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GEORGE W. BUSH What hes asking me is, will I have a litmus test for my judges? And the answer is, no, I will not have a litmus test. I will pick judges who will interpret the Constitution, but Ill have no litmus test.

MODERATOR Senator Kerry, youd like to respond?

JOHN KERRY Is that a new question or a 30- second question?

MODERATOR Thats a new question for Senator — for President Bush.

JOHN KERRY Which time limit. . .

MODERATOR You have 90 seconds.

JOHN KERRY Thank you very much. Well, again, the president didnt answer the question. Ill answer it straight to America. Im not going to appoint a judge to the Court whos going to undo a constitutional right, whether its the First Amendment, or the Fifth Amendment, or some other right thats given under our courts today — under the Constitution. And I believe that the right of choice is a constitutional right. So I dont intend to see it undone. Clearly, the president wants to leave in ambivalence or intends to undo it. But let me go a step further. We have a long distance yet to travel in terms of fairness in America. I dont know how you can govern in this country when you look at New York City and you see that 50 percent of the black males there are unemployed, when you see 40 percent of Hispanic children — of black children in some cities — dropping out of high school. And yet the president who talks about No Child Left Behind refused to fully fund — by \$28 billion — that particular program so you can make a difference in the lives of those young people. Now right here in Arizona, that difference would have been \$131 million to the state of Arizona to help its kids be able to have better education and to lift the property tax burden from its citizens. The president reneged on his promise to fund No Child Left Behind. Hell tell you hes raised the money, and he has. But he didnt put in what he promised, and that makes a difference in the lives of our children.

MODERATOR Yes, sir?

GEORGE W. BUSH Two things. One, he clearly has a litmus test for his judges, which I disagree with. And secondly, only a liberal senator from Massachusetts would say that a 49 percent increase in funding for education was not enough. Weve increased funds. But more importantly, weve reformed the system to make sure that we solve problems early, before theyre too late. He talked about the unemployed. Absolutely weve got to make sure they get educated. He talked about children whose parents dont speak English as a first language? Absolutely weve got to make sure they get educated. And thats what the No Child Left Behind Act does.

MODERATOR Senator?

JOHN KERRY You dont measure it by a percentage increase. Mr. President, you measure it by whether youre getting the job done. Five hundred thousand kids lost after- school programs because of your budget. Now, thats not in my gut. Thats not in my value system, and certainly not so that the wealthiest people in America can walk away with another tax cut. \$89 billion last year to the top 1 percent of Americans, but kids lost their after- school programs. You be the judge.