



Top Ten Reasons Why "W" IS WRONG FOR WOMEN



10. *WRONG ON EQUAL PAY*

Last month we learned the Bush White House erased fact sheets about equal pay for women workers from federal government web sites. But George W. Bush can't erase his record of opposition to enforcing equal pay -- ending the Equal Pay Initiative, opposing stronger enforcement of equal pay laws, and dropping sex discrimination lawsuits.

9. *WRONG ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN*

George W. Bush's budget cuts back on funding for emergency shelters, crisis hotlines and other desperately needed services to protect women from violence; and would end federal efforts to improve databases of stalkers.

8. *WRONG ON CHILD CARE*

George W. Bush's budget would cut nearly a half million children from child care programs in the next five years, and cut back on after-school programs that enable working parents to know their children are safe and well cared for after school.

7. *WRONG FOR LOW INCOME WORKING WOMEN*

George W. Bush opposes increasing the minimum wage, which would benefit nearly 7 million working women; and refuses to extend the child tax credit to 12 million children in lower income working families.

6. *WRONG ON MEDICARE*

Women represent more than 60% of Medicare recipients. George W. Bush's prescription drugs bill means higher prices and inadequate benefits for older women -- but a big gift to the drug companies!

5. *WRONG ON HEALTH CARE*

Women and their families are losing access to health insurance -- in 2002, 43.6 million American families were uninsured - - and health care costs continue to escalate. The latest Bush budget freezes funding for Maternal and Child Health, cutting access to vital services such as screenings for newborns and parental care.

4. *WRONG ON EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN*

George W. Bush has repeatedly broken his promises to fully fund his own education reform bill, leaving state and local governments struggling to pay the bills, our teachers overburdened and our children shortchanged.

3. *WRONG ON THE ENVIRONMENT*

George W. Bush has rolled back environmental regulations that protect clean air and water, endangering our family's health; and slowed down the clean up of toxic waste sites while insisting that taxpayers -- not polluters -- pay the burden!

2. *WRONG ON JUDGES*

George W. Bush has nominated federal judges who are hostile to women's rights -- like ruling a breast cancer patient had no right of privacy when her doctor allowed a drug company salesman to sit in on her examination!

1. *WRONG ON OUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE*

George W. Bush has consistently used his power to undermine our right to choose - selecting vehemently anti-choice judicial nominees; trying to cut funding for family planning; offering health coverage to fetuses rather than to pregnant women; overruling the government's own scientific panels to refuse over the counter sale of emergency contraception -- and his campaign strategist compares pro-choice Americans to terrorists!