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CLINTON: And the people who have jobs – The people who have jobs and educations and opportunities that didn't have them 10 years ago don't think it's irrelevant at all; they think it's highly relevant and they wish the rest of the country had them.

BUSH: I don't have a dog in this fight, but I'd like to get in on this.

CLINTON: Well, you think it's relevant. (Laughter)

BUSH: Governor Clinton has to operate under a balanced budget amendment – he has to do it, that is the law. I'd like to see a balanced budget amendment for America, to protect the American taxpayers, and then that would discipline not only the executive branch but the spending Congress, the Congress that's been in control of one party, his party, for 38 years. And we almost had it done. One of the reasons is we almost had it done, and the speaker – a very, able, decent fellow, I might add – but he twisted the arms of some of the sponsors of that legislation and had them change their vote. What's relevant here is that tool, that discipline, that he has to live by in Arkansas, and I'd like it for the American people. I want the line-item veto. I want a check-off, so if the Congress can't do it, let people check off their income tax, 10% of it, to compel the government to cut spending. And if they can't do it, if the Congress can't do it, let them then have to do it across the board. That's what we call a sequester. That's the discipline we need, and I'm working for that – to protect the American taxpayer against the big spenders.