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PEROT: It caused me to disrupt my private life and my business to get involved in this activity. That's how much I care about it. And believe me, if you knew my family and if you knew the private life I have, you would agree in a minute that that's a whole lot more fun than getting involved in politics. But I have lived the American dream. I came from very modest background. Nobody's been luckier than I've been, all the way across the spectrum, and the greatest riches of all are my wife and children. That's true of any family. But I want all the children – I want these young people up here to be able to start with nothing but an idea like I did and build a business. But they've got to have a strong basic economy and if you're in debt, it's like having a ball and chain around you. I just figure, as lucky as I've been, I owe it to them and I owe it to the future generations and on a very personal basis, I owe it to my children and grandchildren.

SIMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Perot. Mr. President.

BUSH: Well, I think the national debt affects everybody.

AUDIENCE QUESTION: You personally.

BUSH: Obviously it has a lot to do with interest rates –

AUDIENCE QUESTION: You, on a personal basis – how has it affected you?

SIMPSON: Has it affected you personally?

BUSH: I'm sure it has. I love my grandchildren –

AUDIENCE QUESTION: How?

BUSH: I want to think that they're going to be able to afford an education. I think that that's an important part of being a parent. If the question – maybe I – get it wrong. Are you suggesting that if somebody has means that the national debt doesn't affect them?

AUDIENCE QUESTION: What I'm saying is –

BUSH: I'm not sure I get – help me with the question and I'll try to answer it.

AUDIENCE QUESTION: Well, I've had friends that have been laid off from jobs.

BUSH: Yeah.

AUDIENCE QUESTION: I know people who cannot afford to pay the mortgage on their homes, their car payment. I have personal problems with the national debt. But how has it affected you and if you have no experience in it, how can you help us, if you don't know what we're feeling?

SIMPSON: I think she means more the recession – the economic problems today the country faces rather than the deficit.