

## Text 1

PEROT: Oh, no, it will cost jobs, but that's not – let me say this. I'd rather, if you gave me 2 bad choices –

LEHRER: Okay.

PEROT: I'd rather have some jobs left here than just see everything head south, see?

LEHRER: So that means – in other words, you agree with President Bush; is that right?

PEROT: No, I'm saying our principal need now is to stabilize the tax base, which is the job base, and create a growing, dynamic base. Now please, folks, if you don't hear anything else I say, remember where the – millions of people at work are our tax base. One quick point. If you confiscate the Forbes 400 wealth, take it all, you cannot balance the budget this year. Kind of gets your head straight about where the taxes, year in and year out, have gotta come from. Millions and millions of people at work.

LEHRER: Yes, sir.