

Set 1: bank, financi, crisi, mortgag, street, home, regul, wall

Set 2: china, compani, oversea, industri, competit, invest, manufactur, worker

Set 3: tax, incom, class, middl, relief, pay, rais, corpor

Set 4: colleg, young, opportun, kid, abl, teacher, loan, grant

JOHN KERRY Ill tell you exactly how I can do it; by reinstating what President Bush took away, which is called pay as you go. During the 1990s, we had pay- as- you- go rules. If you were going to pass something in the Congress, you had to show where you are going to pay for it and how. President Bush has taken — hes the only president in history to do this. Hes also the only president in 72 years to lose jobs — 1. 6 million jobs lost. Hes the only president to have incomes of families go down for the last three years; the only president to see exports go down; the only president to see the lowest level of business investment in our country as it is today. Now, Im going to reverse that. Im going to change that. Were going to restore the fiscal discipline we had in the 1990s. Every plan that I have laid out — my health- care plan, my plan for education, my plan for kids to be able to get better college loans — Ive shown exactly how Im going to pay for those. And we start — we dont do it exclusively — but we start by rolling back George Bushs unaffordable tax cut for the wealthiest people, people earning more than \$200, 000 a year, and we pass, hopefully, the McCain- Kerry Commission which identified some \$60 billion that we can get. We shut the loophole which has American workers actually subsidizing the loss of their own job. They just passed an expansion of that loophole in the last few days; \$43 billion of giveaways, including favors to the oil and gas industry and the people importing ceiling fans from China. Im going to stand up and fight for the American worker. And I am going to do it in a way thats fiscally sound. I show how I pay for the health care, how we pay for the education. I have a manufacturing jobs credit. We pay for it by shutting that loophole overseas. We raise the student loans. I pay for it by changing the relationship with the banks. This president has never once vetoed one bill; the first president in a hundred years not to do that.

MODERATOR Mr. President?

GEORGE W. BUSH Well, his rhetoric doesnt match his record. He been a senator for 20 years. He voted to increase taxes 98 times. When they tried to reduce taxes, he voted against that 127 times. He talks about being a fiscal conservative, or fiscally sound, but he voted over — he voted 277 times to waive the budget caps, which would have cost the taxpayers \$4. 2 trillion. He talks about PAYGO. Ill tell you what PAYGO means, when youre a senator from Massachusetts, when youre a colleague of Ted Kennedy, pay go means; You pay, and he goes ahead and spends. Hes proposed \$2. 2 trillion of new spending, and yet the so- called tax on the rich, which is also a tax on many small- business owners in America, raises \$600 million by our account — billion, \$800 billion by his account. There is a tax gap. And guess who usually ends up filling the tax gap? The middle class. I propose a detailed budget, Bob. I sent up my budget man to the Congress, and he says, heres how were going to reduce the deficit in half by five years. It requires pro- growth policies that grow our economy and fiscal sanity in the halls of Congress.

MODERATOR Lets go to a new question, Mr. President. Two minutes. And lets continue

on jobs. You know, there are all kind of statistics out there, but I want to bring it down to an individual. Mr. President, what do you say to someone in this country who has lost his job to someone overseas whos being paid a fraction of what that job paid here in the United States?

GEORGE W. BUSH Id say, Bob, Ive got policies to continue to grow our economy and create the jobs of the 21st century. And heres some help for you to go get an education. Heres some help for you to go to a community college. Weve expanded trade adjustment assistance. We want to help pay for you to gain the skills necessary to fill the jobs of the 21st century. You know, theres a lot of talk about how to keep the economy growing. We talk about fiscal matters. But perhaps the best way to keep jobs here in America and to keep this economy growing is to make sure our education system works. I went to Washington to solve problems. And I saw a problem in the public education system in America. They were just shuffling too many kids through the system, year after year, grade after grade, without learning the basics. And so we said; Lets raise the standards. Were spending more money, but lets raise the standards and measure early and solve problems now, before its too late. No, education is how to help the person whos lost a job. Education is how to make sure weve got a workforce thats productive and competitive. Got four more years, Ive got more to do to continue to raise standards, to continue to reward teachers and school districts that are working, to emphasize math and science in the classrooms, to continue to expand Pell Grants to make sure that people have an opportunity to start their career with a college diploma. And so the person you talked to, I say, heres some help, heres some trade adjustment assistance money for you to go a community college in your neighborhood, a community college which is providing the skills necessary to fill the jobs of the 21st century. And thats what I would say to that person.

MODERATOR Senator Kerry?

JOHN KERRY I want you to notice how the president switched away from jobs and started talking about education principally. Let me come back in one moment to that, but I want to speak for a second, if I can, to what the president said about fiscal responsibility. Being lectured by the president on fiscal responsibility is a little bit like Tony Soprano talking to me about law and order in this country. (LAUGHTER) This president has taken a \$5. 6 trillion surplus and turned it into deficits as far as the eye can see. Health- care costs for the average American have gone up 64 percent; tuitions have gone up 35 percent; gasoline prices up 30 percent; Medicare premiums went up 17 percent a few days ago; prescription drugs are up 12 percent a year. But guess what, America? The wages of Americans have gone down. The jobs that are being created in Arizona right now are paying about \$13, 700 less than the jobs that were losing. And the president just walks on by this problem. The fact is that hes cut job- training money. \$1 billion was cut. They only added a little bit back this year because its an election year. Theyve cut the Pell Grants and the Perkins loans to help kids be able to go to college. Theyve cut the training money. Theyve wound up not even extending unemployment benefits and not even extending health care to those people who are unemployed. Im going to do those things, because thats whats right in America; Help workers to transition in every respect.

MODERATOR New question to you, Senator Kerry, two minutes. And its still on jobs. You know, many experts say that a president really doesnt have much control over jobs. For example, if someone invents a machine that does the work of five people, thats progress.

Thats not the presidents fault. So I ask you, is it fair to blame the administration entirely for this loss of jobs?

JOHN KERRY I dont blame them entirely for it. I blame the president for the things the president could do that has an impact on it. Outsourcing is going to happen. Ive acknowledged that in union halls across the country. Ive had shop stewards stand up and say, “Will you promise me youre going to stop all this outsourcing?” “And Ive looked them in the eye and Ive said, “No, I cant do that. “What I can promise you is that I will make the playing field as fair as possible, that I will, for instance, make certain that with respect to the tax system that you as a worker in America are not subsidizing the loss of your job. Today, if youre an American business, you actually get a benefit for going overseas. You get to defer your taxes. So if youre looking at a competitive world, you say to yourself, “Hey, I do better overseas than I do here in America. “Thats not smart. I dont want American workers subsidizing the loss of their own job. And when Im president, were going to shut that loophole in a nanosecond and were going to use that money to lower corporate tax rates in America for all corporations, 5 percent. And were going to have a manufacturing jobs credit and a job hiring credit so we actually help people be able to hire here. The second thing that we can do is provide a fair trade playing field. This president didnt stand up for Boeing when Airbus was violating international rules and subsidies. He discovered Boeing during the course of this campaign after Id been talking about it for months. The fact is that the president had an opportunity to stand up and take on China for currency manipulation. There are companies that wanted to petition the administration. They were told; Dont even bother; were not going to listen to it. The fact is that there have been markets shut to us that we havent stood up and fought for. Im going to fight for a fair trade playing field for the American worker. And I will fight for the American worker just as hard as I fight for my own job. Thats what the American worker wants. And if we do that, we can have an impact. Plus, we need fiscal discipline. Restore fiscal discipline, well do a lot better.

MODERATOR Mr. President?

GEORGE W. BUSH Whew! Let me start with the Pell Grants. In his last litany of mis-statements. He said we cut Pell Grants. Weve increased Pell Grants by a million students. Thats a fact. You know, he talks to the workers. Let me talk to the workers. Youve got more money in your pocket as a result of the tax relief we passed and he opposed. If you have a child, you got a \$1, 000 child credit. Thats money in your pocket. If youre married, we reduced the marriage penalty. The code ought to encourage marriage, not discourage marriage. We created a 10 percent bracket to help lower- income Americans. A family of four making \$40, 000 received about \$1, 700 in tax relief. Its your money. The way my opponent talks, he said, “Were going to spend the governments money. “No, were spending your money. And when you have more money in your pocket, youre able to better afford things you want. I believe the role of government is to stand side by side with our citizens to help them realize their dreams, not tell citizens how to live their lives. My opponent talks about fiscal sanity. His record in the United States Senate does not match his rhetoric. He voted to increase taxes 98 times and to bust the budget 277 times.

MODERATOR Senator Kerry?