

Set 1: republican, democrat, togeth, commiss, polit, done, bipartisan, senat

Set 2: feder, texa, govern, size, role, differ, vice, prioriti

Set 3: abort, life, woman, aid, research, law, allow, ban

Set 4: mistak, serious, tri, wrong, mayb, charact, seem, disagree

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GEORGE W. BUSH Sure, absolutely, so long as theyre based upon science and theyre reasonable. So long as people have input.

MODERATOR What about global warming?

GEORGE W. BUSH I think its an issue that we need to take very seriously. But I dont think we know the solution to global warming yet. And I dont think weve got all the facts before we make decisions. I tell you one thing Im not going to do is Im not going to let the United States carry the burden for cleaning up the worlds air. Like Kyoto Treaty would have done. China and India were exempted from that treaty. I think we need to be more even-handed, as evidently 99 senators — I think it was 99 senators supported that position.

MODERATOR Global warming, the Senate did turn it down. I think —

GEORGE W. BUSH 99 to nothing.

AL GORE Well, that vote wasnt exactly — a lot of the supporters of the Kyoto Treaty actually ended up voting for that because the way it was worded. But theres no doubt theres a lot of opposition to it in the Senate. Im not for command and control techniques either. Im for working with the groups, not just with industry but also with the citizen groups and local communities to control sprawl in ways that the local communities themselves come up with. But I disagree that we dont know the cause of global warming. I think that we do. Its pollution, carbon dioxide, and other chemicals that are even more potent, but in smaller quantities, that cause this. Look, the worlds temperature is going up, weather patterns are changing, storms are getting more violent and unpredictable. What are we going to tell our children? Im a grandfather now. I want to be able to tell my grandson when Im in my later years that I didnt turn away from the evidence that showed that we were doing some serious harm. In my faith tradition, it is — its written in the book of Matthew, “Where your heart is, there is your treasure also.” And I believe that — that we ought to recognize the value to our children and grandchildren of taking steps that preserve the environment in a way thats good for them.