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Set 2: nuclear, iran, korea, north, weapon, sanction, threat, tabl

Set 3: love, experi, children, faith, daughter, man, part, person

Set 4: school, teacher, parent, educ, public, children, choic, student

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AUDIENCE Hi, Governor. Im very concerned about the morality of our country now. TV, movies, the music that our children are, you know, barraged with every day. And I want to know if theres anything that can be worked out with the — Hollywood, or whoever, to help get rid of some of this bad language and whatever, you know. Its just bringing the country down. And our children are very important to us and were concerned about their education at school. We should be concerned about their education at home, also. Thank you.

GEORGE W. BUSH Appreciate that question. Laura and I are proud parents of teenage girls, twin daughters, and I know what youre saying. Government ought to stand on the side of parents. Parents are teaching their children right from wrong, and the message oftentimes gets undermined by the popular culture. You bet theres things that government can do. We can work with the entertainment industry to provide family hour. We can have filters on Internets where public money is spent. There ought to be filters in public libraries and filters in public schools so if kids get on the Internet, there is not going to be pornography or violence coming in. I think we ought to have character education in our schools. I know that doesnt directly talk about Hollywood, but it does reinforce the values youre teaching. Greatly expand character education funding so that public schools will teach children values, values which have stood the test of time. Theres afterschool money available. I think that afterschool money ought to be available for faith- based programs and charitable programs that exist because somebody has heard the call to love a neighbor like you would like to be loved yourself. That will help reinforce the values that parents teach at home as well. Ours is a great land, and one of the reasons why is because were free. And so I dont support censorship. But I do believe that we ought to talk plainly to the Hollywood moguls and people who produce this stuff and explain the consequences. I think we need to have rating systems that are clear. I happen to like the idea of having technology for the TV, easy for parents to use so you can tune out these programs you dont want in your house. Ill remind mothers and dads the best weapon is the off/on button, and paying attention to your children, and eating dinner with them and being — Im sorry. I was on my peroration.

AL GORE My turn.

MODERATOR Vice President Gore.

AL GORE I care a lot about this. Its not just movies; television, video games, music, the Internet. Parents now feel like you have to compete with the mass culture in order to raise your kids with the values that you want them to have. Tipper and I have four children. And God bless them, every one of them decided on their own to come here this evening. I dont want to embarrass our oldest daughter. She and her husband made us grandparents almost a year- and- a- half ago, and yet if shell forgive me, when she was little, she brought a record home that had some awful lyrics in it and Tipper hit the ceiling. And that launched a campaign to try to get the record companies to put ratings that — warning labels for

parents. And Im so proud of what she accomplished in getting them on there. Ive been involved myself in negotiating and helping to move along the negotiations with the Internet service providers to get a parents protection page every time 95% of the pages come up. And a feature that allows parents to automatically check with one click what sites your kids have visited lately. You know, some parents are worried about those filters, that you will have to ask your kids how to put them on there. But if you can check up on them, thats real power. And recently the Federal Trade Commission pointed out that some of these entertainment companies have warned parents that the material is inappropriate for children, and then theyve turned around behind the backs of the parents and advertised that same adult material directly to children. That is an outrage. Joe Lieberman and I gave them six months to clean up their act. And if they dont do it, were gonna ask for tougher authority in the hands of the FTC on the false and deceptive advertising. Ill tell you this, I want to do something about this. Respect the First Amendment, but I will do something to help you raise your kids without that garbage.