

I've supported the administration in Columbia. I think it's important for us to be training Columbians in that part of the world. The hemisphere is in our interest to have a peaceful Columbia.

-- Presidential debate, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Oct. 11, 2000

The people who care more about that land are the hard-working farmers and ranchers of your part of the state of Washington, D.C.

-- Speaking in Spokane, Washington, September, 2000

DUBYA: Because the picture on the newspaper. It just seems so un-American to me, the picture of the guy storming the house with a scared little boy there. I talked to my little brother, Jeb--I haven't told this to many people. But he's the governor of--I shouldn't call him my little brother--my brother, Jeb, the great governor of Texas.

JIM LEHRER: Florida.

DUBYA: Florida. The state of the Florida.

-- The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer, PBS, April 27, 2000

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## *Government*

Skeptics say, "Governor, if you take away our licenses, we won't be able to earn a living to pay child support." To those parents, I have a simple response: "Pay up."

-- Apparently not seeing the contradiction. 1995 State of the State Address, Austin, Texas, Feb. 7, 1995

HILLER: "Can you name the president of Chechnya?"

DUBYA: "No, can you?"

HILLER: "Can you name the president of Taiwan?"

DUBYA: "Yeah, Lee."

HILLER: "Can you name the general who is in charge of Pakistan?"

DUBYA: "Wait, wait, is this 50 questions?"

HILLER: "No, it's four questions of four leaders in four hot spots."

DUBYA: "The new Pakistani general, he's just been elected, not elected, this guy took over office. It appears this guy is going to bring stability to the country and I think that's good news for the sub-continent."

HILLER: "Can you name him?"

DUBYA: "General. I can't name the general. General."



HILLER: "And the prime minister of India?"

DUBYA: "The new prime minister of India is - (pause) No."

Then Bush hit back.

DUBYA: "Can you name the foreign minister of Mexico?"

HILLER: "No sir, but I would say to that, I'm not running for President."

-- Showing his extensive knowledge of world politics when questioned by Andy Hiller, political correspondent for WHDH-TV, Nov. 3, 1999

What I'm suggesting to you is, if you can't name the foreign minister of Mexico, therefore, you know, you're not capable about what you do. But the truth of the matter is you are, whether you can or not.

-- Offering justification for his lack of knowledge, Nov. 3, 1999

I will have a foreign-handed foreign policy.

-- Redwood, California, Sept. 27, 2000

They want the federal government controlling Social Security like it's some kind of federal program.

-- St. Charles, Mo., Nov. 2, 2000

It's going to require numerous IRA agents.

-- Ripping on Gore's tax plan. Greensboro, N.C., Oct. 10, 2000

I appreciate so very much Tom Ridge's service. You know, he was a governor there in Pennsylvania, just kind of cruising along.

-- Dubya making Governor Ridge's previous work seem rather unimportant. Greenville, South Carolina, Mar. 27, 2002

The legislature's job is to write law. It's the executive branch's job to interpret law.

-- Dubya confusing the executive and the judicial branches of government. Austin, Texas, Nov. 22, 2000

It's clearly a budget. It's got a lot of numbers in it.

-- Reuters, May 5, 2000

The federal government puts about 6% of the money up. They put about 60% of the strings, where you got to fill out paperwork. [A teacher] has to be a paperwork-filler-outer, most of it's because of the federal government.

-- Presidential debate, St. Louis, Missouri, Oct. 17, 2000

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## *Grammar Troubles*

The illiteracy level of our children are appalling.

-- Washington, D.C., Jan. 23, 2004

There's no doubt in my mind, Harold, that the American people will respond. And when they do, Laura and I will thank them from the bottom of my heart.

-- Perhaps Laura's heart has been removed and they're sharing Dubya's. Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, Alexandria, Virginia, Mar. 20, 2002

High taxes is a road block.

-- Remarks at Albers Manufacturing, O'Fallon, Missouri, Mar. 18, 2002

And by cutting the personal rates, all personal rates, what we are in effect doing for the small business community was encouraging cash flow.

-- Textbook Dubya tense mismatch. Remarks at Albers Manufacturing, O'Fallon, Missouri, Mar. 18, 2002

Not over my dead body will they raise your taxes.

-- Apparently capable of preventing tax hikes, even from the afterlife. Jan. 5, 2002

There has been a couple of contacts with people in my Cabinet. And my Cabinet officers said, no help here. And we're starting an investigation before anybody started paying attention to Enron.

-- Grammatically painful attempt to spin America's largest bankruptcy. Belle, West Virginia, Jan. 22, 2001

Every morning I come into the desk, and I would read the threat assessments to America.

-- Speaking of the present as a bygone era. Dec. 21, 2001

There's always a difference of opinion sometimes between the House and the Senate, whether it's at the state or federal level.

-- Statement made with poor logical grammatical agreement. Town hall meeting, Orlando, Florida, Dec. 4, 2001

And we have a role in the government -- in the state government, in the federal government -- to provide immediate help as part of an economic security package, is to provide immediate help.

-- Grammatical nightmare offered in town hall meeting, Orlando, Florida, Dec. 4, 2001

People from all walks of life, all politics parties, some of who probably have never been to New York City before, have said... "How can I help somebody whose lives have been adversely affected by the evil ones?"

-- When Dubya quotes you, you sound just like him. New York City, Dec. 19, 2001

It's one thing for he and me to have a personal relationship.

-- Talking about his personal relationship with President Putin. Crawford High School, Crawford, Texas, Nov. 15, 2001

So we are getting ready to have the first press conference we had together in Slovenia.

-- The past and future all at once. Crawford, Texas, Nov. 15, 2001

What easy is when you see excellence to herald excellence.

-- Attempting to praise teachers. April, 2000

As governor of Texas, I have set high standards for our public schools, and I have met those standards.

-- CNN online chat, Aug. 30, 2000

One reason I like to highlight reading is, reading is the beginnings of the ability to be a good student. And if you can't read, it's going to be hard to realize dreams; it's going to be hard to go to college. So when your teachers say, read—you ought to listen to her.

-- Nalle Elementary School, Washington, D.C., Feb. 9, 2001

This doesn't have nothing to do with reputation.

-- Statement made about whether or not to call a summit, in Dubya's grammatically-challenged fashion. As quoted in the New York Times, April 8, 2002

In order for all Americans to realize the American Dream, you've got to make sure every child has the necessary foundation to be good readers, good writers, good comprehenders.

-- The sentiment is fine, but the singular/plural issue rears its head again. Pennsylvania State University, Apr. 2, 2002

I understand small business growth. I was one.

-- New York Daily News, Feb. 19, 2000

Our priorities is our faith.

-- Greensboro, NC, Oct. 10, 2000

Well, it's an unimaginable honor to be the president during the Fourth of July of this country. It means what these words say, for starters. The great inalienable rights of our country. We're blessed with such values in America. And I - it's - I'm a proud man to be the nation based upon such wonderful values.

-- Washington, DC, July 2, 2001

The important question is, How many hands have I shaken?

-- Answering a question about why he hasn't spent more time in New Hampshire. New York Times, Oct. 23, 1999

I have a different vision of leadership. A leadership is someone who brings people together.

-- Bartlett, Tenn., Aug. 18, 2000

Of all states that understands local control of schools, Iowa is such a state.

-- Council Bluffs, Iowa, Feb. 28, 2001

I confirmed to the prime minister that we appreciate our friendship.

-- After meeting with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien of Canada. Feb. 5, 2001

You teach a child to read, and he or her will be able to pass a literacy test.'

-- Townsend, Tenn., Feb. 21, 2001

The benefits of helping somebody is beneficial.

-- Extolling the virtues of education. April, 2000

Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning?

-- President Bush, Florence, SC, Jan. 11, 2000

As soon as we make definitive conclusions, we'll share *it* with the American people.

-- Or them, even. White House ceremony marking end of Ramadan, Dec. 17, 2001

No group or nation should mistake Americans' intentions. Where terrorist groups exist of global reach, the United States and our friends and allies will seek *it* out, and we will destroy *it*.

-- Having pronoun agreement issues. From address to nation, Atlanta, Nov. 8, 2001

Quotas are bad for America. It's not the way America is all about.

-- date unknown

Laura and I really don't realize how bright our children is sometimes until we get an objective analysis.

-- CNBC, April 15, 2000

Some say give it [the Federal Budget Surplus] to the taxpayers who pay the bills. That some is George W. Bush.

-- Dubya dispensing with the surplus while simultaneously dispensing all command of the English language. Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 22, 2000

Dr. Rice is not only a brilliant person, she is a experienced person.

-- Dubya looking for good words to describe Condoleeza Rice, and forgetting about "a/an" usage, Dec. 17, 2001

I can't tell you what it's like to be in Europe, for example, to be talking about the greatness of America. But the true greatness of America are the people.

-- Dubya at the Jefferson Memorial, Washington, DC, July 2, 2001

When we get the facts, we'll share it with the American people.

-- Speaking on the probe into the Anthrax attacks, and having yet another problem with sentence agreement (facts/it). Address to nation, Atlanta, Nov. 8, 2001

I happen to believe missile defenses is important to keep the world more peaceful.

-- London, England, July 19, 2001

Well, there's some things I know today.

-- There are something wrong with this sentence. From remarks made in honor of Black Music Month, June 29, 2001

She is a member of a labor union at one point.

-- Announcing his nomination of Linda Chavez as secretary of labor. Austin, Texas, Jan. 2, 2001

I hope we get to the bottom of the answer. It's what I'm interested to know.

-- On what happened in negotiations between the Justice Department and Elián González's Miami relatives. As quoted by the Associated Press, April 26, 2000

We're making it harder for the enemy to communicate. We're making it harder for the enemy to protect himself. We're making it harder for the enemy to hide. And we're going to get him, and them.

-- Displaying usual dissatisfaction with consistent pronoun usage. White House, Nov. 2, 2001

Sometimes Churchill will talk back, sometimes he won't, depending upon the stress of the moment, but he is a constant reminder of what a great leader is like.

-- Dubya's assessment of Winston Churchill, who has been deceased for 35 years. Washington, DC, July 16, 2001

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-- The singular/plural issue rears its head again. Pennsylvania State University, Apr. 2, 2002

A family in Allentown, Pennsylvania, I campaigned with them the other day... Under my plan, they get \$1800 of tax relief. Under Vice President Gore's plan, they get \$145 of tax relief. Now you tell me who stands on the side of the fence.

-- First presidential debate, Boston, Massachusetts, Oct. 3, 2000

Laura and I really don't realize how bright our children is sometimes until we get an objective analysis.

-- CNBC, April 15, 2000

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## *History*

We've had oceans which have protected us over our history. Except for Pearl Harbor, we've never really been hit before.

-- Apparently Dubya never heard about the British burning down the White House during the War of 1812, or the Japanese taking the Alaskan islands of Attu and Kiska and bombing Dutch Harbor, Alaska in WWII. Dixie Printing Company, Glen Burnie, Maryland, Oct. 24, 2001

My trip to Asia begins here in Japan for an important reason. It begins here because for a century and a half now, America and Japan have formed one of the great and enduring alliances of modern times. From that alliance has come an era of peace in the Pacific.

-- Dubya forgets about World War II. Tokyo, Japan, Feb. 18, 2002

One of these days, this little lady right here is going to be driving an automobile with a hybrid engine in it, and a fuel cell in it. And it's going to work. And I hope I'm around to see it, too.

-- Hybrid cars already exist today Dubya - see them while you're still around, Washington, D.C., Feb. 25, 2002

When we grew up, the baby boomers and everybody else, we never really thought we'd be attacked. I mean, the last thing that I entered my mind when I was getting out of high school in 1964 is that an enemy would attack America. And, yet, here you are graduating from high school, the first high school class to ever have seen the 48 contiguous states attacked by an enemy.

-- I guess this is true if you don't consider Maryland a state (Baltimore was attacked by the British in 1812, as was the White House), and you don't remember the Cuban Missile Crisis, bomb shelters, and "duck and cover" drills. Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Mar. 4, 2002

But I also made it clear to [Vladimir Putin] that it's important to think beyond the old days of when we had the concept that if we blew each other up, the world would be safe.

-- Washington, DC, May 1, 2001

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## *Hopefully He Didn't Really Mean That*

Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we.

-- Aug. 5, 2004

Making sure every child can read, making sure that we encourage faith-based organizations ... when it comes to helping neighbors in need, making sure that our neighborhoods are safe, making sure that the state of Texas recognizes that people from all walks of life have got a shot at the Texas dream but, most importantly, making sure that government is not the answer to people's problems.

-- Definition offered when asked to define "compassionate conservatism", date unknown

Now, younger workers - our younger citizens - fully understand - I think the polls - it's more likely to see some of you go to Mars than to receive a check from the Social Security system.

-- Offering assessment to journalist Jim Lehrer, Apr. 27, 2001

You can help by helping build one of these school chests. It doesn't matter how you do it, how you raise the money. Just get it done.

-- If you take him at his word, drug dealing, prostitution, bank heists... all fine if you're helping to educate Afghan children. Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, Alexandria, Virginia, Mar. 20, 2002

[We will] use our technology to enhance uncertainty abroad.

-- Confirming our suspicions. On the campaign trail, March, 2000

We don't believe in planners and deciders making the decisions on behalf of Americans.

-- Scranton, Pa., Sept. 6, 2000

I am mindful of the difference between the executive branch and the legislative branch. I assured all four of these leaders that I know the difference, and that difference is they pass the laws and I execute them.

-- Hopefully not to be taken literally, Washington, D.C., Dec. 18, 2000

Redefining the role of the United States from enablers to keep the peace to enablers to keep the peace from peacekeepers is going to be an assignment.

-- Interview with the New York Times, Jan. 14, 2001

We're concerned about AIDS inside our White House -- make no mistake about it.  
-- Washington, D.C., Feb. 7, 2001

And we're too close, our relationship is too strong to endure some of the slights that come along.  
-- On his relationship with wife Laura Bush. Interview with Tom Brokaw, Jan. 23, 2002

And in order to make sure that we're able to conduct a winning victory, we've got to have the best intelligence we can possibly have. And my report to the nation is we've got the best intelligence we can possibly have.

-- Explaining that the CIA's complete and utter cluelessness about the WTC/Pentagon attack was the best intelligence possible. Sept. 26, 2001

There ought to be limits to freedom.  
-- In reference to the parody site gw bush.com

And we'll be tough and resolute as we unite, to make sure freedom stands, to rout out evil, to say to our children and grandchildren, we were bold enough to act, without tiring, so that you can live in a great land and in a peaceful world. And there's no doubt in my mind, not one doubt in my mind, that we will fail.  
-- Labor Department, Oct. 4, 2001

We're beginning to shut down financial institutions around the world.  
-- Bush says he's shutting down the world financial system. Dec. 17, 2001

If you see somebody who you don't know getting into a crop duster that doesn't belong to you, report them.  
-- Oct. 2001 press conference, answering question about what Americans can do to recognize terrorist threats

For every fatal shooting, there are roughly three nonfatal shootings. Folks, this is unacceptable in America. We're going to do something about it.  
-- Another Dubya gem offered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 14, 2001

We're an open society, but we're at war. The enemy has declared war on us and we must not let foreign enemies use the forms of liberty to destroy liberty itself.  
-- Dubya proposes an assault on liberty. Nov. 29, 2001

Well, I think if you say you're going to do something and don't do it, that's trustworthiness.  
-- CNN online chat, Aug. 30, 2000

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## *International Relations*

See, free nations are peaceful nations. Free nations don't attack each other. Free nations don't develop weapons of mass destruction.  
-- Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 3, 2003

The problem with the French is that they don't have a word for entrepreneur.  
-- Discussing the decline of the French economy with British Prime Minister Tony Blair

We expect there to be transparency. People who have something to hide make us nervous.  
-- Speaking about Iraq, not his presidency. Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 16, 2002

[We're] working hard to convince both the Indians and the Pakis there's a way to deal with their problems without going to war.

-- Jan. 7, 2001

I'm going to say it in the administration, it is important for us to use our resources and technologies to develop such a system so as to make threats to people around the world that, you know, as obsolete as possible, as irrelevant as possible. And that threat's not only in the Far East, but in the Middle East, as well, and to our own homeland.

-- CNN interview, Apr. 25, 2001

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## *Insults*

I didn't know then that New Yorkers could wave with all of their fingers.

-- Demonstrating his winning charm and compassion after throwing out the first pitch of Game 3 of the World Series. New York City, Oct. 30, 2001

Oh, please don't kill me [said with a laugh].

-- Texas Governor Dubya Bush, to reporters asking what death row convict Carla Faye Tucker said to him in her appeal for clemency

You f\*\*\*ing son of a bitch. I saw what you wrote. We're not going to forget this.

-- Dubya on a charm offensive with Wall Street Journal columnist Al Hunt, Apr. 1986

You know, the enemy hit us, and they said, oh, this great country is going to wilt. They're not great, they're weak. I like to needle them by saying, they must have been watching too much daytime TV.

-- Dubya strikes again with his schoolyard needling and teasing of the enemy. University of Pittsburgh, Feb. 5, 2002

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## *Iraq*

Iraqis are sick of foreign people coming in their country and trying to destabilize their country.

-- Washington, D.C., May 5, 2004

My answer is bring them on.

-- On Iraqi militants attacking U.S. forces. Washington, D.C., July 3, 2003

The ambassador and the general were briefing me on the—the vast majority of Iraqis want to live in a peaceful, free world. And we will find these people and we will bring them to justice.

-- Washington, D.C., Oct. 27, 2003

Far be it from the American President to get to decide who leads what country...

I made up my mind that Saddam needs to go.

-- Statements separated by only a few minutes in interview with ITN. Crawford, Texas, Apr. 5, 2002

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## *Medicine*



If I'm the president, we're going to have emergency-room care, we're going to have gag orders.  
-- Candidate Dubya

Drug therapies are replacing a lot of medicines as we used to know it.  
-- Candidate Dubya

These folks have had eight years to get something done in Washington, D.C. on the uninsured. They have not done it... And my case to the American people is, if you're happy with inactivity, stay with the horse. The horse is up there now.

-- Presidential debate, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Oct. 11, 2000

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## *Memories*

My friends allege that I showed up in a Nixon mask one year and that another time I dressed as Mahatma Gandhi in a toga that looked like a diaper by the end of the night.

-- His not being able to remember these incidents should have raised more flags than it did. From his 2000 autobiography "A Charge to Keep", p. 135

If you're like me, you won't remember everything you did here. That can be a good thing.  
-- Address at Yale University, May 21, 2001

I don't remember debates. I don't think we spent a lot of time debating it. Maybe we did, but I don't remember.

-- On discussions of the Vietnam War when he was an undergraduate at Yale. Washington Post, July 27, 1999

My mom often used to say, "The trouble with W" -- although she didn't put that to words.  
-- I guess she was telepathic. White House, Apr. 3, 2002

One of my favorites. The only one I remember.

-- Dubya's reflections on children's song "Itsy Bitsy Spider". Photo-op with homeless children, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mar. 12, 2002

I had the privilege of voting in the Republican primary in 1974. As you know, you've got a one-month residency requirement -- and I met it. So I voted. I can't remember who I voted for, but I was a proud participant.

-- Exhibiting vague nostalgia for voting in the Alaska Republican primary in 1974. Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 16, 2002

When I was coming up, it was a dangerous world, and you knew exactly who they were," he said. "It was us vs. them, and it was clear who they were. Today, we are not so sure who they are, but we know they're there.

-- Iowa Western Community College, Jan 21, 2000

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## *Minorities*

The Senate needs to leave enough money in the proposed budget to not only reduce all marginal rates, but to eliminate the death tax, so that people who build up assets are able to transfer them from one generation

to the next, regardless of a person's race.

-- Washington, D.C., Apr. 5, 2001

The role of government is to create an environment that encourages Hispanic-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, anybody-kind-of-owned businesses.

-- Mar. 19, 2001

Neither in French nor in English nor in Mexican.

-- On not taking questions at a photo opportunity with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien

I mean, there needs to be a wholesale effort against racial profiling, which is illiterate children.

-- Second presidential debate, Oct. 11, 2000

If affirmative action means what I just described, what I'm for, then I'm for it.

-- St. Louis, Mo., October 18, 2000

I've coined new words, like, "misunderstanding" and "Hispanically".

-- Radio-Television Correspondents Association dinner, Washington, DC, Mar. 29, 2001

Unfairly but truthfully, our party has been tagged as being against things. Anti-immigrant, for example.

-- Cleveland, Ohio, July 1, 2000

All crime is hate crime.

-- Governor Dubya Bush during the 1999 Texas Legislative Session, wiping away the notion that hate crimes exist.

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## *The Palestinian/Israeli Situation*

I call upon all nations to do everything they can to stop these terrorist killers. Thank you. Now watch this drive.

-- Bush returns to his golf game without the slightest pause after speaking about recent terrorist attacks in Israel. Aug. 2002

We're dealing with centuries and years of hatred, and I understand that.

-- White House, May 2, 2002

And one of the things we've got to make sure that we do is anything.

-- Meeting with Israeli PM Sharon, Washington, D.C., May 7, 2002

I understand that the unrest in the Middle East creates unrest throughout the region.

-- Washington, D.C., Mar. 13, 2002

The invisible part of everything that you thought you could see, you can't see.

-- Interview with ITN, Crawford, Texas, Apr. 5, 2002

I know they understand the proper role of government. And that is that government can't make people love one another.

-- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mar. 12, 2002

My administration has been calling upon all the leaders in the - in the Middle East to do everything they can to stop the violence, to tell the different parties involved that peace will never happen.

-- Crawford, Texas, Aug. 13, 2001

We cannot start Mitchell, the Mitchell plan, until the cycle of violence has been crushed and broken.  
-- Washington, D.C., June 20, 2001

But there needs to be a focused, coalition effort in the region against peace -- I mean, against terror for peace.  
-- Crawford, Texas, Mar. 30, 2002

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## *Religion*

We love the fact that people can worship an almighty God any way they see fit here in America.  
-- Here is Dubya on Sept. 28, 2002, demonstrating his inability to separate his own beliefs from the meaning of "freedom of religion"

We must all hear the universal call to like your neighbor just like you like to be liked yourself.  
-- South Carolina, Jan. 14, 2000

Our enemies fear a society which is pluralistic and open to worship an almighty God.  
-- Sounds like, "America is great because our God is better". East Room, White House, Oct. 26, 2001

Like the good folks standing with me, the American people were appalled and outraged at last Tuesday's attacks, and so were Muslims all across the world.  
-- At Washington, DC mosque, addressing the American Muslims standing behind him as if they were a separate group from the American people, Sept. 17, 2001

This is a new kind of, a new kind of evil. And the American people are beginning to understand. This crusade, this war on terrorism, is going to take a while. And American people must be patient.  
-- Stoking the anxieties of Muslims worldwide, who don't exactly associate good things with the word "crusade". Washington, D.C., Sept. 16, 2001

"Thou shalt not kill" is pretty universal. (School) districts ought to be allowed to post the Ten Commandments, no matter what a person's religion is.  
-- GOP Debate in Johnston, Iowa, Jan. 16, 2000

I'm sure there is some kind of heavy doctrinal difference, which I'm not sophisticated enough to explain to you.  
-- Explaining the complex issues involved in his switching from attending a Episcopal church to attending an Methodist one

My pro-life position is I believe there's life. It's not necessarily based in religion. I think there's a life there, therefore the notion of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.  
-- Quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle, Jan. 23, 2001

Our priorities is our faith.  
-- Greensboro, North Carolina, Oct. 10, 2000

We live in a culture of moral indifference, where movies and videos glamorize violence and tolerance is touted as a great virtue.  
-- Texas A&M University, Apr. 6, 1998

I appreciate that question because I, in the state of Texas, had heard a lot of discussion about a faith-based initiative eroding the important bridge between church and state.  
-- Speaking to reporters, Jan. 29, 2001

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## *Science*

One of the interesting initiatives we've taken in Washington, DC, is we've got these vampire-busting devices. A vampire is a - a cell deal you can plug in the wall to charge your cell phone.

-- Denver, Colorado, Aug. 14, 2001

But even more efficient, however, is the transference of heat and cool as a result of circulating water below the -- it's called thermal heating and cooling -- okay.

-- Demonstrating his command of basic home heating. Crawford, Texas, Aug. 25, 2001

Natural gas is hemispheric. I like to call it hemispheric in nature because it is a product that we can find in our neighborhoods.

-- Austin, Texas, Dec. 20, 2000

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## *Spit It Out*

There's an old saying in Tennessee -- I know it's in Texas, probably in Tennessee -- that says, fool me once, shame on -- shame on you. Fool me -- you can't get fooled again.

-- The phrase he was trying to dredge up was "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me." Sep. 17, 2002

And so, in my State of the -- my State of the Union -- or state -- my speech to the nation, whatever you want to call it, speech to the nation -- I asked Americans to give 4,000 years -- 4,000 hours over the next -- the rest of your life -- of service to America. That's what I asked -- 4,000 hours.

-- Bridgeport, Conn., April 9, 2002

I think it was a -- I don't think it was -- I think it was, as I understand it -- and again, the Secretary of Defense will be briefing, the Defense Department will be briefing -- that it was a facilitated rescue.

-- Clarifying the situation around the rescue of foreigners held by the Taliban. Comments made in his Texas ranch home's garage, Nov. 14, 2001

That's a chapter, the last chapter of the 20th, 20th, the 21st century that most of us would rather forget. The last chapter of the 20th century. This is the first chapter of the 21st century.

-- On the Lewinsky scandal. Arlington Heights, Illinois, Oct. 24, 2000

We don't take a bunch of polls and focus groups to tell us what -- to how to, to how to -- to what we ought to do in the world.

-- White House, Mar. 21, 2002

There's a lot of people in the Middle East who are desirous to get into the Mitchell process. And - but first things first. The - these terrorist acts and, you know, the responses have got to end in order for us to get the framework - the groundwork - not framework, the groundwork to discuss a framework for peace, to lay the - all right.

-- Trying to explain the Mitchell process. Crawford, Texas, Aug. 13, 2001

I would have said yes to abortion if only it was right. I mean, yeah it's right. Well no it's not right that's why I said no to it.

-- South Carolina, Feb. 14, 2000

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## *Today's Word Is...*

### **CERTAIN**

This is a world that is much more uncertain than the past. In the past we were certain, we were certain it was us versus the Russians in the past. We were certain, and therefore we had huge nuclear arsenals aimed at each other to keep the peace. That's what we were certain of... You see, even though it's an uncertain world, we're certain of some things. We're certain that even though the 'evil empire' may have passed, evil still remains. We're certain there are people that can't stand what America stands for... We're certain there are madmen in this world, and there's terror, and there's missiles and I'm certain of this, too: I'm certain to maintain the peace, we better have a military of high morale, and I'm certain that under this administration, morale in the military is dangerously low.

-- Albuquerque, N.M., the Washington Post, May 31, 2000

### **COMPASSIONATE CONSERVATIVE / REFORMER WITH RESULTS**

A reformer with results is a conservative who has had compassionate results in the state of Texas.

-- New York Times, Feb. 10, 2000

### **EVIL**

And we are fighting evil, and we will continue to fight evil, and we will not stop until we defeat evil.

-- Dubya tells evil who's boss. White House, Nov. 2, 2001

### **I BELIEVE**

I know what I believe. I will continue to articulate what I believe and what I believe — I believe what I believe is right.

-- Rome, July 22, 2001

### **MEASURED**

And so here's our goal, here's the goal by which we'll be measured -- here's the goal which I'll be measured first, and then John will definitely be measured if I'm measured.

-- Dubya announces drug control strategy. White House, Feb. 12, 2002

### **MISUNDERESTIMATE**

The folks who conducted this act on our country on September 11th made a big mistake. They underestimated the fact that we love a neighbor in need. They underestimated the compassion of our country. I think they underestimated the will and determination of the commander-in-chief, too.

-- "Misunderestimations" galore reported to the CIA, Sept. 26, 2001

### **POWER**

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.

-- Interview with the New York Times, Jan. 14, 2001

### **QUESTION**

I would have to ask the questioner. I haven't had a chance to ask the questioners the question they've been questioning.

-- Austin, Texas, Jan. 8, 2001

### **SLOWLY, BUT SURELY**

You see, the evildoers like to hit and then they try to hide. And slowly, but surely, we're going to make sure they have no place to hide. Slowly, but surely, we're going to move them out of their holes and what they think is safe havens, and get them on the move... In my speech to the Congress, I said, sometimes the American people aren't going to see exactly what's taking place on their TV screens. But slowly, but

surely, the results are coming in... We're beginning to share intelligence amongst our nations. We're finding out members of the al Qaeda organization, who they are, where they think they can hide. And we're slowly, but surely, bringing them to justice. We're slowly, but surely, calling their hand and reining them in.

-- Speaking to employees at FEMA Headquarters, Washington, DC, Oct. 1, 2001

### **WOMEN OF COVER**

I was struck by this: that in many cities, when Christian and Jewish women learn that Muslim women -- women of cover -- were afraid of going out of their homes alone, that they went shopping with them, that they showed true friendship and support -- an act that shows the world the true nature of America.

-- Presidential prime time news conference, Oct. 11, 2001

I see an opportunity at home when I hear the stories of Christian and Jewish women alike, helping women of cover, Arab American women go shop because they're afraid to leave their home.

-- Department of State, Oct. 4, 2001

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## ***War On Terrorism***

[Nuclear weapons] may end up in the hands of dictators, people who are not afraid of using weapons of mass destruction, people who try to impose their will on the world or blackmail free nations.

-- I lose track of whether he's talking about North Korea or his own administration. Prime time press conference, White House, Mar. 6, 2003

We don't measure success based upon our capacity to destroy [the terrorists'] ability to fight war."

-- The big question, then, is how exactly does Dubya measure success? Sep. 27, 2002

There's a lot of war talk these days, as there should be, but it's all aimed at making sure the world is peaceful.

-- Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, July 18, 2002

There's no need to discuss innocence or guilt. We know he's [bin Laden] guilty.

-- Dubya explaining the concept of presumed innocence in American justice as he understands it. Oct. 14, 2001

It's an amazing year, obviously, for our country.

-- The World Trade Center terrorist attack? Simply amazing! Event with the World Series champion Arizona Diamondbacks, Dec. 13, 2001

But all in all, it's been a fabulous year for Laura and me.

-- Makes one wonder what would constitute a bad year. Dec. 21, 2001

Nobody can threaten this country. Oh, they may be able to bomb a buildings...

-- Speech to joint session of Congress, Washington, D.C., Sept. 20, 2001

I see a peaceful world, I do. The rest of the world watches us very carefully. I like to say, "If the United States blinks, they'll go to sleep." We're not going to blink.

-- I have no idea what the blinking and sleeping means, but it is Dubya after all. Republican Party luncheon, Dallas, Texas, Mar. 29, 2002

I'm a baseball fan, I want a scorecard. And I actually got a chart. There's an 'X' right there.

-- Dubya explaining how he keeps the "players" straight in the War on Terrorism, and pointing out the 'X'

placed on al-Qaeda military chief Muhammad Atef's picture, who had just died in U.S. bombing raids, Feb. 3, 2002

He is -- as I mentioned in my speech, I do mention the fact that this is a fellow who is willing to commit youngsters to their death and he, himself, tries to hide -- if, in fact, he's hiding at all.

-- On Osama bin Laden, White House, Mar. 13, 2002

Oh, I thought you said some band.

-- Dubya showing unfamiliarity with the Taliban regime, after being asked twice by Glamour Magazine national affairs editor David France, May 2000

We're in total agreement on how these prisoners - or detainees - excuse me, ought to be treated. And they'll be treated well.

-- Making it clear that the people being held at Guantanamo Bay were indeed detainees, not prisoners of war, although he referred to them as "prisoners" twice in his comments to reporters. White House, Jan. 28, 2002

But Tommy said, this war -- the phase of this war is kind of like a baseball game. Of course, my ears perked up.

-- Well of course, what with all of the boring talk about war and all. Washington, D.C., Dec. 21, 2001

We do know that he has no sense of civility about who he kills.

-- On Osama bin Laden, and suggesting "civil killing" is a possibility. Barbara Walters interview, Dec. 4, 2001

This Thursday, ticket counters and airplanes will fly out of Reagan International Airport.

-- At a press conference, Oct. 2, 2001

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## *Wrong Word*

### **ALLIES**

Our intelligence professionals and special forces have cooperated in battle-friendly -- with battle-friendly Afghan forces -- fighters who know the terrain, who know the Taliban, and who understand the local culture.

-- Dec. 11, 2001

**ANTIDOTE** (But the way he phrased the sentence, even that is incorrect.)

A tax cut is really one of the anecdotes to coming out of an economic illness.

-- The Edge With Paula Zahn, Sept. 18, 2000

### **ARBORIST**

Look up the word. I don't know, maybe I made it up. Anyway, it's an arbo-tree-ist, somebody who knows about trees

-- Clarifying what he meant when he referred to a tree specialist as an "arbolist". To Judy Keen, USA Today, Aug. 22, 2001

### **BALKANIZE**

What I am against is quotas. I am against hard quotas, quotas they basically delineate based upon whatever. However they delineate, quotas, I think vulcanize society. So I don't know how that fits into what everybody else is saying, their relative positions, but that's my position.

-- Quoted by Molly Ivins, the San Francisco Chronicle, Jan. 21, 2000



**BASIS**

"Reading is the basics for all learning."

-- Announcing his "Reading First" initiative in Reston, Va., March 28, 2000

**BEST**

America needs a military where our breast and brightest are proud to serve, and proud to stay.

-- Stirring up the troops at Fort Stewart, Georgia, Feb. 12, 2001

**BIGOTRY**

I did denounce it. I de- I denounced it. I denounced interracial dating. I denounced anti-Catholic bigacy... bigotry.

-- Responding to attacks on his visit to ultra-conservative Bob Jones University. Virginia, February 25, 2000

**CARE**

There's not going to be enough people in the system to take advantage of people like me.

-- On the coming Social Security crisis; Wilton, Conn., June 9, 2000

**COMMENSURATE**

If need be, we'll just reduce unilaterally to a level commiserate with keeping a deterrence and keeping the peace.

-- White House, Mar. 13, 2002

I don't want nations feeling like that they can bully ourselves and our allies. I want to have a ballistic defense system so that we can make the world more peaceful, and at the same time I want to reduce our own nuclear capacities to the level commiserate with keeping the peace.

-- Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 23, 2000

**CRITERIA**

I've asked Secretary of State Powell, Secretary of Treasury O'Neill to reach out to the world community, to develop clear and concrete, objective criterion for the millennium challenge account. We'll apply these criterion fairly, and rigorously.

-- Monterrey, Mexico, Mar. 22, 2002

**DEBILITATING**

Diseases...such as arthritis and osteoporosis can be less be-a, be-a-dilatating.

-- Mar. 21, 2001

**DEFEND**

The point is, this is a way to help inoculate me about what has come and is coming.

-- On his anti-Gore ad. Interview with the New York Times, Sept. 2, 2000

**DEFLATION**

[We] talked about non-performing loans, the devaluation issue and regulatory reform. And he placed equal emphasis on all three.

-- Dubya misstating that he and Japanese prime minister Koizumi had discussed devaluating the Yen, sending the Japanese currency into tailspin in the process. Tokyo, Feb. 18, 2002

**EASIER**

Imagine how less dependent America will be on foreign sources of energy, and how more easy it'll be to clean up our air.

-- Washington, D.C., Feb. 25, 2002

**EXEMPLARY**

In 1994, there were 67 schools in Texas that were rated exemplory according to our own tests.

-- Manhattan Institute for Policy Research (New York), Oct. 5, 1999

## **FALLIBILITY**

I am a person who recognizes the fallacy of humans.

-- From Bush's visit to the Oprah show during the 2000 campaign

## **FURY**

I'm furious about innocent life lost. However, through my fury, even though I'm mad, I still believe peace is possible.

-- The above quote is from his press conference with King Abdullah in 2002.

## **GRIST**

I thought how proud I am to be standing up beside my dad. Never did it occur to me that he would become the gist for cartoonists.

-- Newsweek, Feb. 28, 2000

## **HURT**

The world sees our compassion toward one another, as neighbor helps neighbor, as neighbor grieves with neighbor, as people from all across our country want to hold the families who have been endangered -- who have been hurt -- in their arms.

-- Rallying the people as only he can, Chicago, Sept. 27, 2001

## **INVIGORATING**

It was just inebriating what Midland was all about then.

-- From a 1994 interview, as quoted in First Son, by Bill Minutaglio

## **MALFEASANCE**

REPORTER: The accounting procedures at Harken and Aloha have been compared to what went on at Enron. Would you agree with that?

DUBYA: No.

REPORTER: Why not, sir?

DUBYA: Well, again, this is -- there was no malfeasance involved. This was a honest disagreement about accounting procedures ... There was no malfeasance, no attempt to hide anything.

-- Yes, the first "MBA President" refers to the word malfeasance as "malfeasance" (twice) in a press conference, in addition to exhibiting characteristic problems differentiating the proper use of "a" and "an", White House, July 9, 2002

## **MEANS**

We've got to make sure that the education system throughout the world provides people the needs to be able to provide work.

-- If only education reform were retroactive. Barbara Walters interview, Dec. 4, 2001

## **MORE HOPEFUL**

I want it to be said that the Bush administration ... will make America what we want it to be—a literate country and a hopefuller country.

-- Washington, DC, Jan. 11, 2001

## **NUCLEAR**

We have found diagrams of American nuclear power plants and public water facilities.

-- State of the Union address, Jan. 29, 2002

We must prevent the terrorists and regimes who seek chemical, biological or nuclear weapons from threatening the United States and the world.

-- State of the Union address, Jan. 29, 2002

The Iraqi regime has plotted to develop anthrax and nerve gas and nuclear weapons for over a decade.  
-- State of the Union address, Jan. 29, 2002

### **PILLORIED**

I don't want to win? If that were the case why the heck am I on the bus 16 hours a day, shaking thousands of hands, giving hundreds of speeches, getting pillared in the press and cartoons and still staying on message to win?  
-- Newsweek, Feb. 28, 2000

### **PERSEVERANCE**

This is Preservation Month. I appreciate preservation. It's what you do when you run for president. You gotta preserve.  
-- Speaking during "Perseverance Month" at Fairgrounds Elementary School in Nashua, N.H. As quoted in the Los Angeles Times, Jan. 28, 2000

### **RESONATE**

They said, 'You know, this issue doesn't seem to resonate with the people.' And I said, you know something? Whether it resonates or not doesn't matter to me, because I stand for doing what's the right thing, and what the right thing is hearing the voices of people who work.  
-- Portland, Oregon, Oct. 31, 2000

### **RESORT**

Other Republican candidates may retort to personal attacks and negative ads.  
-- Fund-raising letter from George W. Bush. Quoted in the Washington Post, March 24, 2000

### **SUBLIMINAL**

I wanna make it clear to people that, you know, the idea of putting subliminal messages into ads is, is ridiculous.  
-- Sept. 12, 2000

I don't think we need to be subliminal about the differences between our views on prescription drugs.  
-- Orlando, Fla., Sept. 12, 2000

### **SUBSIDIZATION**

Gov. Bush will not stand for the subsidization of failure.  
-- Florence, South Carolina, Jan. 11, 2000

### **SUCCESSORS**

I am mindful not only of preserving executive powers for myself, but for predecessors as well.  
-- Washington, D.C., Jan. 29, 2001

### **TERRORISTS / HOSTAGE**

We cannot let terrorists and rogue nations hold this nation hostile or hold our allies hostile.  
-- Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 21, 2000

### **UNDERESTIMATED**

They underestimated me.  
-- Bentonville, Arkansas, Nov. 6, 2000

### **UNEQUIVOCAL**

Ann and I will carry out this unequivocal message to the world: Markets must be open.  
-- Swearing-in ceremony for Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman. Washington, D.C., Mar. 2, 2001




### **URBAN**

I also have picked a secretary for Housing and Human Development. Mel Martinez from the state of

Florida.  
-- Dubya announcing his nominee for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Austin, Texas, Dec. 20, 2000

**VIABLE**  
It's going to require a president who understands it's in our strategic interests to have a peaceful and economically vile hemisphere.  
-- March, 2000

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