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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT

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WHITE HOUSE 2000

Governor Bush took a slight lead in the polls this week, having made inroads among women voters last week. He continued his retooled, aggressive campaign style, promoting his education and energy policies. Bush also adopted a new slogan for his education program, saying that the country was in an "education recession." Many analysts say this is a clever choice of words because the word "recession" raises subliminal fears about the future health of the nation's economy, even though it is performing well at present. This week, Bush reinforced those fears by alluding to rising gas prices, farmers struggling to survive, a nation in danger of losing its technological edge, and illiterate youths on the cusp of criminality.

The Vice President unveiled a detailed Medicare plan this week and promoted it in many venues. He also made a major address on the importance of debt reduction in maintaining economic prosperity for the country and a major environmental address. Both campaigns accused each other of being responsible for the incident two weeks ago in which a tape of Governor Bush's debate preparation was sent to the Vice President's campaign.

Both candidates are spending this weekend preparing for the first of the presidential debates next Tuesday in Boston. The Vice President will be in Sarasota, Florida, and Governor Bush in Austin, Texas.

Gore-Lieberman Campaign

Vice President slips behind in national polls, stays ahead in key states. For the first time since 1980, the lead in the presidential race has changed hands after Labor Day, and Governor Bush now leads in several national polls by 1-6 points (see polls section at the end of this report), although some polls show the race tied. And, ironically, one Republican poll (Wirthlin Worldwide) shows the Vice President slightly ahead. Nevertheless, the Vice President maintains his lead in the Electoral College. For example, a CNN analysis found that the Vice President currently leads in 16 states and the District of Columbia and has 208 electoral votes. Governor Bush currently leads in 20 states and has 167 electoral votes. Fourteen states with 163 electoral votes are considered toss-ups, including Florida.

In explaining Bush's narrow lead in national polls, pollster John Zogby, who conducted a poll this week, showing Governor Bush leading 43.9%-42%, said: "Basically, he [Bush] is reaching moms, consolidating support among men and doing better in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 income group." Zogby said that Bush was successful in conveying his "compassionate conservatism" -- a message he had been diverted from for several weeks -- to women on the "Oprah" show. A CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll showing Bush leading 47%-44% found that almost all of Bush's gains in the last week have come from women. In an earlier poll taken September 14-16, the Vice President was up 53%-36% among women, but in this poll up only 48%-44%.

CNN had another possible explanation: Democrats are paying less attention and Republicans are paying more. Last week, when the Vice President was in the lead, 64% of Democrats and 70% of the Republicans said they were paying a lot of attention to the race. Now, only 57% of Democrats say they are paying a lot of attention, but the Republican figure has gone up to 74%.

Vice President's campaign places aide on paid leave while investigation continues about mole in Bush campaign and possible link to leaked tape. On Saturday, an aide to the Vice President's campaign, Michael Doyne, was put on paid leave after giving conflicting accounts to ABC News about knowing of a mole in the Bush campaign. Doyne reported to National Field Director Don Fowler Jr., son of former DNC chair Don Fowler. It is not clear whether the Doyne incident is connected to the leaking of the tape and documents pertaining to Bush's debate rehearsal two weeks ago. Nevertheless, in a further attempt to question his truthfulness, the Bush campaign accused the Vice President of spying and urged the FBI to confiscate computer hard drives from his campaign in order to search for e-mails that might be related to the case. Some Bush aides even say that the FBI is stalling in order to protect the Vice President from a criminal probe. The story attracted considerable media attention and distracted from the education message that Governor Bush was trying to convey this week.

On Monday, Mary Beth Malcolm, the Texas Democratic Party Chair, accused Karl Rove, Bush's chief political consultant, of manufacturing the leaked tape incident to create a distraction from a campaign struggling to regain its footing. Rove denied the charge. Malcolm circulated a newspaper story about a similar incident involving Rove in 1986. At that time, he claimed just before a big debate in another race that the other side had bugged his headquarters. An aide on the other side, Mark McKinnon, then working for a Democratic candidate, said that he suspected the Republicans of manufacturing the incident. McKinnon now works for Rove at the Bush campaign. McKinnon's assistant, Yvette Leczano, a Democratic activist, has been questioned by the FBI about a mailing she made, which she claims was simply a pair of pants her boss wanted returned to the The Gap. From the FBI questions – "It could be that you sent this information because you didn't want the debates to happen" – Bush aides say they think the FBI suspects a Bush scheme to sabotage the debates. Lozano told ABC News that agents have fingerprinted her — for a second time — and have confiscated her office computer.

Favorable media coverage for Vice President quantified, media bias alleged. On Monday it was reported that since September 4, according to the Center for Media and Public Affairs, comments about the Vice President on the ABC, CBS and NBC evening news have been 55% positive, compared to 35% positive for Governor Bush. By contrast, Bush got 62% positive in July. Robert Lichter, the Center's director, said that while Bush did receive good press coverage for a long time, "the general pattern has been that in the general election, Democrats get balanced coverage and Republicans get terrible coverage."

Vice President unveils plans for Medicare and prescription drug benefit. On Monday, in interviews with all the major TV networks and selected newspapers, the Vice President began a week of contrasting his plans for Medicare and a prescription drug benefit with those of Governor Bush. On ABC News, he said that Bush "supported the Newt Gingrich assault on Medicare," pointing to a 1995 interview in which Bush endorsed the Congressional Republicans' budget that would have cut Medicare by over \$270 billion over seven years. A Bush spokesman said the Vice President is "trying to turn voters against Governor Bush by scaring seniors."

On Monday on NBC's "Today Show," the Vice President said he would veto any measure that takes money out of Social Security or Medicare. He added that he was proposing a prescription drug benefit for all seniors, not just low-income seniors, and that they would not be forced to go through welfare offices to get it, the way they would be under Bush's plan. The Bush campaign called that charge "pure fantasy" and a "classic scare tactic."

Later in the day, speaking in St. Petersburg, Florida, the Vice President introduced a 74-page booklet

called *Medicare at the Crossroads*, which laid out the details of his plan. (The plan is also on his Web site, www.algore.com. The booklet includes new proposals designed to punish health maintenance organizations that drop Medicare recipients. About 700,000 Medicare recipients have been forced to change health plans since 1999 because their HMOs have dropped out of the Medicare system. The Vice President's campaign says nearly a million more seniors will be forced to do the same thing next year as more HMOs drop out of Medicare. His plan also includes these features: eliminate co-payments and deductibles for a range of preventive care services, thus increasing their use; implement a Medicare "lock box" that would dedicate current trust fund surpluses exclusively to Medicare, which would keep the program solvent for at least the next 30 years; and allow "near seniors" ages 55 to 65 to buy into Medicare.

Medicare at the Crossroads says Bush would turn Medicare into a "voucher-like system" that would increase premiums for traditional Medicare and push millions of seniors into private HMOs. "The other side seems to put a lot of trust in the HMOs," the Vice President said Monday. "Their plan would force seniors into HMOs and force them to go beg to HMOs and insurance companies for their prescription drug coverage."

On Wednesday in Iowa, the Vice President spoke about the need for a prescription drug plan and heard from one 79-year old senior, Winifred Skinner, who spends up to three hours a day collecting aluminum cans off the street, which she sells in order to get enough money to live on and pay for prescription drugs. The Vice President also refuted a GOP ad which claims that the Vice President's prescription drug plan would force senior citizens into "a government-run HMO" -- by which the GOP means the Medicare program. Senator Lieberman attacked the same ad while promoting the Vice President's prescription drug plan in Milwaukee.

Vice President appears on MTV. On Tuesday, the Vice President participated in a 90-minute forum at the University of Michigan sponsored by MTV and answered questions from skeptical music fans on issues ranging from Napster, Eminem and the World Wrestling Federation. Among other topics, the Vice President said he did not believe in censorship, but he added that he was likewise opposed to racism, homophobia and indecency. He said he was opposed to the legalization of marijuana for medicinal purposes because he believed scientific research showed it had no positive effect. The program was co-hosted by *Time* magazine and will air several times before the election. A new poll by the Henry J. Kaiser Foundation found that people ages 18-24 support the Vice President by wide margins on many key issues, but less than half are planning to vote.

Wall Street contributing heavily to the Vice President. On Monday, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that even though Wall Street is often viewed as a Republican bastion, a surprising number of financiers are backing the Vice President. Some say it is the strongest support for a Democrat in decades. Among the reasons given: the economic growth under this Administration, Wall Street's high regard for former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, and the view that the Vice President's economic proposals are less likely to jar the current prosperity and dissipate the federal budget surplus than the steeper tax cuts advocated by Governor Bush.

Vice President's role in foreign policy profiled. On Wednesday, *The Washington Post* reported on the Vice President's unprecedented involvement in U.S. foreign policy during the last seven and a half years. The article detailed his work on ending the war in Kosovo, removing nuclear arms from the Ukraine, forging international protocols, and cultivating U.S.-South Africa ties. It also examined how the Vice President helped to build a relationship with Russia that enabled the United States to maintain relations even in the face of Russian opposition to U.S. involvement in Kosovo and the expansion of NATO. The

article concluded by saying that should the Vice President be elected President, his foreign policy would likely involve a new security agenda for the global age based on forward engagement involving such issues as the environment, trade, and HIV/AIDS as a public health and security issue for democracies.

Vice President makes debt reduction top priority. On Thursday, speaking at the Brookings Institution, the Vice President said that “prosperity itself will be on the ballot” on November 7 and then repeatedly portrayed Governor Bush's proposed income tax cut as a serious threat to the country's economic health. The Vice President said that elimination of the national debt and its interest payments would be a top priority if he were elected President, and he would pay \$2 of projected surpluses toward debt reduction for every \$1 he would devote to tax cuts or investments. Governor Bush, the Vice President said, would give \$667 billion of the surplus to the wealthiest 1% of the population in tax cuts, more than the amount Bush would spend on education, health care, prescription drugs and national defense combined. The Vice President said he would cut taxes for middle-class families who need it the most, invest in health care, education, a clean environment and a secure retirement. He said he would set aside a portion of the surplus in a reserve fund in case of an economic downturn. Elimination of the debt would cut a major use of government money and reduce government spending to its lowest level in 50 years, the Vice President said.

Vice President on “Larry King Live.” On Thursday, two days after Governor Bush and his wife appeared on the show, the Vice President and Mrs. Gore appeared on CNN's “Larry King Live.” The Vice President talked about his preparation for Tuesday's debate, “The Kiss,” how he thinks he can win Florida, and his reaction to accusations of campaign exaggerations.

Financing the campaign:

Parties playing larger role in election ads, will probably reach parity with presidential campaigns.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law, this year for the first time both the Republican and Democratic Parties, using soft money, have so far been spending more on the presidential election ads than the two candidates' campaigns have. While campaign officials say the proportions will likely change by the end of the campaign, all sides agree that in the end the parties will have for the first time reached a rough parity in spending on presidential election ads, with the DNC and the Vice President's campaign and the RNC and the Bush campaign each spending \$40-\$50 million on advertising. The pattern is a departure from previous election cycles, when the candidates' campaign organizations paid for the majority of their commercials and spent far more money than the parties, researchers say.

The latest indication that the Vice President and Governor Bush are using the national parties as their major advertisers for this year came in a study on television spending by the Brennan Center which showed that from June 1 to September 20, the two parties had spent more than \$52 million on commercials, while the Bush and Gore campaigns had spent less than half that, about \$21 million. Furthermore, the study, found that the trend was holding up this month, traditionally the time when the candidates, flush with the proceeds from the federal money allotted them after the conventions, have taken over much of the responsibility for running commercials. Four years ago, for example, Dole-Kemp ran 6,100 spots and Clinton-Gore 3,600 spots the first full week after Labor Day, the Brennan Center found. That same week, the Republican Party ran just 147 commercials and the Democratic Party a mere one.

This year, however, the parties have shown no sign of letting up. Brennan Center researchers found that in the seven days that ended September 20, the two parties were still the biggest spenders. The Republican Party spent nearly \$2.3 million on television that week, or \$300,000 more than the Bush campaign. The

Democratic Party, meanwhile, spent \$1.8 million, or about \$700,000 more than the Vice President's campaign.

Neither party disputed the Brennan Center's findings, but some officials cautioned that the portrait of spending could change as Election Day draws nearer, and the campaigns more aggressively spend the remainder of the \$67 million in hard money each has been allocated for the fall campaign. The Brennan Center study noted that the Bush campaign has spent \$13 million on television since June 1, and the Vice President's campaign \$8 million.

Still, both sides acknowledged that the parties have become more active in selling the candidates than ever before, and that they have been elevated at least to a partnership with the campaigns on advertising. The likely outcome in November, said a Republican campaign official, is a kind of parity among the parties and campaigns, with each of the four entities spending \$40 million to \$50 million on advertising.

Outside groups close margin for Democrats. While the Bush campaign and the RNC spent over \$1.3 million more on TV ads than the Vice President and the DNC during the week ending September 20, outside groups made up the difference for the Democrats. According to the Brennan Center for Justice, which is funded by Pew Research, Handgun Control, Inc. and the AFL-CIO led group spending for the Vice President exceeding \$1.1 million, compared to just \$17,227 of group spending for Bush. Groups backing the Vice President saturated major media markets in the Midwest – Philadelphia, Cleveland, and Detroit, and St. Louis. Since June 1, total independent group spending on ads for the Vice President has exceeded group spending for Bush tenfold -- \$3.6 million to \$334,505.

Where the candidates are spending their money. The Vice President's campaign and the DNC have aired more ads in Green Bay, Wisconsin, than any other market since June 1, with Milwaukee getting the fourth-most attention. The Seattle, Washington, media market has also shown a marked increase in spending recently. On the Republican side, Governor Bush holds a lopsided spending edge over the Vice President in Florida, spending \$6.2 to the Vice President's \$3.1 million there since June 1. During the week ending September 20, Miami, Orlando, and Tampa ranked at the top nationally in the number of ads aired for Bush. The following charts show to the number of TV ads in national and featured markets through September 20:

I- Number of Ads Aired Combined Gore/DNC Campaigns

<u>September 13-20</u>		<u>Since June 1</u>	
Grand Rapids	259	Green Bay	2,322
Green Bay	246	Seattle	2,250
Philadelphia	209	Albuquerque	2,246
Seattle	206	Milwaukee	2,137
Cleveland	201	Philadelphia	2,102
Kansas City	200	Cleveland	2,040
Albuquerque	176	Flint	1,983
Flint	164	Kansas City	1,981
Milwaukee	164	Pittsburgh	1,942
Pittsburgh	113	Grand Rapids	1,915

II- Number of Ads Aired Combined Bush/RNC Campaigns

<u>September 13-20</u>		<u>Since June 1</u>	
Miami	371	Seattle	2,237
Orlando	270	Cleveland	1,984
Tampa	262	Philadelphia	1,896
Philadelphia	219	Grand Rapids	1,867
Grand Rapids	209	Tampa	1,826
Cleveland	208	Miami	1,803
Seattle	206	Harrisburg	1,778
Spokane	193	Spokane	1,741
Kansas City	190	Kansas City	1,723
Harrisburg	163	Orlando	1,709

Vice President offers to forgo soft money spending by the DNC. On Wednesday, the Vice President said that he is ready to order the DNC to stop airing TV and radio ads paid for with soft money if Governor Bush will order the RNC to do the same. His proposal is similar to the one the First Lady and Rep. Rick Lazio (R) agreed to this week in the New York Senate race. A soft money truce would benefit the Vice President because it would nullify the Republican Party's \$18 million cash-on-hand advantage over the Democrats and magnify the Vice President's own campaign money advantage over Bush. The Vice President made the offer in separate phone calls to Senators John McCain (R) and Russell Feingold (D), who have called on both presidential candidates to voluntarily forswear using soft money ads. Governor Bush rejected the offer, arguing that the Vice President and the Democrats cannot be trusted to abide by such an agreement. Senator McCain said Governor Bush had made a mistake in doing so.

Vice President has raised \$60 million for DNC since winning nomination. By the end of next week, the Vice President will have raised \$60 million for the DNC since locking up the Democratic nomination in March. More than \$20 million came within the last two weeks as the Vice President surged in the polls.

Bush-Cheney Campaign

Cheney charges Vice President's call to release oil politically motivated. On Sunday, Dick Cheney made three appearances on TV talk shows: "Fox News Sunday," ABC's "This Week", and CNN "Late Edition." He said the President's decision to release oil from the Strategic Oil reserve looked "blatantly political."

Cheney criticizes Vice President on Occidental holdings. On Monday, Dick Cheney accused the Vice President of a conflict of interest because he advocated keeping a moratorium on royalties U.S. companies would have to pay to drill for natural gas in the Gulf of Mexico -- a measure that would benefit Occidental Petroleum Corp. A family trust in the Vice President's mother's name has holdings in Occidental stock. Cheney said the Vice President should recuse himself from energy policy decisions or have the family trust divest the stock. The comments came as Cheney visited plant floors, schools and business groups across the battleground states of Ohio and Michigan to advertise Bush's tax plan and education proposals.

Bush concentrates on education. On Monday, Governor Bush appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America," and said that focusing on high standards, local control of schools, and strong accountability can make a huge difference. He then launched a three-state (Oregon, Washington, and California) Western swing to promote his proposals to revamp the public education system. Bush said that despite widespread economic prosperity, the nation was in the midst of a crippling "education recession" characterized by

low expectations on the part of the federal government and some local school administrators. Bush talked about "the soft bigotry of lowered expectations." The Bush campaign also began distributing a 16-page booklet called *Ending the Education Recession*. Bush repeated his earlier pledges to set aside \$5 billion over five years for an early reading education program, saying children who learn to read will encounter -- and present -- fewer problems later in their academic careers.

Bush's appearances on education were backed by a new ad of his own as well as a second new RNC ad that began airing Tuesday in 17 states. The RNC ad says that U.S. children rank last in the world in math and physics, and that most fourth graders can't read. Critics from the education community immediately disputed the aid. "Last in the world" really means 18th out of 21 countries surveyed and only for U.S. High School seniors. U.S. fourth graders ranked 12 in math and tied for third in science. "Most fourth graders can't read," refers, it turns out, only to students in high poverty areas. And even there, critics say, the students can read, albeit it with difficulty.

Under Bush's plan, the federal government's role should be limited and each state and locality would be charged with setting its own standards and testing procedures. The testing period, Bush says, should last some three years. If poorly performing schools do not make a marked improvement in student reading levels and comprehensive test scores, a substantial portion of their federal funding will be withheld from them at the end of those three years. What would have been destined for schools would then be divided up and turned into education vouchers for parents -- estimated to be worth some \$1,500 per child per school year -- to be used to pay tuition costs at privately run institutions, if the parents so decide.

Republicans attack Vice President's statement about being involved with Strategic Oil Reserve since its creation. On Monday, the Bush campaign and energy experts attacked a statement the Vice President made which they say was an exaggeration since it implied he was integrally involved in the creation of the Strategic Oil Reserve, when, in fact, he was not in Congress when it was created. On Friday, the Vice President said: "I've been part of the discussion on the Strategic Oil Reserve since the days it was first established." Over the weekend, his campaign clarified that he had been in Congress when the oil reserves were filled and was a member of a key committee with oversight over the project. Republicans countered that the Vice President could not have had any meaningful role in the creation of the reserve since it was signed into law in 1975, two years before the Vice President went to Congress. Further, they said that the reserves were being filled with oil by the middle of 1977, just five months after he became a Member of the House of Representatives.

Bush on "Larry King Live. On Tuesday night, Governor Bush and his wife, Laura appeared on the "Larry King Live" show and Bush said the Vice President was indulging in "Mediscare" when he said Republicans were interested in cutting Medicare. Bush defended his tax plan, saying that all Americans, regardless of income, should get tax relief. Bush also accused the Vice President of being "inconsistent," rather than lying.

Bush focusing on five states. On Wednesday, the *Boston Globe* reported that Governor Bush is focusing on Florida, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan in the final stretch. In order to do so, he is spending less money on California, New Jersey and Illinois than was originally planned. In California, however, Bush campaign officials have promised to ratchet up soon, and plan to spend about \$8 million for ads in the last six weeks before the election. And in Illinois, former President Bush campaigned for his son. The elder Bush said that morality has eroded in the White House under the present Administration. President Bush will also appear at two fundraisers in North Carolina on October 12, the day after the presidential debate at Wake Forest University.

Bush would appoint Susan Combs Secretary of Agriculture. On Thursday, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported that Governor Bush plans to appoint Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs as the first female U.S. Secretary of Agriculture if he is elected President.

Bush mobilizes GOP Members of Congress, especially women. On Thursday, Governor Bush announced that he was deploying female Members of Congress to key states to help deliver his message of "compassionate conservatism." The plan is part of a wider effort to use GOP Members of Congress to represent Bush at events over the next six weeks, and is in sharp contrast to the Republican National Convention when Bush downplayed his connection to Congress.

Bush, RNC begin voter ID, advocacy calls. The Bush campaign began telephoning voters this week, making a pitch for Bush's Medicare plan. The Bush camp will be supported by the RNC, which will have \$50 million to spend on voter turnout, including phone banks, databases of voters, yard signs and mailings. The budget is up from \$35 million predicted just six weeks ago. The RNC is also developing a sophisticated e-mail outreach, gathering nearly 500,000 e-mail addresses already and looking for more.

Bush rips Vice President's economic plan. On Thursday, campaigning in Green Bay, Wisconsin and Pontiac, Michigan, Governor Bush tried to paint the Vice President as a big-spending friend of big government who would jeopardize the new era of budget surpluses after decades of deficits. After more than a year of trying to disparage the association of the Vice President with the President, now Bush tried to fault the Vice President for not being more like the President. Bush tacitly praised the President's past calls for an end to "big government" and said the Vice President was not heeding them. Bush said that the Vice President had strayed from the ideas of the Democratic Leadership Council and cast his lot with the "old Democratic Party." (After the speech, Will Marshall, a founder of the DLC, repudiated Bush's assertions.) Bush emphasized the possibility of a sharp economic downturn and said that his proposed tax cut would be insurance against that. "Putting more money into the hands of the earners and creators of wealth, before trouble comes, would give our current expansion a second wind," Bush said.

Bush unveils energy plan. On Friday, in Saginaw, Michigan, Governor Bush unveiled his own energy plan contained in a 19-page "Comprehensive Energy Policy." The proposal, he said, "helps low-income households with their energy bills, encourages the development of renewable and alternative fuels and, recognizing that alternative sources supply less than 4 percent of U.S. energy needs, promotes access to foreign oil and the development of U.S. oil, coal and natural gas resources." Among 23 initiatives, Bush proposed opening 8% of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil drilling, but said he would use the royalties and bidding fees for conservation programs and to provide heat for the poor. Bush's proposals total \$7.1 billion over 10 years, \$3.1 billion of which would come from revenues from royalties and bid fees. Bush accused the Administration of dragging its feet in producing an energy policy. He said oil consumption is increasing while domestic production is dropping and U.S. imports of foreign oil are skyrocketing, resulting in America being, more than ever, at the mercy of foreign governments and cartels – and at the mercy of big foreign oil.

Speaking in Maryland, shortly after Governor Bush, the Vice President took issue with Bush's plans. The Vice President said he would prohibit oil companies from drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge – one of the country's environmental treasures. To reduce dependence on foreign oil and protect the environment, the Vice President would give families up to \$6,000 to purchase more fuel-efficient cars and Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs), along with other tax breaks for the purchase of energy-efficient vehicles, building equipment and homes. He would also make new investments in light rail systems, cleaner buses and high-speed trains that would not only help end the nation's dependence on foreign oil, but also cut traffic and reduce smog. The Vice President would also help bring new energy-efficient and

environmental technologies to the marketplace, and double the tax credit for operating costs associated with generating electrical energy through wind, biomass and other methods.

OTHER CAMPAIGN NEWS

Some CBS stations will beef up campaign coverage. Starting Monday, CBS said 17 of its major-market TV stations will bolster their campaign coverage until Election Day by carrying five minutes of news and features emphasizing political candidates. NBC and Fox were expected to follow with similar plans. The move follows the recommendations of a presidential commission on television's public interest.

Drug companies favoring GOP with donations. FEC reports for August showed that three major pharmaceutical companies -- Eli Lilly & Co., Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. and Pharmacia & Upjohn Co. -- contributed \$600,000 to the National Republican Senatorial Committee during a two-week period in August. This occurred just as Democrats in a number of tight Senate races stepped up their promotion of a prescription drug benefit opposed by the industry. In addition, Bristol-Myers and Schering-Plough Corp. contributed \$100,000 and \$107,200 respectively to the Republican National Committee. Since 1996, \$2 out of every \$3 in contributions to candidates by these companies has gone to Republicans. By the middle of this year, they had given \$10.5 million to Republicans. The issue of prescription drugs is playing a major role in tight Senate races in Florida, Michigan, Missouri and Washington.

Philadelphia teachers' strike could hurt Vice President at the polls. Reports suggest that the Philadelphia teachers' union is considering an election-eve strike that would mean picket lines in front of schools that double as polling places. Union members say they would not cross the picket line even if it meant not being able to vote for the Vice President. If Democrats are to win Pennsylvania, they would need a large turnout in Philadelphia.

NARAL plans \$5 million GOTV drive. On Tuesday, NARAL announced that it will spend \$5 million for a 15-state grass roots campaign designed to affect the outcome of the presidential race, as well as two dozen House races and nine Senate races, by targeting independent and Republican voters who support abortion rights. NARAL says this will be the largest such effort by the group. They hope to reach 2 million voters, roughly 3%-10% of the voters in the 15 targeted states, peppering them with phone calls and direct mail between now and election day. The targeted states are: California, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Retired generals' endorsement of Bush criticized. On Monday, *The New York Times* and CBS News ran stories about the fact that more and more people in uniform, particularly in the officer corps, have tilted toward the Republican Party. Retired General Wesley Clark, the now-retired commander of the war against Serbia, is quoted as saying he thought endorsing candidates throws a shadow across the active duty military. Clark said: "I think the shadow is to encourage people who are still wearing the uniform to align themselves, or consider aligning themselves politically."

AFL-CIO spending \$1 million a week on anti-Bush ads. The AFL-CIO has been spending more than \$1 million a week on a TV ad sharply critical of Bush ads in Ohio, Michigan, Missouri and Pennsylvania. The ads, which began running in mid-September and concluded this week, criticize Bush's treatment of a teacher retirement fund in Texas. The union may return to the airwaves before Election Day.

Human Rights Campaign launches ad attack campaign. On Monday, the Human Rights Campaign announced that it would begin a four-day, \$75,000 radio, TV and print ad campaign calling on Governor

Bush and the GOP leadership to support the hate crimes legislation recently passed by the House and Senate. The ads will target the following House and Senate members:

Speaker Dennis Hastert (IL-14)	Senator Rod Grams (MN)
Rep. James Rogan (CA-27)	Senator Spencer Abraham (MI)
Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (MS)	Senator Slade Gorton (WA)
Senator Rick Santorum (PA)	

Fox and NBC will skip first presidential debate. Two television networks will not air the October 3 presidential debate between the Vice President and Governor Bush. Instead, Fox will air entertainment programming, with the debate carried by its corporate partner, Fox News Channel. NBC will broadcast a first-round baseball playoff game instead of the debate, in keeping with its contract with Major League Baseball.

“President Bartlett” criticizes Bush in ad. Handgun Control Inc. is spending about a half million dollars to air a new campaign commercial featuring Martin Sheen, who plays President Bartlett on NBC’s “The West Wing,” criticizing Governor Bush’s record on gun control. “Should the next president be the candidate of the gun lobby?” Sheen asks, speaking to the camera with an American flag filling the background. “Should he have signed a bill that allows hidden handguns in churches, hospitals and amusement parks? That’s Governor Bush’s record,” says Sheen. Handgun Control approached Sheen about taping the ad after his brother, Joe Estevez, did a voiceover for a gun industry commercial. The brothers have similar voices, and Sheen accused the industry of trying to deceive viewers into thinking it was he who was the announcer. Sheen’s commercial will air in Cleveland, Milwaukee and St. Louis, all large cities in states that are important to the presidential election. It comes on the heels of a \$1.4 million run in seven cities of another Handgun Control ad about Bush.

U.S. HOUSE 2000

GOP “Battleground” program passes \$10 million. On Monday, House Republicans passed the \$10 million mark in their member-to-member fundraising program designed to pour hard money into targeted races. The program, called “Battleground 2000” was launched June 30 and aims to raise \$16 million.

McCain does ads for GOP candidates. On Wednesday, Senator John McCain (R) taped a series of radio ads for 35 Republicans running for House seats. Next week he is slated to tape similar TV spots. McCain also plans to travel to 20 states, including California, Washington, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York and South Carolina, on behalf of 30 GOP candidates.

DCCC targeting \$50 million for key races. On Wednesday, DCCC Chairman Patrick Kennedy said that Democrats will spend more than \$50 million on 29 targeted races. He also said that his committee is more than two-thirds of the way toward its goal of raising more than \$5 million in hard money from the Democratic Members, with 13 of them giving at least \$100,000 apiece from their campaign accounts in just the last two weeks. Kennedy displayed a mock-up of DCCC spending in a typical top-tier challenger’s race. It listed \$150,000 in spending for base turnout, \$600,000 on television, \$100,000 on radio, \$150,000 on mail and \$50,000 on phone banks.

AR-04: Senior citizen group endorses Ross. On Tuesday, state Senator Mike Ross (D) received the endorsement of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. The organization is the nation’s second-largest senior citizens advocacy group and has more than 38,000 members in Arkansas.

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CA-20: Rodriguez narrowly leads Dooley. According to a poll commissioned by the *Fresno Bee* conducted September 13-20, former newscaster Rich Rodriguez (R) is leading incumbent Democrat Cal Dooley (D), 42%-38%. Both candidates have internal polling that gives them the edge, and Dooley said that historically, he has faced tight races at this stage of the campaign.

Some poli areas look good for Dooley: his favorable rating is 56%, and he has a much higher name recognition in Kern County, where he rolled to a solid victory in the primary. On the other hand, Rodriguez is pulling one-in-four Democrats in the poll, 43% of Dooley's poll backers said they might change their mind, and 18% said they were undecided. Another area of concern for Dooley is the presidential race, where the *Bee* poll shows Governor Bush leading the Vice President 45%-40%. The Hispanic vote could swing the election, and Rodriguez is Hispanic. The poll shows Dooley currently leading Rodriguez in the Hispanic vote 48%-30%, with 21% remaining undecided.

CA-27: Gay rights group targets Rogan. On Tuesday, the Human Rights Campaign became the latest group to attack Rep. James Rogan (R) in his race against state Senator Adam Schiff (D). The group spent \$75,000 running four days of radio spots against Rogan and others who have opposed hate-crimes legislation. The ad says: "The U.S. Senate voted to extend hate crimes legislation and the House voted to support it. The American public overwhelmingly supports it. But George W. Bush and Rep. James Rogan actively oppose hate crimes legislation."

FL-08: NRCC forced to pull another ad from Orlando television stations. Last Tuesday, the NRCC had to pull a second ad, which had been running on two local TV stations after charges it made against former Orange County Chair Linda Chapin (D) were proven unfounded. The ad maintained that Chapin authorized Orange County to spend \$144,000 on 37 palm trees during her tenure as county chair. In fact, the trees were paid for by the city of Orlando. Earlier, the NRCC had to pull another ad because it also contained charges against Chapin that were untrue. Bill Bauman, general manager of the local NBC affiliate, WESH, stated that the network was going to review carefully every spot that comes in from the NRCC because of their "track record for inaccuracy." Meanwhile, last Thursday the NRCC began running a third TV ad, a replacement ad for one of the ads it had to pull. Linda Chapin will face State Rep. Bill Sublette (R) or attorney Ric Keller (R) after their October 3 primary run-off for the 8th Congressional District.

KS-03: Moore leads Kline in internal poll. The Dennis Moore (D) campaign tells the Office of Political Affairs that an internal tracking poll conducted earlier this week showed Moore leading Phill Kline (R) 51%-34% in this extremely Republican district. Moore is the first Democrat in 40 years to get elected to the seat. The President is participating in a fundraiser for Moore in Washington on Monday.

The Moore campaign has raised over \$1.4 million and has spent \$1 million for TV ads, which started September 18 and will continue through Election Day. The DCCC has also spent around \$650,000 for TV ads, which started September 19 and will run through Election Day.

The Moore campaign does not know how much Kline has raised because he had a late primary (August 1) and doesn't have to report his finances until October 15. However, the NRCC has spent almost \$1 million on TV ads and is still buying more. Those ads began September 26 and will continue straight through the election. Governor Bill Graves (R) is boosting his support for Kline to refute rumors that his support is half-hearted. Graves is scheduled for two fundraisers during the week of October 5-10. At the October 10 event, 1996 GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole will be present.

Kline has received the endorsement of the right-wing Club For Growth, a Section 527 organization that is in the process of reorganizing so it can still maintain donor anonymity. The Moore campaign feels the

key issue in the campaign is the extent to which the Republican Party can repair past rifts between its moderate and conservative wings in the district and unite behind Kline. Kline is from the most conservative wing. Moore is trying to make the case that Kline is an extremist while Moore is an independent.

KY-03: Northup-Jordan race too close to call. According to the *Courier-Journal's* Bluegrass poll conducted September 18-24 among likely voters, Rep. Anne Northup (R) is leading state Rep. Eleanor Jordan (D) 45%-42%, with Libertarian candidate Donna Walker Mancini (L) receiving 4%. Analysts believe Jordan's chances could depend on voter turnout, especially among her fellow African Americans, and the NAACP and other groups are making special efforts to register these voters. In 1998, when Northup won her second term in Congress, she drew almost one-fifth of the African American vote in Jefferson County's two predominantly African American legislative districts. The Bluegrass poll indicates that she has lost most of that support. Jordan led among African Americans by ten to one, although almost one-fifth were undecided.

Jordan has spent about \$1 million in ads against Northup and Northup's chief aide admits they have hurt. Northup's ads have attacked Jordan's voting record in the legislature, most recently on taxes, but most notably by showing a tape of Jordan urging colleagues to finish passing a bill because she had a fundraiser to get to.

In Kentucky's first all-woman congressional race, women's votes could be decisive. Jordan has supported abortion rights while Northup opposes them with some exceptions. Another target group for Jordan could be households with a union member, about 20% of the district. Unions are solidly behind Jordan but their members are not.

MN-04: Eugene McCarthy endorses Independence Party candidate. Former Senator Eugene McCarthy has endorsed Independence Party candidate Tom Foley (I) in his race against state Rep. Betty McCollum (DFL) and state Senator Linda Runbeck (R). On Friday, GOP Conference Chair J.C. Watts visited Bethel College to campaign for Runbeck.

MT-At large: NRA endorses Rehberg, Keenan leads in polls. Last Friday, the National Rifle Association endorsed former Lt. Governor Dennis Rehberg (R) for Congress, citing Rehberg's consistent support for the right to keep and bear arms. Rehberg is running against State Superintendent of Public Instruction Nancy Keenan (D). A Mason-Dixon poll conducted September 21-23 among registered voters shows Keenan leading Rehberg 45%-40%, and a Lake, Snell, Perry poll (D) conducted September 17-20 shows her leading 47%-39%. According to this poll, Keenan has an 18-point lead among women (51%-33%) while Rehberg has a slight lead among men (46%-42%).

OK-02: Republican poll shows Carson and Ewing in a statistical dead heat. A poll by Cole, Hargrave, Snodgrass and Associates (R) conducted from September 23-25 for car dealer Andy Ewing (R) shows attorney Brad Carson (D) trailing by 4 points, 39%-43%, within the margin of error. On Friday, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt (D) and DCCC Chair Patrick Kennedy (D) attended a fundraiser for Carson in Tulsa. The current representative from the district, Tom Coburn (R), is self-term-limited.

UT-02: NRCC and Smith launch campaign ads. On Tuesday, the RNCC began running television ads for candidate Derek Smith (R), paid for by over \$1 million of party funds. At the same time, the DCCC kicked in its first installment of \$250,000 for ads promoting Jim Matheson (D), which highlighted Matheson's non-partisan approach to Congress and focused on the high costs of prescription drugs. A *Deseret News/KSL-TV* poll conducted Sept. 18-21 found Matheson with a strong lead of 14 points over Smith, 46%-32%. The poll also found Matheson gets 26% support from Republicans and leads Smith

46%-27% among independent voters. Matheson has played down his party affiliation and moved towards the core centrist values that Utahans hold dear. As of last week, Matheson had raised over \$900,000, none from his own pockets, while Smith funded his contested primary bid with \$600,000 of his own money.

WA-05: Republican endorses Democrat. Last Friday, Richard Clear (R), who lost to Rep. George Nethercutt (R) in last week's open primary, endorsed Tom Keefe (D) for the general election. Clear had criticized Nethercutt for backing out of his pledge to serve just three terms in the House. "It's time we look at the man, not the party," Clear said.

U.S. SENATE 2000

Republican Senators follow Abraham's lead on prescription drugs. Last week, party committees and Republican Senators Ashcroft (MO), Burns (MT), and Grams (MN) launched attack ads that mimic Michigan Senator Spencer Abraham's (R) strategy in his race against Debbie Stabenow (D). Abraham has been able to blunt Stabenow's use of the prescription drug issue by launching an advertising barrage proclaiming his support for a plan sponsored by GOPers including Senator McCain. In Missouri, the NRSC underwrote more than \$500,000 worth of ads that accuse Governor Mel Carnahan (D) of having "bureaucrats deciding which drugs seniors can get, leaving seniors on the hook for thousands of dollars in drug bills," according to ad scripts.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut voters split on whether Lieberman should seek Senate seat and Vice Presidency simultaneously. On Monday, when Senator Lieberman returned to Connecticut to run both for reelection to the Senate and for election to the Vice Presidency, he faced a Quinnipiac poll published last week showing that while he has an 80% job approval rating, Connecticut voters are split 45% for and 46% against his running for both offices at the same time. Lieberman said he and the voters have "agreed to disagree" on that point, while noting that polls show him with an overwhelming lead over Senate opponent Philip Giordano (R), the mayor of Waterbury, who lacks money and name recognition. Under state law, Lieberman has until October 27 to decide whether to drop out of the Senate race and allow the 72-member state Democratic Central Committee to pick a replacement for him. The man mentioned most often as the replacement candidate is state Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, (D) who would be heavily favored to beat Giordano. On Wednesday, a *New York Times* editorial urged Senator Lieberman to forgo the Senate race.

MINNESOTA

Dayton ahead of Grams by 14 points. According to a *Star Tribune* Minnesota poll conducted September 23-27, millionaire and former state auditor Mark Dayton (D) now leads Senator Rod Grams (R) 49%-35%, with Independence Party candidate James Gibson (I) at 3%. Some analysts attribute the large lead to the millions of dollars of TV ads Dayton aired during his recent primary race. Women favor Dayton over Grams 54%-29% and voters over 65 chose Dayton 66%-25%.

A *St. Paul Pioneer Press/KARE-TV/Minnesota Public Radio* poll conducted September 22-25 showed Dayton with a smaller lead, 46%-41%, while 4% back James Gibson (I) and 9% remain undecided.

MONTANA

Burns leads Schweitzer by 9 points. A Mason-Dixon poll conducted September 21-23 among likely voters showed Senator Conrad Burns (R) leading farmer Brian Schweitzer (D) 48%-39%. Reform Party candidate Gary Lee received 1% and 12% were undecided. Burns leads among men 53%-36%, but among women only by 43%-42%. Burns is strongest in eastern Montana where he was once a Billings broadcaster, while Schweitzer is strongest in western Montana. Today, Schweitzer is far better known

than he was in May. At that time, a poll showed 35% of voters did not recognize his name. Today, only 11% do not recognize it.

DSCC lawyers ask TV stations to pull ads. In a letter to Montana TV station managers, DSCC lawyers asked that they pull a new ad by the Montana Republican Party charging that U.S. Senate candidate Brian Schweitzer (D) is using money from pharmaceutical companies to pay for campaign ads after promising not to accept donations from the industry. In reality, the commercial in question was paid for by the DSCC, not the Schweitzer campaign, but the GOP says that is a distinction without a difference.

NEVADA

DSCC buys more ads hitting Ensign on abortion position. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee has purchased \$250,000 more in ads blasting former Rep. John Ensign (R) after a poll last week showed Ed Bernstein (D) trailing Ensign by just 41%-37%. The ad says that Bernstein is “solidly pro-choice” while repeating that Ensign “wants to make abortion illegal,” “supports a constitutional ban on abortion,” and “opposes abortion even in cases of rape and incest.” The ad continues: “Ensign even said an 11-year-old rape victim and her family should have no choice.” Asked about abortions for 11-year-olds who become pregnant from rape, Ensign said: “I believe that helping them find a home for that baby is the best thing for them psychologically.”

NEW JERSEY

Corzine has committed \$12 million for fall campaign. Senate candidate Jon Corzine (D) has spent or signed contracts to spend \$12 million – about \$1.7 million per week – for television advertising on Philadelphia and New York City television stations for the nine weeks of the fall campaign. His campaign has spent \$5 million to secure advertising time during the Olympic Games. The contracts document that Corzine has spent almost \$50 million in this contest. His opponent, Rep. Bob Franks (R), meanwhile, has less than \$2 million and has not contracted for any television time.

Corzine went negative for the first time this week, attacking Franks for joining with Newt Gingrich in trying to cut Medicare, Medicaid and nursing home standards. This was likely an attempt to shift the momentum after a number of weeks of being under fire for his personal finances. Corzine, after weeks of delay, finally opened the books of his private foundation, which revealed a \$25,000 contribution to the Black Ministers Council whose leader, the Reverend Reginald Jackson, endorsed Corzine in the Democratic primary. (During the primary, Corzine had insisted he did not use his private foundation to curry political favor.) Corzine has also been criticized for failing to release his tax returns. Fifty Franks supporters this week protested outside of Corzine’s former firm (Goldman, Sachs). Franks noted that Senator Lieberman, who campaigned with Corzine this week, has released his tax returns. Corzine claims that a confidentiality agreement with the company prevents him from being able to release the returns, and that he has asked the firm to release him from that agreement.

PENNSYLVANIA

Klink airs response ad on missed votes. The Pennsylvania GOP has begun airing an attack ad criticizing Rep. Ron Klink (D) for missing 30% of this year’s votes while campaigning for the Senate. Klink’s first ad of the campaign points to his 95% attendance record and then proceeds to attack his opponent, Senator Rick Santorum (R) for opposing the Family and Medical Leave Act and a prescription drug benefit in Medicare. The ad says: “When Rick Santorum votes, he hurts Pennsylvania.”

RHODE ISLAND

DSCC puts \$300,000 behind Weygand. In the two and a half weeks since the primary victory of Robert Weygand (D) the DSCC has booked \$300,000 of TV time for an ad on his behalf. In small Rhode Island, this means that the target audience will see the ad, on average 10 times a week.

NATIONAL ISSUES

Social Security actuary finds little benefit in Kasich plan, seen as surrogate for Bush plan.

According to the deputy chief actuary of Social Security, the detailed Social Security plan offered by retiring Rep. John Kasich (R) would bring relatively little gain in benefits compared with the current system while adding a new element of risk. The Kasich plan is viewed by many as what a Bush plan, now deliberately vague on details, would look like when it reaches Congress. The Kasich plan is the only plan now before Congress containing all the elements Bush advocates.

STATE NEWS

ARKANSAS

Judge sentences Archie Schaffer. On Monday, U.S. District Judge James Robertson reluctantly sentenced Tyson Foods executive Archie Schaffer to a year in prison for illegally trying to influence former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy. Robertson, who overturned Schaffer's convictions twice and has been reversed both times, said the vice president of the nation's largest poultry producer deserves only probation and a fine. But Robertson said he was bound by the 93-year old agriculture law under which Schaffer was convicted. Independent Counsel David Schmaltz, who requested a three-year sentence, said he would decide in a couple of days whether to appeal.

CALIFORNIA

Governor Davis approves parole for convicted murderer. For the first time since taking office, Governor Gray Davis (D) has authorized parole for a convicted murderer, deciding that she feared for her life when she killed her former boyfriend in 1986. On Sunday, Davis agreed with the Board of Prison Terms that Rose Ann Parker should be freed. However, Davis modified the Board's finding by extending Parker's sentence until December 8, so that she would complete her minimum sentence of 15 years. If he had not done this, Parker would have been freed on Sunday. Davis had vowed previously that he would not free people convicted of murder for any reason.

California voucher initiative falling further behind, attacks Davis. Proposition 38, a school vouchers initiative on the November ballot, is facing an uphill battle. A *Public Policy Institute of California* poll taken September 5-11 among 1,651 registered voters showed Proposition 38 failing 53%-37%.

Proponents of Proposition 38 have released a TV ad – at a cost of \$3.5 million for ten days – that doesn't mention the word "voucher." Instead, the ad focuses on blasting highly popular Governor Gray Davis (D) for allegedly "selling out" to powerful teachers' unions. Some see the ad as the opening volley of a potential challenge to Davis by Proposition 38's backer Tim Draper (R) in the 2002 California gubernatorial race.

Last week, researchers for the non-partisan Policy Analysis for California Education warned that California stands to lose \$2.6 billion annually – and gain little academically – if voters pass Proposition 38. They said it is unlikely enough students would leave the school system in order for the state to break even on the cost of the voucher program.

A *Public Policy Institute of California* poll taken from September 5-11 showed that Proposition 39, which would allow passage of local school bond measures with 55% of a popular vote rather than the current two-thirds, is supported by 49% of the voters. Opposition to the initiative increases from 37% to 48% when voters learn that the initiative could lead to property tax increases.

California public approves of Davis. A *Public Policy Institute of California* taken September 5-11 showed that California Governor Gray Davis (D) continues to enjoy high approval ratings. Sixty-seven percent of Californians approve of the governor's performance while only 25% disapprove. However, Californians disapproved of the governor's conduct during the recent energy deregulation crisis in San Diego. Among Californians closely following the story, 34% approved while 45% disapproved of Davis' handling of the crisis.

Davis signs bill against racial profiling. On Wednesday, Governor Gray Davis (D) signed a bill intended to ensure that police don't single out motorists for "driving while black" – stopping non-white drivers for minor infractions on the assumption they might have committed a more serious crime. The bill disappointed civil rights advocates who had pushed for more sweeping legislation which would have, among other things, required police departments to keep data on the races of drivers pulled over. Some police departments, such as the Los Angeles Police Department, have agreed to voluntarily begin compiling such data, and the bill requires an analysis of such voluntary statistics. The compromise measure codifies in state law what had already been declared by the courts: it is illegal for police to stop motorists solely on the basis of race or ethnicity.

FLORIDA

Christopher Korge subject of law suit. On Wednesday, lawyer Norman Powell filed a suit against his former partner, Christopher Korge, a powerful Miami-Dade County lobbyist who is one of the Democratic Party's top fundraisers. The suit accuses Korge of swindling Powell out of hundreds of thousands of dollars by engaging in a pattern of self-dealing and revenue diversion. Powell said Korge promised him a full partnership in the law firm the two worked at although there is nothing in writing saying this. Korge denies the charges and disputes Powell's contention that he was a partner of the firm, saying instead that Powell was a salaried employee and was paid for his work.

The dispute surrounds the finances of a firm the two men started in the fall of 1998, Korge & Powell. The firm's client list includes such big-name firms as BellSouth Telecommunications, Host-Marriott, GFC Crane Consultants and Ackerly Outdoor Advertising. Powell says that during the summer he happened to read in the firm's ledger book that Korge had withdrawn \$500,000 during a time when he was telling Powell that the firm was still not making substantial profits. Powell later learned that the firm was profitable since its inception, making more than \$2.5 million in profits in its first 22 months.

MINNESOTA

Vento worsening, attorney to file lawsuit. On Wednesday, an attorney for Minnesota Rep. Bruce Vento (D), whose cancer is described as having spread to his remaining lung, said he is hurrying to file a suit accusing 11 companies of negligently exposing Vento to asbestos fibers between 1958 and 1969. Defendants in the lawsuit include several companies described as suppliers of asbestos and asbestos products, including several Minnesota firms. Vento's lawyer said Vento's exposure to asbestos probably came while he worked at one or more of four St. Paul manufacturing plants while in his late teens and 20s. A person familiar with Vento's battle with mesothelioma, a rare cancer almost always associated with asbestos exposure years earlier, said the 12-term House Democrat's prognosis is grim.

MONTANA

Martz leading O'Keefe in new poll. In the gubernatorial race, a Mason-Dixon poll conducted September 21-23 showed Lt. Governor Judy Martz (R) leading state auditor Mark O'Keefe (D) 43%-41%, with 15% undecided and 1% backing Stan Jones (L). The President is participating in a fundraiser for O'Keefe Monday.

O'Keefe blasts group running false ads against him. On Monday, Montana gubernatorial candidate Mark O'Keefe (D) refuted a new advertising campaign sponsored by some of Montana's largest corporations alleging that O'Keefe's proposals would increase state spending by \$120 million. O'Keefe called the television spots financed by People for Montana "false, negative attack ads" by a group determined to shift their tax burden to individual Montana taxpayers, and he asked that the group withdraw the ads and change its name. O'Keefe charged that the corporations who financed People for Montana supported his opponent, Lieutenant Governor Judy Martz (R), because she had promised to remove the business equipment tax. A spokeswoman for People of Montana denied the allegation that the group was supporting Martz, but asserted it was merely speaking out on an economic issue critical to Montana's future.

O'Keefe also reported on Monday that he would continue to push forward with his spending priorities if elected, despite fast-shrinking state general-fund budget projections. A report issued last Friday by state legislative fiscal analysts showed that the state's general-fund surplus, projected four months ago to be \$97 million, had fallen to \$31 million as of June 30, 2001. If voters adopt three November ballot issues concerning the tobacco trust fund, inheritance tax and motor vehicle registration fees, the projected ending fund balance in mid-2001 could decrease to -\$25.4 million. Even if budget surplus funds continue to shrink, O'Keefe pledged that education funding was still his top budget priority.

NORTH DAKOTA

Heitkamp has cancer surgery. On Monday, Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp (D) underwent a modified radical mastectomy on her right breast. She went home from the hospital and campaign aides said that she is in a lot of pain. She has to heal more before the next course of medical action is determined. Her campaign manager said she did not know when Heitkamp would be able to resume a full campaign schedule against banker John Hoeven (R). Heitkamp's campaign office is swamped with calls of support and messages that North Dakotans do not want her to drop out of the race.

THE WEEK AHEAD

	POTUS	VPOTUS	FLOTUS	MEG
Saturday, September 30				Events in Las Vegas
Sunday, October 1		Debate prep in Sarasota, FL		
Monday, October 2	Receptions for Mark O'Keefe and Carol Williams (MT) and Rep. Dennis Moore (KS-03)	Events and debate prep in Sarasota, FL	Campaign events in Albany and Buffalo, NY	Events in Wilkes-Barre, PA
Tuesday, October 3	Events for NY Senate in Miami, FL, and for DCCC on Jupiter Island, FL	Presidential debate in Boston, MA	Campaign events in NYC	DNC lunch in Providence, RI, and presidential debate in Boston

	POTUS	VPOTUS	FLOTUS	MEG
Wednesday, October 4	Event for NY Senate on Jupiter Island, FL, and lunch for Corrine Brown (FL-03) in Jacksonville, FL, and receptions for John Kelly (NM-01) and FLOTUS in DC	Events in Youngstown and Warren, OH and Bon Jovi dinner in Red Bank, NJ	Reception with the POTUS in DC	Events in Youngstown and Warren, OH and Bon Jovi dinner in Red Bank, NJ
Thursday, October 5	Receptions for Rep. Rangel (NY- 15) and Gov. Carper (DE) in NYC	Message event in Grand Rapids, MI, and vice presidential debate watch in Orlando, FL	Empire State Pride Agenda Dinner and Jewish Week forum in NYC	Vice presidential debate watch in Orlando, FL
Friday, October 6	Receptions for AFL-CIO and Reps. Mark Udall (CO-02) and Tom Udall (NM-03) in DC	Campaign events in Orlando, FL		Campaign events in Orlando, FL

POTUS Job Approval Rating/Mood of Nation

Job Approval Rating	Poll/Date Conducted
55%/43%	Los Angeles Times (9/23-25)
54%/51%	Voter.Com/Battleground (9/24-27)
45%/49%	Fox News (9/20-21)
57%/37%	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (9/18-20)

Generic House Ballot/Congress Job Approval

Democrat	Republican	Undecided/Other	Poll/Date Conducted
39%	40%	21%	Lake Snell Perry-(D) and Tarrance Group-(R) (9/21, 24-26)
47%	45%	8%	Los Angeles Times (9/23-25)
40%	38%	22%	Voter.Com/Battleground (9/24-27)
39%	40%	21%	Battleground-(R) (9/28)
39%	37%	24%	Zogby (9/20-23)
36%	36%	28%	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (9/18-20)

House Races

State	Candidate	Matchup	Fav/Unfav	Poll/Date Conducted
CA 20	Rep. Cal Dooley (D)	38%	55%/13%	Fresno Bee/ABC30 (9/13-20)
	Rich Rodriguez (R)	42%	56%/27%	
	Undecided	18%		
	Rep. Cal Dooley (D)	45%	57%/28%	Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin and Associates (8/27-31)
	Rich Rodriguez (R)	39%		
	Undecided	14%		
CT 05	Rep. James Maloney (D)	53%		Global Strategy Group (8/9-12)
	Rep. Mark Nielson (R)	28%		
	Undecided	16%		
	Rep. James Maloney (D)	44%		Nielson/Hartford Courant (9/27)
	Rep. Mark Nielson (R)	37%		
	Undecided	--		

GA-07	Roger Kahn (D)	41%		Anzalone Research-(D), (9/18-20)
	Rep. Bob Barr (R)	47%		
	Undecided	12%		
IL-10	State Rep. Lauren Beth Gash (D)	38%		Gash Campaign (9/7-10)
	Mark Kirk (R)	34%		
	Undecided	28%		
KY 03	Rep. Eleanor Jordan (D)	40%		<i>Bluegrass State/Louisville Courier-Journal</i> (9/18-24)
	Rep. Anne Northup (R)	42%		
	Donna Walker Mancini (Libertarian)	4%		
KY 06	Rep. Scotty Baesler (D)	36%		<i>Lexington Herald –Leader/WKYT-TV</i> 9/7-17)
	Rep. Ernie Fletcher (R)	42%		
	Gatewood Galbraith (Reform)	8%		
	Undecided	8%		
MI 08	Senator Dianne Byrum (D)	40%	37%/12%	<i>Detroit Free Press/WNEM-TV</i> (9/19-21)
	State Senator Mike Rogers (R)	42%	37%/9%	
	Bonnie Bucqueroux (Green Party)	2%	2%/1%	
	Undecided	16%		
MT	Nancy Keenan (D)	45%	44%/23%	Mason- Dixon/ <i>The Billings Gazette</i> (9/21-23)
	Dennis Rehberg (R)	40%	38%/20%	
	Jack Tikalsky (Libertarian)	1%		
	Undecided	14%		
	Nancy Keenan (D)	47%		Lake Snell Perry Poll- (D), (9/17-20)
	Dennis Rehberg (R)	39%		
	Jack Tikalsky (Libertarian)	2%		
	Undecided	12%		
	Nancy Keenan (D)	45%		Mason-Dixon/ <i>The Billings Gazette</i> (9/21-23)
	Dennis Rehberg (R)	40%		
	Jack Tikalsky (Libertarian)	1%		
	Undecided	14%		
NC 11	Attorney Sam Neill (D)	36%		Cooper and Secrest Associates 9/22-24)
	Representative Charles Taylor (R)	44%		
	Undecided	-		
NM 01	Former U.S. Attorney John Kelly (D)	34%		<i>Albuquerque Journal</i> (9/7-13)
	Rep. Heather Wilson (R)	49%		
	Dan Kerlinsky (Green)	4%		
	Undecided	13%		

NV 01	Representative Shelley Berkeley (D)	45%		Tarrance Group (R) (9/10-11)
	State Sen. Jon Porter (R)	34%		
	Undecided	-		
	Representative Shelley Berkeley (D)	53%	29%/15%	Harrah's Entertainment (9/19-20)
	State Sen. Jon Porter (R)	21%	60%/21%	
	Undecided	12%		
UT 01	Atty. Kathleen McConkie Collinwood (D)	25%		Deseret News/KSL-TV (9/22)
	Rep. Jim Hansen (R)	58%		
	Hartley Anderson (Independent)	1%		
	Dave Seely (Libertarian)	1%		
	Matthew Frandsen (Natural Law)	2%		
	Undecided	12%		
UT 02	Jim Matheson (D)	46%		Deseret News/KSL-TV (9/18-21)
	Derek Smith (R)	32%		
	Bruce Bangert (Independent)	4%		
	Peter Pixton (Libertarian)	1%		
	Steven Voris (Independent)	--		
	Undecided	17%		
UT 03	Donald Dunn (D)	25%		Deseret News/KSL-TV (9/18-21)
	Rep. Chris Cannon (R)	49%		
	Michael Lehman (Independent)	4%		
	Kitty Burton (Libertarian)	2%		
	Randall Tolpinrud (Natural Law)	--		
	Undecided	20%		
WV-02	Attorney Jim Humphreys (D)	38%		<i>Charleston Gazette</i> (9/18-22)
	Delegate Shelley Moore Capito (R)	30%		
	John Brown (Libertarian)	5%		
	Undecided	26%		

Senate Races

State	Candidate	MatchUp	Fav/Unfav	Poll/Date Conducted
CA	Senator Dianne Feinstein (D)	53%	54%/36%	<i>San Francisco Examiner</i> (9/17-20)
	Representative Tom Campbell (R)	36%	28%/23%	
	Others/Undecided	11%		
	Senator Dianne Feinstein (D)	48%		Public Policy Institute (9/5-11)
	Representative Tom Campbell (R)	31%		
	Others/Undecided	21%		
DE	Governor Tom Carper (D)	42%	73%/13%	University of Delaware (8/27-9/11)
	Senator William Roth (R)	43%	72%/10%	
	Undecided	15%		
MI	Representative Debbie Stabenow (D)	32%	36%/30%	<i>Detroit Free Press</i> /Wayne State Univ. (9/6-13)
	Senator Spencer Abraham (R)	44%	40%/30%	
	Undecided	24%		
	Representative Debbie Stabenow (D)	34%	28%/30%	CBS News/ <i>New York Times</i> (9/22-25)
	Senator Spencer Abraham (R)	46%	40%/24%	
	Undecided	20%		
MN	Mark Dayton (D)	49%		<i>Star Tribune</i> /Market Solutions Group (9/23-27)
	Rod Grams (R)	35%		
	James Gibson (Independent)	3%		
	Undecided	13%		
	Mark Dayton (D)	46%	40%/23%	Mason Dixon (<i>St. Paul Pioneer Press</i> , KARE-TV, and Minnesota Public Radio (9/22-25)
	Rod Grams (R)	41%	37%/36%	
	James Gibson (Independent)	4%		
	Undecided	9%		
MT	Brian Schweitzer (D)	39%	37%/19%	Mason-Dixon/ <i>Lee Newspapers</i> (9/21-23)
	Senator Conrad Burns (R)	48%	46%/32%	
	Gary Lee (Reform Party)	1%		
	Undecided	12%		
NE OPEN	Former Governor Ben Nelson (D)	44%		Moore Information Poll (9/20-21)
	Attorney General Don Stenberg (R)	45%		
	Undecided	11%		
	Former Governor Ben Nelson (D)	53%		<i>Omaha World Herald</i> (9/12-24)
	Attorney General Don Stenberg (R)	33%		
	Undecided	13%		

NV OPEN	Attorney Ed Bernstein (D)	37%	41%/31%	Bernstein Campaign (9/17-18)
	Former Representative John Ensign (R)	41%	45%/28%	
	Undecided	21%		
NJ OPEN	Businessman Jon Corzine (D)	42%		PoliticsNJ.com (9/18)
	Representative Bob Franks (R)	43%		
	Undecided			
	Businessman Jon Corzine (D)	45%	50%/25%	<i>Newark Star Ledger</i> /Rutgers-Eagleton (9/6-13)
	Representative Bob Franks (R)	36%	36%/20%	
	Undecided	19%		
NY OPEN	First Lady Hillary Clinton (R)	52%		Long Island Newsday/WB-TV of New York (9/23-27)
	Representative Rick Lazio (R)	42%		
	Undecided	7%		
	First Lady Hillary Clinton (R)	50%	40%/38%	Quinnipiac University (9/20-25)
	Representative Rick Lazio (R)	43%	33%/29%	
	Undecided	7%		
	First Lady Hillary Clinton (D)	48%		Daily News/WCBS (9/14-15)
	Representative Rick Lazio (R)	43%		
	Undecided	9%		
	First Lady Hillary Clinton (D)	48%	53%/42%	Marist Institute (9/19-20)
	Representative Rick Lazio (R)	48%	50%/38%	
	Undecided	4%		
	First Lady Hillary Clinton (D)	48%	48%/32%	CBS/ <i>New York Times</i> (9/14-19)
	Representative Rick Lazio (R)	39%	33%/28%	
	Undecided	13		

OH	Ted Celeste (D)	27%	28%/21%	<i>Detroit Free Press</i> (9/6-13)
	Senator Mike DeWine (R)	48%	51%/18%	
	Undecided	26%		
	Ted Celeste (D)	31%	13%/17%	<i>University of Cincinnati</i> (9/5-16)
	Senator Mike DeWine (R)	63%	50%/12%	
	John Eastman (Natural Law)	2%		
	Mike McAlister (Libertarian)	2%		
	Undecided	3%		
PA	Representative Ron Klink (D)	37%		<i>Detroit Free Press</i> (9/6-13)
	Senator Rick Santorum (R)	41%		
	Undecided	22%		
UT	Attorney Scott Howell (D)	26%		<i>Deseret News</i> Poll (9/18-21)
	Senator Orrin Hatch (R)	59%		
	Undecided	16%		
VA	Senator Chuck Robb (D)	32%		<i>Old Dominion University</i> (8/14-9/10)
	Former Governor George Allen (R)	42%		
	Undecided	26%		
	Senator Chuck Robb (D)	40%		<i>Roanoke College</i> (9/9-17)
	Former Governor George Allen (R)	46%		
	Undecided	26%		
	Senator Chuck Robb (D)	41%	40%/37%	<i>Mason-Dixon</i> (9/13-16)
	Former Governor George Allen (R)	48%	49%/29%	
	Undecided	11%		
VT	Ed Flanagan (D)	32%	34%/24%	<i>Rutland Herald</i> (9/19-21)
	Senator Jim Jeffords (R)	59%	62%/19%	
	Undecided	9%		
WI	Herb Kohl (D)	64%	64%/16%	<i>Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel</i> (9/18-20)
	John Gillespie (R)	23%	18%/5%	
	Undecided	13%		

Gubernatorial Races

State	Candidate	MatchUp	Fav/Unfav	Poll/Date Conducted
IN	Governor Frank O'Bannon (D)	48%	56%/21%	<i>South Bend Tribune</i> (9/16-18)
	Rep. David McIntosh (R)	33%	45%/27%	
	Andrew Horning (Libertarian)	1%		
	Paul Wilson (Natural Law)	1%		
	Undecided	17%		
MT	Mark O'Keefe (D)	41%		<i>Mason Dixon/The Billings Gazette</i> 9/21-23)
	Judy Martz (R)	43%		
	Stan Jones (Libertarian)	1%		
	Undecided	15%		
NC	Attorney General Mike Easley (D)	48%		<i>Mason Dixon</i> (9/13-16)
	Former Charlotte Richard Vinroot (R)	37%		
	Barbara Howe (Libertarian)	2%		
	Douglas Schell (Reform)	--		
	Undecided	13%		
NH	Governor Jeanne Shaheen (D)	44%		<i>Portrait of America/Rasmussen Research</i> (9/24-25)
	Gordon Humphrey (R)	40%		
	Mary Brown (Independent)	4%		
	John Babiarez (Libertarian)	2%		
	Governor Jeanne Shaheen (D)	46%		Associated Press/American Research Group (9/17-20)
	Gordon Humphrey (R)	44%		
	Senator Mary Brown (Independent)	5%		
	John Babiarez (Libertarian)	-		
	Undecided	5%		
VT	Howard Dean (D)	44%		Republican Governors Association (R)/Public Opinion Strategies (9/20-24)
	Ruth Dwyer (R)	39%		
	Anthony Pollina (Progressive Party)	5%		
	Undecided	12%		
	Howard Dean (D)	45%	47%/36%	<i>Rutland Herald and WCAX-TV</i> (9/19-21)
	Ruth Dwyer (R)	35%	37%/40%	
	Anthony Pollina (Progressive Party)	5%	22%/8%	
	Undecided	15%		
WV	Representative Bob Wise (D)	36%		<i>Charleston Gazette/WV Research Center</i> (9/18-22, 25-26)
	Governor Cecil Underwood (R)	39%		
	Denise Giardina (Independent)	1%		
	Bob Myers (Libertarian)	1%		
	Randall Ashelman (Natural Law)	-		
	Undecided	23%		

Gubernatorial Races

State	Candidate	MatchUp	Fav/Unfav	Poll/Date Conducted
Puerto Rico	Carlos Pesquera (Statehood Party)	46%		<i>El Vocero</i> /Precision Research (9/10-21)
	Sila Calderon (Commonwealth Party)	43.9%		
	Rueben Berrios (Independent Party)	5.1%		
	Undecided	5%		

Gore's Qualities

	Yes	No	DK	
Strong Leadership Qualities	60%	31%	9%	Newsweek Poll (9/20-22)
Honest and Ethical	54%	33%	13%	
Intelligent and well-informed	76%	16%	8%	

Bush's Qualities

	Yes	No	DK	
Strong Leadership Qualities	63%	26%	11%	Newsweek Poll (9/20-22)
Honest and Ethical	58%	28%	14%	
Intelligent and well-informed	72%	19%	9%	

National Polls

Gore	Bush	Buchanan	Nader	Other/DK	Poll/Date Conducted
42%	48%	1%	2%	7%	<i>Los Angeles Times</i> (9/23-25)
44%	46%	--	--	--	<i>USA Today</i> (9/27)
40%	43%	1%	5%	12%	Voter.Com/Battlefield (9/ 24-27)
46%	46%	1%	3%	4%	<i>CNN/USA Today Gallup</i> (9/25-27)
43%	42%	1%	2%	11%	Wirthlin Worldwide (R) (9/22-25)
44%	43%	1%	3%	7%	Zogby/MSNBC/Reuters (9/26-28)
43.9%	42%	0.06%	3.4%	9.5%	<i>Frontrunner/White House Bulletin /Zogby Poll</i> (9/20-22)
47%	45%	--	3%	7%	<i>Newsweek</i> (9/20-22)
43%	43%	1%	4%	9%	Fox News (9/20-21)

Poll	Gore	Bush	Buchanan	Nader	Other	Date Conducted
ABC News/ <i>Washington Post</i>	47%	47%	--	3%	3%	9/4-6
	48%	44%	2%	3%	3%	8/18-20
	42%	50%	2%	5%	1%	8/8-10
	37%	51%	4%	5%	4%	8/4-6
	37%	52%	2%	7%	3%	7/26-29
	39%	44%	6%	7%	--	7/20-23
	41%	47%	4%	4%	4%	6/8-11
CNN/ <i>USA Today</i> /Gallup	46%	46%	1%	3%	4%	9/25-27
	44%	46%	1%	2%	7%	9/24-26
	44%	46%	1%	2%	7%	9/23-25
	44%	47%	1%	2%	6%	9/22-24
	46%	47%	1%	1%	5%	9/21-23
	48%	44%	--	2%	6%	9/16-18
	48%	43%	1%	3%	5%	9/15-17
	49%	41%	1%	3%	6%	9/14-16
	49%	42%	1%	3%	6%	9/11-13
	49%	41%	1%	4%	5%	9/10-12
	48%	42%	1%	4%	5%	9/9-11
	49%	42%	1%	3%	5%	9/8-10
	47%	44%	1%	2%	6%	9/7-9
	47%	44%	--	3%	6%	9/4-6
	45%	46%	1%	3%	5%	8/25-27
	47%	46%	2%	3%	2%	8/18-19
	39%	55%	--	2%	4%	8/11-12
	43%	45%	1%	4%	7%	8/7
	37%	54%	1%	4%	4%	8/4-5
	39%	50%	1%	4%	6%	7/25-26
	41%	49%	1%	3%	6%	7/24
	43%	45%	3%	5%	4%	7/14-16

Fox News/Opinion Dynamics	43%	43%	1%	4%	9%	9/20-21
	45%	43%	2%	3%	7%	9/6-7
	44%	40%	2%	4%	10%	8/23-24
	39%	44%	1%	6%	10%	8/9-10
	37%	43%	3%	6%	11%	7/26-27
	36%	44%	4%	8%	8%	7/12-13
	37%	42%	2%	7%	12%	6/28-29
Newsweek	47%	45%	--	3%	7%	9/20-22
	52%	38%	2%	3%	7%	9/14-15
	49%	39%	1%	3%	8%	8/30-31
	46%	42%	1%	2%	9%	8/24-25
	48%	42%	1%	3%	6%	8/18-19
	38%	48%	3%	3%	8%	8/10-11
	38%	49%	1%	5%	7%	8/3-4
	40%	47%	2%	4%	7%	7/27-28
	40%	41%	2%	6%	11%	6/29-30
	40%	42%	2%	3%	13%	6/22-23
Zogby America	44%	43%	1%	3%	7%	9/26-28
	42%	44%	1%	3%	11%	9/20-23
	45%	41%	1%	5%	9%	9/18-20
	46%	39%	1%	4%	10%	9/10-12
	37%	43%	3%	6%	12%	7/14-17
	36%	42%	3%	4%	13%	6/16-20
Voter.com/Battleground	40%	43%	1%	5%	12%	9/24-27
	41%	42%	1%	4%	12%	9/21, 24-26
	40%	43%	1%	3%	13%	9/20-21, 24-25
	41%	44%	1%	3%	12%	9/19-24
	36%	41%	--	--	23%	9/19/21
	36%	40%	--	--	25%	9/18-21
	39%	40%	1%	4%	16%	9/13-14, 17-18
	37%	41%	1%	4%	17%	9/12-14, 17
	39%	41%	1%	4%	15%	9/11-14
Battleground	40%	43%	1%	5%	12%	9/29
	41%	42%	1%	4%	12%	9/28
	40%	43%	1%	3%	13%	9/27
	41%	42%	1%	2%	13%	9/26

State Polls

New polls were released this week in California, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

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State	Evs	Gore	Bush	Buchanan	Nader	Other	Poll/Dates Conducted
AK	3 X	--	--	--	--	--	--
AL	9 X	36%	48%	--	--	9%	Mobile Register/U. of South Alabama (8/28-31)
AR	6	40%	42%	1%	1%	13%	Memphis Commercial Appeal (9/6-11)
AZ	8	46%	36%	--	2%	14%	Arizona State University (9/14-17)
		41%	41%	--	--	18%	Arizona Republic (9/14-18)
		36%	45%	1%	4%	14%	DataCall Inc. of Phoenix (9/12-13)
CA	54 V	50%	38%	--	5%	7%	San Francisco Examiner 9/17-20)
		48%	39%	--	4%	9%	Public Policy Institute (9/5-11)
CO	8	40%	43%	1%	5%	8%	Talmey Drake Research (D) (8/31-9/7)
CT	8 V	52%	33%	1%	7%	6%	Quinnipiac University (9/13-18)
DE	3 V	49%	40%	--	--	12%	University of Delaware (8/27-9/11)
FL	25	45%	43%	1%	2%	8%	Mason-Dixon (9/8-11)
		48%	44%	--	--	8%	Florida Voter Poll (9/7-12)
		44%	42%	2%	6%	6%	
		41%	41%	--	3%	15%	University of Connecticut (9/7-12)
GA	12 V	40%	46%		--		American Research Group (5/1-10)
HI	4 V	52%	34%	1%	6%	7%	Mason-Dixon (9/5-9)
IA	7 V	44%	42.1%	.8%	2.1%	11.3%	PSI/Iowa Project 2000/Capital Communications (9/25)
		47%	39%	1%	3%	10%	Research 2000/KCCI-TV (9/25-27)
		44%	42%	1%	2%	11%	Capital Communications IA TV Stations /PSI Poll (9/25)
ID	4 X	21%	57%	4%	2%	16%	Research 2000 (7/5-8)
IL	23 V	48%	40%	1%	2%	9%	Research 2000/WEEK-TV (9/25-27)
		47%	42%	--	1%	10%	Mason Dixon (9/18-21)
		47%	42%	--	1%	10%	Peoria Journal Star (9/18-21)
		47%	35%	1%	2%	15%	Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV (9/11-17)
		48%	33%	2%	2%	15%	Detroit Free Press/Wayne State U. (9/6-13)
IN	12 X	42%	49%	1%	--	8%	South Bend Tribune (9/16-18)
KS	6 X	--	--	--	--	--	--
KY	8	41%	51%	--	--	8%	Louisville Courier-Journal (9/18-21)
		34%	48%	--	--	13%	Preston-Osborne (6/5-16)
		41%	51%	--	--	--	Louisville Courier-Journal (9/18-21)
LA	9	38%	44%	1%	1%	16%	Southern Media and Opinion (9/15-21)
MA	12 V	60%	27%	--	3%	10%	Boston Herald (8/29-31)
MD	10 V	51%	36%	2%	4%	7%	Gonzales Arscott (8/23-27)
ME	4 V	41%	31%	--	4%	24%	Associated Press (9/26)
		41%	31	--	4%	24	Strategic Marketing Services (9/14-19)
		46%	35%	--	4%	16%	Bangor Daily News (9/10-11)
MI	48	45%	41%	--	5%	9%	CBS News/New York Times (9/22-25)
		42%	40%		3%	15%	Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV (9/11-17)
		45%	37%	--	2%	16%	Detroit Free Press/Wayne State U. (9/6-13)
MN	10	45%	39%	--	6%	10%	Minneapolis Star Tribune (9/23-27)
		47%	40%	1%	4%	8%	Mason Dixon/MN Public Radio and St. Paul Pioneer Press (9/22-25)
MO	11	45%	40%	2%	3%	10%	Zogby America (9/5-7)

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State	Evs	Gore	Bush	Buchanan	Nader	Other	Poll/Dates Conducted
MS	7 X	36%	50%	--	1%	10%	<i>Memphis Commercial Appeal</i> (9/6-11)
MT	3 X	30%	53%	--	--	--	Lake Snell Perry (D) for rancher Brian Schweitzer (8/5-7)
NC	14	42%	47%	1%	--	10%	Mason-Dixon (9/13-16)
ND	3 X	--	--	--	--	--	--
NH	4	39%	42%	--	--	--	Portrait of America (9/24-25)
		42%	42%	--	--	--	WMUR/Univ. of New Hampshire (9/1-6)
NJ	15 ✓	50%	32%	1%	5%	12%	Chicago Tribune/ WGN-TV (9/11-17)
		47%	34%	1%	3%	15%	Newark Star Ledger/Rutgers-Eagleton (9/6-13)
NM	5	42%	43%	1%	2%	11%	Albuquerque Journal (7-13)
NV	4	48%	43%	--	--	9%	The Las Vegas Sun/Survey USA (9/24-25)
		44%	43%	1%	3%	9%	Public Opinion Strategies (9/19-21)
		46%	46%	1%	3%	8%	Las Vegas Review Journal (9/9-12)
NY	33 ✓	60%	31%	1%	4%	4%	Newsday-WB11/Princeton Survey Research Association (9/23-27)
		54%	34%	1%	6%	5%	Quinnipiac University (9/20-25)
		55%	32%	1%	4%	8%	Marist Institute (9/19-20)
		57%	29%	1%	5%	8%	CBS/New York Times (9/14-19)
OH	21	42%	40%	1%	3%	13%	Chicago Tribune/ WGN-TV (9/11-17)
		41%	43%	2%	2%	12%	<i>Detroit Free Press/Wayne State U.</i> (9/6-13)
		43%	47%	1%	4%	5%	University of Cincinnati (9/5-6)
OK	8 X	27%	57%	--	--	16%	<i>Tulsa World</i> (6/21-26)
		28%	56%	3%	--	13%	
OR	7	42%	41%	--	8%	9%	<i>Portland Oregonian</i> (9/5-11)
PA	23	43%	38%	3%	5%	12%	Chicago Tribune/WGN-TV (9/11-17)
		51%	33%	1%	2%	13%	<i>Detroit Free Press/Wayne State U.</i> (9/6-13)
RI	4 ✓	54%	23%	2%	5%	16%	Brown University/Providence Journal (8/26-30)
SC	8 X	--	--	--	--	--	--
SD	3 X	--	--	--	--	--	--
TN	11	41%	48%	--	--	--	Chattanooga Times-Free Press (9/18-20)
UT	5 X	--	--	--	--	--	--
VA	13	36%	49%	--	--	15%	Old Dominion University (8/14-9/10)
		39%	49%	1%	1%	10%	Mason-Dixon (9/13-16)
		45%	45%	--	--	10%	Roanoke College (9/9-17)
VT	3 ✓	52%	39%	1%	3%	5%	Rutland Herald (9/19-21)
		49%	36%	2%	4%	9%	Mason-Dixon for <i>Burlington Free Press</i> (8/28-30)

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State	Evs	Gore	Bush	Buchanan	Nader	Other	Poll/Dates Conducted
WA	11 ✓	44%	37%	--	4%	15%	Elway Poll (9/22-24)
		45%	41%	1%	5%	--	Evan McDonough (D)/KING-TV (9/11-13)
WI	11	43%	38%	1%	4%	14%	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (9/18-20)
WV	5	37%	39%	1%	1%	22%	Charleston Gazette (9/18-22, 25-26)
		42%	41%	2%	4%	12%	Republican Governors' Assn. (R) (8/28)
WY	3 X	37%	57%	2%	--	9%	Mason Dixon (9/16-17)