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The Recount Gang

Solicitor General of the United States

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Solicitor for the Department of Labor

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U.S. Customs Commissioner

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The Foreign Policy Experts**Deputy Secretary of State**

Richard Armitage, former Vietnam-era covert operative and Contra-era figure, previously been investigated by President Reagan's Commission on Organized Crime (1984) for alleged links to gambling and prostitution, was denied a 1989 appointment as Assistant Secretary of State because of links to Iran-Contra and other scandals,

Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs

Otto Reich. From 1983 to 1986, Reich led a State Department office accused of a covert domestic-propaganda effort against Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista

government. Disseminated [intelligence leaks](#) to journalists, trumped up a Nicaraguan "threat," aimed at influencing Congress to continue to fund the Contras. Was alleged to have used his influence to try and get a US visa for a convicted terrorist, Orlando Bosch, jailed in Venezuela in 1976 for the bombing of a Cubana airliner with 73 people on board. Bosch had already been convicted of a terrorist attack in Miami on a Polish merchant vessel bound for Cuba and jailed in the US. Bosch was granted a pardon by George Bush senior and is now in Florida.

Deputy Defense Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs

Rogelio Pardo-Maurer, spent the 1980s working in Washington as the chief [spokesman](#) for the Nicaraguan contras.

Ambassador to the United Nations, and now Ambassador to Iraq

John Negroponte. From 1981 to 1985 Negroponte was US ambassador to Honduras, during which he oversaw the growth of military aid to Honduras from \$4 million to \$77.4 million a year, a country at that time ruled by a right-wing military dictatorship. According to The New York Times, Negroponte was responsible for "carrying out the covert strategy of the Reagan administration to crush the Sandinistas government in Nicaragua." Critics say that during his ambassadorship, [human rights violations](#) in Honduras became systematic. Negroponte supervised the construction of the El Aguacate air base, where the US trained Nicaraguan Contras and which critics say was used as a secret detention and torture center during the 1980s. In August 2001, excavations at the base discovered 185 corpses, including two Americans, who are thought to have been killed and buried at the site. Records also show that a special intelligence unit (commonly referred to as a "death squad") of the Honduran armed forces, Battalion 3-16, trained by the CIA and Argentine military, kidnapped, tortured and killed hundreds of people, including US missionaries. Critics charge that Negroponte knew about these human rights violations and yet continued to collaborate with the Honduran military while lying to Congress.

Ambassador to Spain

George Argyros, Southern California Real Estate, Ex-owner, Seattle Mariners, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Belgium

Stephen Brauer, Automotive Engineering, Part-owner, St. Louis Cardinals, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

replaced by Jeffrey Marcus, Chairman, JEtN Ventures, Part owner, Texas Rangers, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Hungary

Nancy Brinker, Brinker International Restaurants, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Austria

W. L. Brown. Jr., Retired CEO, Brown-Forman Corp. (Jack Daniels), "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Belize

Russell Freeman, Corporate Lawyer, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Malta

Tony Gioia, Gioia Management (pizza), "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Dominican Republic

Hans Hertell, Chair, American Builders Corp., "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Saudi Arabia (listed above also with the other election lawyers)
Partner, Baker & Botts Law Firm (a law firm that represented Bush in the Florida election recount), "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Singapore

Frank Levin, Vice President, Citibank, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to France

Howard Leach, CEO, Leach Capital Corp President Cypress Farms, "pioneer" (raised \$429,610 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Norway

John Ong, Retired Chair, B. F. Goodrich, Former President, Business Roundtable, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Portugal

Former Chair, SkyTel Communications, Venture Capitalist, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Mauritius

John Price, Commerical Real Estate, Shopping Mall Developer, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Switzerland

Mercer Reynolds III, Reynolds Plantation Golf Resort, Part owner, Texas Rangers, "pioneer" (raised \$605,082 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Uruguay

Martin Silverstein, Attorney, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to the Netherlands

Clifford Sobel, Net2Phone, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Czech Republic

Craig Stapleton, Marsh & McLennan Real Estate Investor, Texas Rangers, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to New Zealand

Charles Swindells, U.S. Trust Co, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Luxembourg

Peter Terpeluk, Jr. American Continental D.C. Lobbyist, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Slovak Republic

Ronald Weiser, CEO, McKinley Associates, Real Estate, "pioneer" (raised \$588,309 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Ambassador to Saudi Arabia (listed above in the recount gang)

Robert Jordan, of Baker Botts (a law firm that represented Bush in the Florida election recount)

Judicial Appointees**Judge, 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals**

Charles Pickering (nominated, voted down, appointed during recess) referred to a 1994 hate crime incident involving three men who burned an 8-foot cross on the lawn of an interracial family while using racial epithets as "a drunken prank." The family had been a frequent target of harassment in their small rural town, including having bullets fired into their home and "KKK" painted nearby on the street. Opposed by the [Human Rights Campaign](#). Called the [one person/one vote](#) decision "obtrusive," and described it as a legal principle that legislatures have reluctantly learned they "must live with."

Judge, Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Jeffrey Sutton, has argued that unnecessarily keeping people with [disabilities](#) in institutions was not a form of discrimination. Argued that Medicaid beneficiaries cannot sue to enforce their rights. Persuaded the Supreme Court to rule against

a nurse with breast cancer on the ground that the Americans With Disabilities Act does not apply to state employers.

Judge, Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Priscilla Owen, Enron's political action committee gave Owen \$8,600 for her successful Supreme Court bid in 1994. Two years later, Owen wrote the majority opinion that reversed a lower court order and reduced Enron's school taxes by \$15 million. Since 1993, Enron contributed \$134,058 — more than any other corporation — to Owen and other members of the Texas Supreme Court. A study by Texans for Public Justice found that the court ruled in Enron's favor in five out of six cases involving the company since 1993.

Judge, Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Deborah Cook, has authored well over [300 dissents](#), more than any other Justice in the eight years she has been on the court, and a large majority are dissents against injured workers, consumers, and other plaintiffs and in favor of big business interests.

Solicitor General of the United States (listed above in the recount gang) [Ted Olson](#), represented Jonathan Jay Pollard, the CIA analyst convicted of espionage and sentenced to life in prison for providing a mass of secret US intelligence information to the state of Israel. Was a key participant in the activities surrounding the Ken Starr [investigation](#) of Bill Clinton, representing David L. Hale, the Whitewater Independent Counsel's chief witness against Bill Clinton. Hale himself had earlier pled guilty to two felonies related to defrauding the Small Business Administration of more than \$3.2 million through a federally subsidized company that he headed. Olson provided Hale counsel worth \$140,000 without collecting the fees.

Olson was summoned to testify under oath before a congressional committee in March 1983 about advice which the Justice Department had given the EPA on the withholding of documents, related to the Reagan administration's sabotage of the enforcement of anti-pollution laws by the Environmental Protection Administration. An investigation into the activities of the EPA led to the forced resignation of EPA Administrator Ann Gorsuch and of Rita Lavelle, who was in charge of toxic waste cleanup for the agency. In 1986 the Reagan administration was compelled to appoint an independent counsel, Alexia Morrison, to determine whether charges should be brought against Olson for his role in covering up the EPA scandal. Olson won a decision from the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that the Independent Counsel Act was unconstitutional, a decision written by Laurence Silberman, who served in the Nixon Justice Department and is another prominent member of the right-wing legal fraternity in Washington. In the midst of the incident, he left the Department of Justice and returned to Gibson Dunn & Crutcher (a law firm that represented Bush in the Florida election recount).

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Miguel Estrada, of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (a law firm that represented Bush in the Florida election recount), refuses to answer questions about his legal positions.

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U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas

J. Leon Holmes. Holmes has said that concern for rape victims is a red herring because conceptions from rape occur with approximately the same frequency as snowfall in Miami. In an article he co-authored with his wife, he said a wife has an obligation "to subordinate herself to her husband" and "to place herself under the authority of the man."

U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, 10th Circuit

Paul G. Cassell, an ardent advocate of capital punishment, testified before Congress that the risk of an innocent person being put to death is outweighed by the benefits that capital punishment has in our society. Has [argued](#) "in virtually all moral problems in which we sense a conflict between justice and utility, we are prepared to concede that there is some point at which utility will take precedence."

Court of Federal Claims

Larry Block, proponent of [S.605](#), described by several senators as "breath-taking" in its scope, because it threatened, among other things: FDA bans on dangerous drugs; ADA requirements that restaurant restrooms be wheelchair accessible; FCC limits on "dial-a-porn" to protect children; EPA pollution control laws; and Interior Department limits on coal mining.

Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

D. Brooks Smith. [Dismissed](#) the claim of a man who had been repeatedly stabbed while handcuffed and in the custody of police officers who looked on without defending him. Dismissed a case involving a 15-month-old toddler who choked to death after swallowing a Playskool toy, arguing that the risk was so obvious, the toy company had no obligation to put a warning on it. Dismissed a

case against Warnaco, Inc. More than 150 former employees claimed that the company had intentionally concealed changes in its severance policy to keep employees working until the plant was shut down. After Warnaco refused to provide severance payments, they sued, claiming violations and demanding the originally-promised pay. At his hearing, senators focused on his numerous corporate-funded junkets and his failure to recuse himself promptly from a case involving a bank in which he had a financial interest. Senators also questioned a speech he gave as a sitting judge in which he strongly criticized Congress's passage of the Violence Against Women Act. After the hearing, it was discovered that Judge Smith had failed to withdraw in a timely way from the Spruce Creek Rod and Gun Club, which denies membership to women.

Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit

[John Roberts](#), a political appointee in both the Reagan and Bush I administrations. The lead counsel for a case in which he argued that private citizens could not sue the federal government for violations of environmental regulations. Has represented the National Mining Association in which the Fourth Circuit reversed a district court ruling that had stopped the practice of "mountaintop removal" in the state of West Virginia. Citizens of West Virginia who were adversely affected by the practice had sued the state, claiming damage to both their homes and the surrounding area generally. Three Republican appointees - Judges Niemeyer, Luttig, and Williams - held that West Virginia's issuance of permits to mining companies to extract coal by blasting the tops off of mountains and depositing the debris in nearby valleys and streams did not violate the 1977 Federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. In another case, Roberts represented one of several interveners in a case challenging the EPA's promulgation of rules to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions.

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

[Richard Allen Griffin](#) (failed nominee), requested Congressional invalidation of a unanimous Supreme Court decision holding that the ADA applies to state prisoners and prisons.

U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit

[William Haynes](#) (failed nominee). The "enemy combatant" doctrine was developed on Mr. Haynes's watch, and it is one of the most dangerous legal developments in years. American citizens designated enemy combatants by the president can be held indefinitely without access to a lawyer.

Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

[Carolyn Kuhl](#) (failed nominee), persuaded the Attorney General to reverse an 11-year Internal Revenue Service policy and reinstate the tax-exempt status of Bob Jones University and other racially discriminatory schools. Dismissed a breast cancer patient's claim of invasion of privacy, after her doctor brought a drug company representative into the room during a breast exam. The unidentified

man who came in with her doctor was "introduced as 'a person' who was looking at Dr. Polonsky's work." The doctor took Ms. Sanchez's fan from her hand during the exam and asked the man to fan her, after which they both laughed and refused when she asked to have it back.

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

[David W. McKeague](#) (failed nominee), Denied DOJ access to a state prison after receiving numerous reports of abuse of women prisoners by guards, including systemic rape. Ruled against a parent whose 10 year old child was placed in foster care sharing a bedroom with a sixteen-year old with a history of sexually deviant behavior and assaults, who repeatedly sexually assaulted him. Claimed the state was not liable for failing to properly provide the child with the protective services to which he was entitled under state law.

Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit

[Terrence William Boyle](#). Dismissed a case in which people eligible for handicapped parking privileges sued their state on the grounds that the state was charging excessive fees for parking in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Found that state prisons were not covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and dismissed a suit by an inmate claiming an ADA violation. Held that North Carolina officials could not be held liable for violating the Due Process clause of the U.S. Constitution. Refused to accept a settlement, agreed to by both parties, of a civil rights claim brought by the U.S. Justice Department (DOJ) against the North Carolina Department of Corrections for discriminating against women.

Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

[William H. Pryor, Jr.](#) (recess appointment). Under Pryor's leadership, Alabama was the only state to challenge the constitutionality of a provision of the Violence Against Women Act (United States v. Morrison). Pryor also argued that the Supreme Court should cut back on the protections of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and the Clean Water Act. Defended the actions of the prison officials who chained prisoners to hitching posts and denied access to water and the bathroom.

Public Health

Secretary of Health and Human Services

Tommy Thompson, led delegation to U.N. children's summit opposing special rehabilitation for raped children (including birth control). Removed scientific statistics from National Cancer Institute from HHS websites that showed that breast cancer risk does not increase due to abortions. Also removed fact sheets on condom effectiveness. On the Advisory Board of the Washington Legal Foundation, a group which has [litigated a case](#) with a potential recovery of \$20 all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States in order to, in its own

words, “deal a death blow” to groups that provide legal representation for the poor. It tried to prevent financial punishment of Exxon for its catastrophic Valdez oil spill, and it stood up for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company in a case against the FDA.

Inspector General Health and Human Services

Janet Rehnquist. Daughter of the Chief Justice, she is under [investigation](#) by Congress on several issues including the shredding and destruction of documents by her office. "...The General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, was already conducting a comprehensive review of Ms. Rehnquist's office after complaints from employees who said she had politicized the agency, which investigates fraud and abuse in federal programs... The accounting office was investigating whether Ms. Rehnquist kept a gun in her office without authorization, violated personnel rules by ousting career employees and ordered delays in a federal audit of the Florida state employees' pension fund to avoid embarrassing Gov. Jeb Bush. In its inquiry, the accounting office learned of the destruction of documents in the office of the inspector general, known as O.I.G. It informed Ms. Rehnquist, who informed Congress..."

FDA's Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs

[W. David Hager](#). Time magazine reported that "In his private practice, two sources familiar with it say, Hager refuses to prescribe contraceptives to unmarried women." Played a part in the campaign to get the FDA to withdraw its approval of mifepristone (RU-486), the author of a number of books in which he's advocated prayer and the reading of the Scriptures as cures for medical ills.

FDA's Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs

Joseph B. Stanford. Refuses to prescribe "contraceptives of any sort." Advocates “natural family planning”, e.g. the rhythm method, as the only acceptable form of contraception because “...medicine is permeated with attitudes toward sexuality and fertility that are incompatible with Christian values.”

FDA's Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs

Dr. Susan Crockett, co-author of the chapter “Using Hormone Contraceptives Is a Decision Involving Science, Scripture, and Conscience” in "The Reproduction Revolution (Horizons in Bioethics Series): A Christian Appraisal of Sexuality, Reproductive Technologies, and the Family"

Co-Chair, Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS

Tom Coburn, Former Rep. Tom Coburn (R-OK) received a 0% Congressional voting rating in all three of his terms from the Human Rights Campaign. In addition to his poor record on issues of concern to the gay and lesbian community, Coburn consistently voted against needed HIV/AIDS legislation. Coburn also called for the firing of the Director of the Centers for Disease Control because the CDC promotes condom use to prevent transmission of the HIV

virus. [A quote from Tom](#): "The gay community has infiltrated the very centers of power in every area across this country, and they wield extreme power ... That agenda is the greatest threat to our freedom that we face today. Why do you think we see the rationalization for abortion and multiple sexual partners? That's a gay agenda."

Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS

Pat Ware, opposed to condom use. Has worked with Americans for a Sound HIV/AIDS Policy (ASAP), which has since changed its name to the Children's AIDS Fund. ASAP was an abstinence-only organization opposed to most HIV/AIDS education and prevention measures. ASAP also lobbied against including HIV and AIDS in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV and AIDS

Jerry Thacker, a Pennsylvania marketing consultant who has characterized AIDS as the "[gay plague](#)" and called homosexuality a "deathstyle". Thacker had argued that religious faith could cure homosexuals, that condoms do not stop the spread of HIV and that people choose to be gay.

Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS

Joseph Jennings, promotes among other issues, religious conversion as a cure for homosexuality and sexual abstinence until marriage.

Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS

Anita Smith, believes abstinence is the only true prevention." (Family Voice, July/August 2001). Smith's organization lobbied against including HIV/AIDS status in the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS

Dandrick Moton, a man whose background in HIV/AIDS policy consists of traveling with his mother as dual motivational speakers to promote abstinence for youth until marriage.

Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS

Joe McIlaney, founder and director of the Medical Institute for Sexual Health (MISH) in Austin, Texas. MISH is an abstinence and anti safe-sex organization. Dr. McIlaney is most noted for his repeated attacks against the idea of using condoms to prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

CDC Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention

Dr. Freda McKissic Bush is a member of the advisory council of the Medical Institute — an anti-condom "research" group — and the director of Virginity Rules, an "abstinence-only" program.

Asst. Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration

John Klink, (name withdrawn after protests) a former "Holy See" diplomat who,

according to the CFFC, has opposed the use of condoms as way of limiting the spread of AIDS. In one document issued by the CFFC, Klink is quoted as saying contraception is, "morally unacceptable" and in another document, Klink is quoted as saying the, "Holy See in no way endorses contraception or the use of condoms, either as a family planning measure or in HIV/AIDS prevention programs..." (Klink was against emergency contraception being provided to raped women)

Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (listed above in the recount gang)

[Claude Allen](#), of Baker Botts (a law firm that represented Bush in the Florida election recount), opposed giving students any information about birth control or using condoms to reduce the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases. While working on Senator Jesse Helm's 1984 re-election campaign against then-Governor James Hunt, Allen called Hunt vulnerable for links "with the queers."

Council on Bioethics

Peter Lawler. Lawler has written that if the United States does not soon "become clear as a nation that abortion is wrong," then women will eventually be forced to abort genetically defective babies.

White House Office of Women's Initiatives and Outreach

None. This office was shut down in March 2001.

Environmental Policies

EPA Administrator

Mike Leavitt, Governor of Utah - worst environmental record of fifty governors

Deputy Administrator of the EPA

Linda J. Fisher, former Monsanto Chemical Company lobbyist

Agricultural Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment

[Mark Rey](#), former timber industry lobbyist, Extensive history of anti-environmental and pro-timber-industry positions and jobs. Opposes the National Forest Roadless Conservation Policy, which would protect the last 1/3 of our nation's wild places from logging, mining, and other destructive activities. Fought the creation of the Northwest Forest Plan.

Energy Secretary

[Spencer Abraham](#), on the Advisory Board of the Washington Legal Foundation, a group which has [litigated a case](#) with a potential recovery of \$20 all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States in order to, in its own words, "deal a death blow" to groups that provide legal representation for the poor. It tried to

prevent financial punishment of Exxon for its catastrophic Valdez oil spill, and it stood up for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company in a case against the FDA.

Energy Department Transition Team

Ken Lay, Chairman, Enron, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

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Thomas Kuhn, president of EEI, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

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Anthony Alexander, FirstEnergy President, his company was hit with an EPA-related lawsuit in 1999; "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Chair, Whitehouse Council on Environmental Quality

James Connaughton, lobbyist for ARCO, Alcoa and General Electric

Interior Secretary

[Gale Norton](#), cofounder of Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, underwritten by the chemical and mining industries. Before becoming Interior Secretary, she espoused the "right to pollute" and other extreme positions, including support of laws allowing polluters to police themselves. As Colorado attorney general, she was hostile to environmental protection and took a head-in-the-sand approach to polluters. She stood by, for instance, as cyanide leaks from the Summitville gold mine killed wildlife in 17 miles of the Alamosa River. On the Advisory Board of the Washington Legal Foundation, a group which has [litigated a case](#) with a potential recovery of \$20 all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States in order to, in its own words, "deal a death blow" to groups that provide legal representation for the poor. It tried to prevent financial punishment of Exxon for its catastrophic Valdez oil spill, and it stood up for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company in a case against the FDA.

Deputy Interior Secretary

[J. Steven Griles](#), lobbyist for coal, natural gas and oil industries. history of (a) destroying environmental laws, (b) playing openly for oil, gas, energy and mining companies, and (c) flagrant conflicts of interest/ethics violations.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Lands and Minerals Management

Rebecca Watson, former lawyer for the mining and timber industries

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget.

P. Lynn Scarlett, former president of the Reason Foundation, funded by chemical and munitions industries.

Assistant Attorney General for Environment and Natural Resources

Thomas Sansonette, former coal industry lobbyist

Special Assistant for Alaska in the Department of Interior

Camden Toohey, former lobbyist for oil exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Solicitor of the Department of the Interior (nominated for Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit)

[William G. Myers](#). Myers has referred to the California Desert Protection Act, which set aside 7.5 million acres of wilderness and 5.5 million acres that helped create the Joshua Tree National Park, the Death Valley National Park, and the Mojave National Preserve, as "an example of legislative hubris." He also called environmental regulation "outright, top down coercion". As the top guy at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, he [represented](#) the grazing interests in lawsuits against the policies he will now be enforcing.

Agriculture Secretary

Ann Veneman, board member of Calgene, biotech company specializing in genetically engineered foods

Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Curtis Herbert](#), did not believe in intervening in the markets even during power crisis in California and other states, that was significantly due to market manipulation by energy companies like Enron. Enron was lobbying FERC extensively during this time. The facts are in dispute whether Hebert asked Ken Lay of Enron to support his continued chairmanship or whether Ken Lay essentially threatened Hebert that he would not support the latter if Hebert did not support Enron.

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Patrick Wood, of Baker Botts (a law firm that represented Bush in the Florida election recount)

Economic Policies

Secretary of Labor

Elaine Chao, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Director of the Office of Trade Relations

E. Keith Thomson, husband of Rep. Jennifer Dunn (R-Wash.), who was a "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Commerce Secretary

Don Evans, CEO of Tom Brown, oil and gas company, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

SEC Chief

William Donaldson, the target of a [class-action lawsuit](#) filed in 2001 that alleges he made false statements about the profits of an Aetna unit, [denounced](#) the SEC rule that mandates fair disclosure of market-sensitive information as "terrible" and "crazy." Yale classmate of Jonathan Bush, who raised \$3 million to launch Arbusto.

Treasury Secretary

John Snow, CEO of CSX Corp. - a railroad company. [Citizens for Tax Justice memo](#): "...In three of the past four years, Snow's company, CSX Corporation, paid no federal income tax at all..." "...In fact, instead of paying taxes, CSX supplemented its \$934 million in pretax U.S. profits over the four years with a total of \$164 million in tax rebate checks from the federal government...."

Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service

[B. John Williams, Jr.](#), According to The Wall Street Journal, Williams won a case that could jeopardize the government's attempts to crack down on corporate tax havens. The decision allows two companies to post the same loss when one sells a money-losing unit to the other. tried to justify disputed tax credits taken by his client, Shell Oil Co. He did so by hiring a private investigator, who provided false information to destroy the credibility of the government's expert witnesses. One witness later sued for defamation, a case that was settled out of court, the settlement paid for by Shell.

SEC Chief

Harvey Pitt."...Pitt appointed former CIA Director and FBI Director William Webster to head a new accounting oversight board, although Webster headed the audit committee of a public company, U.S. Technologies, which was facing investor lawsuits alleging fraud. Indulged in continued conflicts of interest by meeting with individuals from companies being investigated by the SEC - including KPMG which Pitt worked for previously.

Solicitor for the Department of Labor (listed above in the recount gang)

Eugene Scalia, son of Justice Scalia, of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (a law firm that represented Bush in the Florida election recount)

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Deputy Trade Representative

[Jon Huntsman Jr.](#), resigned from the privately owned Huntsman Corporation, a familiar name in Bush's hometown. Huntsman is famous in Midland-Odessa for its ``upsets," burn-offs of benzene, butadiene and other carcinogens. Has paid millions to the plant's neighbors over ``upsets." A Huntsman spokesman was quoted in Vanity Fair magazine: ``We fear that Huntsman is being held up as the poster child" for Bush's lousy environmental record in Texas.

General Counsel, Department of Transportation (listed above in the recount gang)

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Angela Styles, of Baker Botts (a law firm that represented Bush in the Florida election recount)

Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Mitch Daniels, Jr., former senior vice president for Eli Lilly, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies. Resigned amid [allegations](#) of insider trading. "To the extent I bring anything ... to this job," he told the Wall Street Journal, "maybe it's an ability to think about how a product, whether it's Prozac or a president's proposal, is marketed."

Homeland Security and National Defense

Head of 9/11 Independent Panel

[Thomas Kean](#). Kean is a director of petroleum giant Amerada Hess, which in 1998 formed a joint venture, Delta Hess, with Delta Oil, a Saudi Arabian company backed by Khalid bin Mahfouz, a Saudi married to one of Osama bin Laden's sisters. Mahfouz, who is suspected of funding charities linked to al Qaeda, is a defendant in a lawsuit filed by families of Sept. 11 victims. Mahfouz has shown up in dealings with, among others, the Carlyle Group and BCCI, the lender toppled by fraud in 1992. Three weeks before Kean's appointment as head of the panel, Hess severed its ties with Delta.

9/11 Commission Vice Chair

Lee Hamilton. Hamilton was chairman of the House Select Committee investigating the Iran-contra affair. Despite being shown ample evidence against Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush, he did not probe their wrongdoing, explaining later on PBS 'Frontline,' that he did not think it would have been 'good for the country' to put the public through another impeachment trial.

9/11 Investigative Panel Member

[John Lehman](#), presided over one of the worst cover-ups in the Navy's entire 227-year history. The Navy's pedophilia scandal broke the Oregon town of Coos Bay in 1982, when the commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Facility, a classified submarine tracking station, was arrested by local police for involvement in child pornography and lascivious acts with minors, including sodomy. The arrest followed a 2-month-long investigation involving the FBI and the Naval Investigative Service. At a general courts-martial held later that year, the commanding officer, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and P-3 Orion pilot having both Critical Nuclear Weapons Design Information and top-secret communications security clearances was found guilty of 16 counts of sodomy and lewd conduct. Immediately after the Coos Bay arrest, Lehman's Navy Department bureaucracy went into cover-up mode. Reporters were barred from both the naval base and the dependents' housing area.

Head of 9/11 Independent Panel

[Henry Kissinger](#) (resigned). Has been [accused](#) of engaging in war crimes of his own. Told the 9/11 families that he had no conflicts of interest, yet resigned from the panel so his clients could remain anonymous.

CIA Director

Porter Goss. On the morning of September 11, Porter Goss was having breakfast with Pakistan's General Mahmoud Ahmad. Gen. Ahmad is alleged to have been the individual who had \$100,000 wired to alleged hijacker Mohammed Atta.

http://baltimorechronicle.com/media3_oct02.html

<http://globalresearch.ca/articles/CHO206A.html>

<http://www.citypaper.net/articles/122001/sl.slant.shtml>

CIA Executive Director

[Michael V. Kostiw](#). In late 1981, after he had been a case officer for 10 years, Kostiw was caught shoplifting in Langley, sources said. During a subsequent CIA polygraph test, Kostiw's responses to questions about the incident led agency officials to place him on administrative leave for several weeks. While on leave, Kostiw told friends he decided to resign. Agency officials at the time arranged for misdemeanor theft charges to be dropped and the police record expunged in return for his resignation and his agreement to get counseling, one former official said. After leaving the agency in 1982, Kostiw was hired by Texaco Inc. for its

Latin America/West Africa division. He came to Washington in 1987 and rose to be ChevronTexaco's vice president for international government affairs, managing offices in the United States and abroad. He also served as vice chairman of the International Republican Institute.

Chairman, Homeland Security Advisory Council

[Joseph Grano Jr.](#), helping to guide America's security strategy at the same time he was a top executive with an international banking firm that was investigated and eventually fined more than \$100 million for cash transfers to rogue nations, including Iraq, Iran, Libya and Cuba, in violation of U.S. economic sanctions, and for its "deception" in trying to cover it up. (a major Bush-Cheney fund-raiser.)

Secretary of Homeland Security

Tom Ridge, "pioneer" (raised at least \$100,000 for the Bush 2000 campaign)

Director of the Pentagon's Information Awareness Office

John Poindexter, convicted in 1990 on five felony charges of conspiracy, making false statements to Congress and obstructing congressional inquiries related to Iran-Contra.

Attorney General

John Ashcroft, On the Advisory Board of the Washington Legal Foundation, a group which has [litigated a case](#) with a potential recovery of \$20 all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States in order to, in its own words, "deal a death blow" to groups that provide legal representation for the poor. It tried to prevent financial punishment of Exxon for its catastrophic Valdez oil spill, and it stood up for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company in a case against the FDA.

National Security Advisor

Condoleezza Rice, board member of Chevron

General Counsel of the Navy (listed above in the recount gang)

Alberto Mora, of Greenberg Traurig (a law firm that represented Bush in the Florida election recount)

General Counsel of the Air Force (listed above in the recount gang)

Michael Socarras, of Greenberg Traurig (a law firm that represented Bush in the Florida election recount)

Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and Intl. Security Affairs

[John Bolton](#), opposed many of the programs that fall under his jurisdiction, including the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the International Criminal Court. Claimed "there's no such thing as the United Nations," and stated "if the UN secretary building in New York lost 10 stories, it wouldn't make a bit of difference." Helped Sen. Helms' form Jefferson Marketing to avoid "having to worry about the federal laws preventing PACs, like

the Congressional Club, from contributing more than \$5,000 per election to any one candidate's campaign committee" (Legal Times). He later defended the club against charges from the FEC that led to a \$10,000 fine in 1986. Headed the National Policy Forum (NPF) which "reportedly pursued money from overseas" for the RNC (Los Angeles Times). The NPF defaulted on a \$1.3 billion loan guaranteed by Hong Kong businessman Ambrous Young, who's lawyer claimed his willingness to absorb the debt was "contingent upon Mr. Young getting something in return," namely "business opportunities." The Taiwanese government "served as an intermediary for a \$25,000 contribution" to the NPF (Washington Post). At his confirmation hearing Bolton acknowledged that he had received \$30,000 from the Taiwanese government for writing a series of papers... Refused to provide information, including his personal notes regarding the Iran-Contra scandal, and aided congressional Republicans who attempted to stop investigations of Contra drug smuggling. (represented Bush in the Florida election recount)

Others

Vice President

Dick Cheney, Chair of Halliburton, former Wyoming congressman. Voted against the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion rights, funding for programs meant to help schools desegregate, legislation that would instigate collection of data about hate crimes, and funding for the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. From 1985 to 1988 Cheney repeatedly opposed U.S. sanctions on the then-apartheid state of South Africa. He voted against a House resolution to call on the South African government to free Nelson Mandela from prison. He voted against the Community Right to Know Act, an amendment that would require oil, chemical, and other polluting facilities to report their toxic emissions. On the same day, he voted against the Citizen's Right to Sue Polluters Act, an amendment that would allow citizens to sue in federal court if they were harmed by pollution from abandoned toxic-waste sites.

White House Assistant for Democracy and Human Rights

Elliott Abrams, a former Iran-Contra defendant, Abrams pleaded guilty to withholding information from Congress, then was pardoned by the first President Bush.

White House Chief of Staff

Andrew Card, auto industry lobbyist

Chair of the FCC

Michael Powell, at his first press conference in this position, he said: "Some say, 'Openness is always good. Why are you fighting?' You know why? Because openness isn't always good." The AOL/Time Warner deal showcased Powell's nonchalant approach to personal conflicts of interest; he took part in the merger

decision despite the fact that his father, Secretary of State Colin Powell, was one of AOL's directors, with lucrative stock options in the company.

White House Counsel

Alberto R. Gonzales—now the White House counsel, and widely regarded as a likely future Supreme Court nominee—prepared fifty-seven confidential death-penalty memoranda for Bush's review. Never before discussed publicly, the memoranda suggest that Gonzales repeatedly failed to apprise Bush of some of the most salient issues in the cases at hand.

On the morning of May 6, 1997, Governor George W. Bush signed his name to a confidential three-page memorandum from his legal counsel, Alberto R. Gonzales, and placed a bold black check mark next to a single word: DENY. It was the twenty-ninth time a death-row inmate's plea for clemency had been denied in the twenty-eight months since Bush had been sworn in. In this case Bush's signature led, shortly after 6:00 P.M. on the very same day, to [the execution of Terry Washington](#), a mentally retarded thirty-three-year-old man with the communication skills of a seven-year-old.

President George Bush has repeatedly stated that military personnel dealing with Iraqis have been instructed to “stay within US law” and to abide by US “international treaty obligations”. However, on Aug. 1, 2002, his chief legal adviser, Alberto Gonzalez, who served on Bush's staff while he was governor of Texas, [approved a memorandum](#) which says otherwise. The memo argued that torturing Al Qaeda suspects held outside the US — at Bagram airbase in Afghanistan and at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba — “may be justified” and international conventions against torture “may be unconstitutional”. Since Gonzalez is Bush's senior legal adviser, the memo, which was passed onto the Justice Department, is seen as a binding document. The White House memo was the basis for a second, Pentagon, memo issued in March 2003 spelling out the rules for Iraq.

In 1996, Gonzales, as Bush's general counsel, managed to get the then-Texas governor [excused from jury duty](#), thus saving Bush from having to disclose a 1976 arrest for drunk driving. Bush rewarded Gonzales' loyalty by subsequently appointing him Texas' secretary of state and then to a seat on the Texas Supreme Court. And today, Gonzales is still watching Bush's flank as White House counsel. But before Gonzales became a permanent fixture of Team W, he was a partner at the powerful Houston law firm Vinson & Elkins, and that's something congressional investigators are apparently taking a closer look at. Sources tell me that investigators are following up on tips that Vinson & Elkins may have briefed former partners in advance on the findings of a top- secret probe into Enron's shady business dealings.

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POLICY - COMPASSIONATE CONSERVATISM 101 (and a Bush v. Clinton comparison of sorts)

COMPASSIONATE CONSERVATISM 101*

***As seen through President Bush's Appointees/Nominees**

The table below lists a **sample** of key appointees of President Bush (as of 2/10/03 we have been able to go through about 50% of the links we randomly saved - so there's more to come). There are a couple of reasons for this table.

1. Mr. Bush is [on record saying](#) that one can judge a person by the company he keeps. Whether or not this is true, it is certainly true that you can judge a person by the company he appoints or nominates. We can simultaneously gain insights into the brilliance of President Bush's proposed policy making apparatus.

2. What better way to understand Mr. Bush's moral and compassionate agenda than through the background of his appointees.

We sincerely hope that all churches and places of worship and all (hopefully compulsory) Catechism classes from Grades 1-12 in the U.S. preach about, and offer eulogies to, the bevy of overwhelmingly compassionate and astoundingly ethical appointees^{ss} - as reflected by their exceedingly, effusively and astoundingly moral and compassionate positions on a slew of issues ranging from the economy, civil rights, minority rights, women's rights, employee rights, rights of the disabled, health rights, "states' rights", the earth and the environment (that their God has given us), etc. As we explore their positions on these and other remarkably morally uplifting issues, we are forced to applaud Mr. Bush's resounding moral clarity and leadership![#]

In comparison, former President Clinton's atrocities, immorality and uncompassionate, un-conservatism are documented [here](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE TO READ BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE TABLE!

Note that comments in the table below relating to "CC101" (in red font) indicate the lesson to be taught at Church and in Catechism class when profiling these able candidates. (Note that "pro-" may mean "anti-" in many cases and vice-versa - but this is a minor irrelevant detail that can be ignored). The remaining comments for each nominee/appointee (in black font except for URLs) appear to be factual and may be ignored if desired - since it is abjectly immoral, uncompassionate, un-conservative and un-American to let facts stand in the way of moral clarity (Sure hope you weren't dumb enough to have *not* known that).

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#	Name of Appointee/ Nominee, Post	Some interesting/relevant background about the Nominee/Appointee	Current status of nominee/appointee
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E9	<p>William Donaldson, Nominee for SEC chief</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-investor-rights, pro-family-values</u></p> <p>(a) NY Post: NYSE was involved in shareholder fraud using unusual trading approaches during Donaldson's reign as chief there. Attempts were made to keep this away from the eyes of the SEC.</p> <p>(b) He was previously CEO at Aetna and faces a class-action lawsuit over hiding financial problems. (Also see Wash. Times).</p> <p>(c) Forbes: As head of Aetna, "...Donaldson presided over a company that lost \$400 million, maintained a corporate governance structure that squelched investor dissent in its attempt to repel takeover attempts, and he rejected a generous merger offer from Wellpoint Health Networks that would have left his shareholders 64% richer than they are today..."</p> <p>(d) He has also been opposed to corporate reform and full disclosure previously. He denounced "...the SEC rule that mandates fair disclosure of market-sensitive information as "terrible" and "crazy" in statements made last year..."</p> <p>(e) Capital Eye, Forbes: "...As a member of the board and compensation committee for EasyLink Services Corp., an Internet transaction company, he voted to forgive a \$200,000 (actually \$268000 per Forbes - 3% of the company's cash balance) loan to the CEO when EasyLink's shares fell precipitously last April..."</p> <p>(f) Capital Eye: His investment firm DLJ has been a major donor to Republicans and Democrats</p> <p>(f) This one is irrelevant, but interesting for Bush - NY Post: Had an affair while married, with the wife of a Congressman and had a child from that affair. (via P.L.A.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-civil-rights and pro-minority-rights</u></p> <p>(d) Donaldson responded to a slavery reparations lawsuit against Aetna recently by saying reparations are not needed. Also see here.</p>	Confirmed
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E8	<p>John Snow, Treasury Secretary nominee</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-investor-rights, pro-earth, pro-environment pro-workers-rights, pro-balanced-budget, pro-civil-rights, pro-minority rights, pro-children's-rights, pro-women's-rights</u></p> <p>(a) Mr. Snow is CEO of CSX Corp. - a railroad company. As this Citizens for Tax Justice memo shows: "...In three of the past four years, Snow's company, CSX Corporation, paid no federal income tax at all..."</p> <p>"...In fact, instead of paying taxes, CSX supplemented its \$934 million in pretax U.S. profits over the four years with a total of \$164 million in tax rebate checks from the federal government...."</p> <p>(b) Not to make too fine a point, as Lean Left also mentions, Mr. Snow opposed parts of the Sarbanes Corporate Reform Bill, and was a part of Mr. Cheney's "Energy Task Force" meetings.</p> <p>(c) CSX was subject to a sexual harassment lawsuit in 1997, donated tons of money to the GOP, is President of the Business Round Table which opposes the Kyoto Protocol : SRiMedia</p> <p>(d) Mr. Snow was one of the directors targeted in a securities fraud class action lawsuit in the early 1990s : Smart Money</p> <p>(e) Mr. Snow in the past came down strongly as a balanced-budget advocate, but today he is pushing supply-side tax-cutting as the panacea for our economic ills!</p> <p>(f) Snow responded to a slavery reparations lawsuit against CSX recently by saying reparations are not needed. Also see here.</p> <p>(g) Was target of child support suit from ex-wife and had a DUI arrest in the past (via P.L.A.)</p>	<p>Confirmed by Congress in Jan 2003</p>
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E7	<p>Michael Powell Chair of the FCC</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-consumer-rights, pro-fairness-and-accuracy -in-reporting</u></p> <p>As FAIR points out, Mr. Powell's opinions have placed him fairly as a pro-big-corporation, anti-consumer advocate:</p> <p>(a) "...Powell's salient quality as head of the agency is his apparent belief that it need not exist, since it's better to "let markets pick winners and losers" (TheStandard.com, 6/5/01). "The oppressor here is regulation," Powell says (Washington Post, 1/23/01). No wonder his appointment was hailed as "an outstanding choice," by National Association of Broadcasters president Eddie Fritts (Communications Daily, 1/23/01)...as FCC commissioner, a job he's held since 1997. Powell has often criticized rules restricting concentration, and specifically questioned the agency's authority to place public interest conditions on mergers. Most recently, he resisted the idea of requiring AOL and Time Warner to give rival companies open access to their cable TV systems as a condition of their merger. He expounded on that decision at his first press conference as chairman (Broadcasting & Cable, 2/12/01): "Some say, 'Openness is always good. Why are you fighting?' You know why? Because openness isn't always good. If openness were always good, nobody would be fighting over copyright protection."..."</p> <p>(b) "...The AOL/Time Warner deal also showcased Powell's nonchalant approach to personal conflicts of interest; he took part in the merger decision despite the fact that his father, Secretary of State Colin Powell, was one of AOL's directors, with lucrative stock options in the company. (The New York Times' Stephen Labaton has also noted [1/23/01] that since Michael Powell joined the FCC, "the National Association of Broadcasters has been a generous contributor to the foundation started by his father, America's Promise: the Alliance for Youth.")..."</p> <p>(c) "...Would, for example, consumer cable fees, which have risen three times as fast as inflation [<i>as cable modem prices steadily drop - eRiposte</i>], be a sign that deregulation in that industry was bad for consumers? Nah, the increase doesn't bother him, says Powell (Broadcasting & Cable, 2/12/01): "Look, Americans like TV, and they like multichannel TV, and there are mechanisms for them to express their preferences in terms of what they are willing to pay."</p> <p>(d) Favors media consolidation (also see here) preventing multiple views from reaching consumers, thereby restricting fairness and/or accuracy in reporting.</p>	<p>Still the chief</p>
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E6	<p>Harvey Pitt, SEC Chief</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-investor-rights</u></p> <p>(a) TPM reporting on NYTimes article: "...Pitt decided to appoint former CIA Director and FBI Director William Webster to head a new accounting oversight board. But Webster headed the audit committee of a public company, U.S. Technologies, which was facing investor lawsuits alleging fraud...Pitt apparently told Webster not to worry, that he'd checked, and it was okay. (That's what Webster told the <i>Times</i> and the SEC doesn't dispute it.) But apparently he hadn't checked or even told anyone else at the SEC about it..."</p> <p>(b) Backing away from real corporate reform: 1, 2, 3</p> <p>(c) Preaching for a "kinder, gentler SEC"!</p> <p>(d) Indulging in continued conflicts of interest by meeting with individuals from companies being investigated by the SEC - including KPMG which Pitt worked for previously</p>	<p>Resigned on 11/5/02 but still running the SEC for whatever reasons</p>
E5	<p>Glenn Hubbard, Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-balanced-budget, Pro-fiscal-prudence</u></p> <p>As pointed out by Economist Brad DeLong, he contradicted what he teaches about deficits, claiming they had no impact on interest rates (see additional comments by DeLong).</p> <p>As shown in the New Republic, Hubbard has the distinction now of tilting the CEA much more towards politicization, and facing criticism due to his self-contradictory stance on budget deficits.</p>	<p>WSJ reporting that Hubbard plans to leave his post sometime in Spring 2003</p>
E4	<p>Lawrence Lindsey, Chair of National Economic Council (NEC)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-civil-rights and pro-minority-rights stance</u></p> <p>Per the Washington Post, "...Lindsey was widely seen as a poor manager who held a job that required diplomacy to bring disparate economic policies together into a coherent package with a clear message..."</p> <p>See here for a quick comparison of Larry Lindsey to Clinton's Larry Summers (by Paul Krugman). A more interesting review is here by John Judis in the New Republic, and another one here. Larry Lindsey is a known advocate of supply-side economics that former President Bush (Sr.) called "voodoo economics".</p>	<p>Resigned 12/6/02</p>

E3	Paul O'Neill, Treasury Secretary	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Speak your mind (before it changes) above all else unless you are profoundly immoral due to hate for tax cuts</u></p> <p>Per the Washington Post, Mr. O'Neill, "...has been roundly criticized for a series of statements that had shaken the faith of international bond markets and Wall Street, and he had alienated many conservatives on Capitol Hill. In recent days, O'Neill had been feuding with Lindsey over the shape of an economic stimulus package. Lindsey, with the backing of White House political advisers, has been pushing a broad package predicated on the need to stimulate the economy, while O'Neill has been saying for months that the economy is recovering smartly and needed no such package..."</p> <p>Additionally history on Mr. O'Neill's gaffes, quotations, stock holdings, stance on the IMF and more. An interesting review is here by John Judis in the New Republic, and another one here.</p>	Resigned 12/6/02
E2	John Huntsman Jr. Deputy U.S. Trade Representative	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-trade</u></p> <p>Per Molly Ivins, "...Jon Huntsman Jr., the new deputy trade representative, who is hot to trot on a new round of trade liberalization under the World Trade Organization. Huntsman resigned from the privately owned Huntsman Corporation, a familiar name in Bush's hometown. Huntsman is famous in Midland-Odessa for its ``upsets," burn-offs of benzene, butadiene and other carcinogens. Huntsman gets fines even under Texas' toothless standards, and has already paid millions to the plant's neighbors over ``upsets."..."</p>	Still at the helm?
E1	Linda Chavez, Labor Secretary Nominee	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-labor-rights and pro-illegal-immigrant-rights</u></p> <p>(a) Controversy about her housing an illegal immigrant: CNN, Slate, and hiding the news from the FBI until the story broke. Showed her hypocrisy as well - see what she said about Zoe Baird.</p> <p>(b) On record with extreme anti-labor-unions position - also see here.</p> <p>(c) On record saying that she opposes affirmative action, job-training programs, increase in minimum wage - among other things. Her nomination was opposed as a result by the largest Hispanic organization in the U.S.</p>	Nomination withdrawn

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Current nominations appear to be on this [U.S.D.O.J. website](#). Note the [remarks by Ralph Neas of PFAW](#) that by 2004, all 13 Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal could be controlled by Republican-nominated judges.

For those who think this is merely partisan sniping, [Senator Leahy's website shows](#) the record that the Democratic Senate has in approving GOP nominees - and it's better that what the Republicans' history during Clinton's years.

#	Name of Appointee/ Nominee	Some interesting/relevant background about the Nominee/Appointee	Evidence provided by	Current status of nominee/appointee
J20	Stephen Colloton	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-family -values</u></p> <p>2/19/03: "...member of former Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's team to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, based in St. Louis. The nominee, Steven M. Colloton of Iowa, was a law clerk for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist..."</p>	Washington Post	NOMINATED
J19	Charles Pickering (friend of Trent Lott)	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-minority-rights and pro-civil-rights, pro-women's-rights</u></p> <p>1/18/03: Lied later that his contact with the Sovereignty Commission related to concerns over KKK infiltration</p> <p>1/12/03: Lied about not having had any contact with Mississippi's State Sovereignty Commission, his home state's notorious anti-black secret police apparatus.</p> <p>1/11/03: History of blatant anti-civil-rights, anti-women, anti-minorities rulings</p>	<p>MWO, Joe Conason (Salon); FairJudges</p> <p>The Nation, Independent Judiciary, PFAW, Mississippi community leaders, List of other orgs., NWLC</p>	RENOMINATED and PENDING
J18	Jeffrey Sutton (clerked with Antonin Scalia) <i>A Director of Federalist Society</i>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-minority-rights, pro-civil-rights, pro-disabled-person-rights, and pro-compassionate-conservatism</u></p> <p>2/19/03: "...Sutton has argued that the federal judiciary should have almost unfettered discretion to override Congress' empirical findings in support of its legislation, which would limit congressional authority to protect individuals from violations of their rights - such as hate crimes..."</p> <p>2/8/03: "...persuaded the Supreme Court to rule against a nurse with breast cancer on the ground that the Americans With Disabilities Act does not apply to state employers..."</p> <p>1/15/03: Contributions to Bush/GOP</p> <p>1/14/03: History of fighting cases against minorities and those with disabilities. e.g., "...argued that victims of discrimination must always prove "intent" to discriminate - an exacting standard requiring "smoking gun" evidence such as a blatantly discriminatory statement. Such evidence is unlikely to be uncovered in most cases. Mr. Sutton's argument had the effect of significantly</p>	<p>HRC</p> <p>New York Times</p> <p>Margie Burns (BuzzFlash)</p> <p>Atrios</p> <p>Justice for All</p> <p>Independent Judiciary</p> <p>Wampum</p> <p>ADA Watch</p> <p>List of other orgs. opposing Sutton</p>	PENDING

		undercutting enforcement of the landmark 1964 Act..."		
J17	<p>Priscilla Owen</p> <p><i>Member of</i> <u>Federalist Society</u></p>	<p><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Pro-minority-rights, pro-civil-rights, pro-labor/employee-rights, pro-women's-rights, and pro-compassionate-conservatism</p> <p>1/15/03: Contributions to Bush/GOP</p> <p>1/14/03: History of anti-workers-rights, anti-civil rights, anti-reproductive-choice, anti-environment and pro-big-corporation /anti-employee legal rulings. Blatant ethics violations through acceptance of campaign contributions from corporate defendants like Enron and Halliburton.</p>	<p>Margie Burns (<u>BuzzFlash</u>)</p> <p><u>PFAW</u></p> <p><u>NOW</u></p> <p>Independent Judiciary <u>1</u>, <u>2</u></p>	<p>RENOMINATED</p> <p>and</p> <p>PENDING</p>

J16	Deborah Cook	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-civil-rights, pro-labor/employee-rights, and pro-compassionate-conservatism</u></p> <p>2/8/03: "...Deborah Cook, regularly sides, as a state judge, with corporations. In one case she maintained that a worker whose employer lied to him about his exposure to dangerous chemicals should not be able to sue for his injuries..."</p> <p>1/15/03: Contributions to Bush/GOP</p> <p>1/14/03: History of pro-big-business, anti-worker, anti-civil-rights rulings/dissents</p>	<p><u>New York Times</u></p> <p>Margie Burns (<u>BuzzFlash</u>)</p> <p><u>Independent Judiciary</u></p> <p><u>NARAL</u></p>	NOMINATED
J15	Miguel Estrada (the "Hispanic Clarence Thomas" according to some)	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-minority-rights, pro-civil-rights, pro-labor/employee-rights, pro-women's-rights, pro-patient-rights and pro-compassionate-conservatism</u></p> <p>2/19/03: Note as <u>Michael Kinsley points out</u>: "...With 42 circuit court vacancies to fill, Estrada is the only Hispanic Bush has nominated. Clinton nominated 11, three of whom the Republicans blocked..."</p> <p>2/17/03: As The Nation <u>points out</u>, he was one of the lawyers who represented the Bush/Cheney in Bush v. Gore. It is stunning that such a partisan can even get nominated, especially one that refuses to answer questions about his legal positions (imagine if a company hired a manager who refuses to talk about his experience!). More on this stuff at <u>Best of the Blogs</u>.</p> <p>2/5/03: <u>Josh Marshall</u> documents what appears to be a possible case of purgery by Estrada which should be investigated</p> <p>1/29/03: <u>NYTimes points out</u> not only Mr. Estrada's refusal to answer questions but the limited information that shows he is driven by an unusually conservative/right-wing agenda.</p> <p>1/15/03: Contributions to Bush/GOP</p> <p>1/14/03: Member of Federalist Society with history or anti-civil-rights, anti-labor,</p>	<p>Also see:</p> <p><u>TPM</u></p> <p>Margie Burns (<u>BuzzFlash</u>)</p> <p>Independent Judiciary <u>1, 2</u></p>	NOMINATED

		anti-patient positions		
J14	Jay Bybee	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-states-rights</u></p> <p>2/19/03: "...In a 1997 law review article, Bybee, then a professor, offered an extremely troubling view of the landmark equal protection case, <i>Romer v. Evans...</i> characterized sexual orientation-inclusive civil rights laws as nothing more than government-sponsored "preferences" for "homosexuals."</p> <p>2/8/03: History of "interesting" positions on "states' rights", etc.</p> <p>2/7/03: "...has argued that United States senators should be elected by state legislators, not the voters. Questions have also been raised about whether, as a White House aide, Mr. Bybee attempted to suppress a criminal investigation of financing of Iraqi weapons purchases..."</p>	<p>HRC</p> <p>PFAW</p> <p>New York Times</p>	NOMINATED
J13	John Roberts (former Deputy Solicitor General to Bush I)	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-women's-rights, pro-secular-rights and pro-compassionate-conservatism</u></p> <p>1/15/03: Contributions to Bush/GOP</p> <p>1/14/03: Anti-reproductive-choice, anti-secular positions in the past and has disputed the notion that the current Supreme Court is "conservative". Nominated earlier by Bush I but nomination lapsed due to concern over extreme views as perceived by then Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>Margie Burns (BuzzFlash)</p> <p>Independent Judiciary</p> <p>NARAL</p>	NOMINATED

J12	<p>Carolyn Kuhl</p> <p><i>Member of</i> <u>Federalist Society</u></p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-minority-rights, pro-civil-rights, pro-whistleblower-rights, pro-women's-rights, pro-patient-rights</u></p> <p>1/14/03: Anti-civil-rights (e.g., a DOJ employee who persuaded others to push for tax exempt status for Bob Jones University), anti-patient-rights, anti-whistleblower-rights, anti-reproductive-choice actions</p>	<p><u>Independent Judiciary</u></p> <p><u>NARAL</u></p>	NOMINATED
J11	<p>Terrence William Boyle</p> <p>(former aide to Jesse Helms)</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-minority-rights, pro-civil-rights, pro-disabled-person-rights, pro-women's-rights</u></p> <p>1/14/03: Anti-civil-rights, anti-disabled-person, anti-women's-rights positions and rulings</p>	<p><u>Independent Judiciary</u></p>	NOMINATED
J10	<p>Timothy Tymkovich</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-gay-rights, pro-women's-rights</u></p> <p>2/19/03: "...Amendment 2 sought to ban any municipality in Colorado from enacting laws that would protect gay people from discrimination... Tymkovich defended Colorado's Amendment 2... "He describes anti-discrimination laws as 'special legal protections for homosexuals' and 'special rights,' common rhetoric for those opposed to equal protection for gays and lesbians." In the article, Tymkovich lumped homosexuality with a litany of "immoral" and dangerous behaviors, including sadomasochism, cockfighting, bestiality, suicide, drug use and prostitution..."</p> <p>1/14/03: Anti-gay-rights, anti-women's-rights rulings</p>	<p><u>HRC</u></p> <p><u>Independent Judiciary</u></p>	NOMINATED
J9	<p>William H. Steele</p> <p>(to be <u>replaced</u> by William Pryor Jr.?)</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-civil-rights</u></p> <p>1/14/03: History of anti-civil-rights rulings</p>	<p><u>Independent Judiciary</u></p>	NOMINATED
J8	<p>William H. Pryor Jr.</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-civil-rights, pro-women's-rights, pro-secularism</u></p> <p>1/14/03: Host of anti-civil-rights, anti-reproductive-choice, anti-secular positions/rulings</p>	<p><u>Law.com</u></p>	<i>TBD</i>
J7	<p>Douglas Kmiec</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-civil-rights, pro-women's-rights, pro-earth/environment</u></p> <p>1/14/03: History of anti-civil-rights, anti-reproductive-choice, anti-environmental inclinations</p>	<p><u>Independent Judiciary</u></p>	<i>TBD</i>

J6	Dennis Shedd (former counsel to Strom Thurmond)	<u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-minority-rights, pro-civil-rights, pro-employee-rights, pro-women's-rights, pro-disabled-person's -rights</u> 1/14/03: History of actions and decisions against civil rights, against women's/employee rights, and against Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	Justice for All NOW	CONFIRMED
J5	Michael McConnell	<u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-minority-rights, pro-civil-rights, pro-women's-rights, and pro-Compassionate-Conservatism</u> 1/15/03: Contributions to Bush/GOP 1/14/03: History of anti-civil rights, anti-reproductive-choice, and other right-wing opinions	Margie Burns (BuzzFlash) Independent Judiciary Law Professors NARAL	CONFIRMED
J4	D. Brooks Smith	<u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-consumer-rights, pro-workers-rights, pro-women's-rights, and pro-civil-rights</u> 1/14/03: Anti-workers-rights, anti-consumer -rights, anti-women's-rights rulings and memberships in controversial discriminatory clubs	Independent Judiciary New York Times AFJ	CONFIRMED
J3	Lawrence Block	<u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-earth/environment, pro-workers-rights, pro-health-rights</u> 1/14/03: Anti-environmental, anti-health/safety, etc. positions	EarthJustice Independent Judiciary	CONFIRMED
J2	Lavenski Smith	<u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-women's-rights</u> 2/8/03: History of anti-reproductive-choice, and anti-women's-rights opinions (was against Roe v. Wade)	PP	CONFIRMED
J1	Paul Cassell	<u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-defendant-rights, pro-constitutional-rights</u> 1/14/03: Anti-defendant-rights, anti-constitutional-rights rulings. Has also stated that: "No innocent person has been executed in this country for roughly the last half century."!	Independent Judiciary	CONFIRMED

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H16	<p>David Hager, FDA's Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-women's-rights, pro-life</u></p> <p>(a) Anti-abortion believer who participated in a Christian Medical Association campaign that attempted to reverse the FDA committee's 1996 recommendation that led to approval of the abortion pill RU-486. Has condemned birth control pills.</p> <p>(b) Against emergency contraception. Apparently refuses to prescribe contraceptives to unwed mothers and has spoken out against condom use outside of marriage.</p> <p>(b) He and his wife have recommended "specific scripture readings and prayers for such ailments as headaches and premenstrual syndrome".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sources: WP, FME, Time, NOW, PP</p>	
H15	<p>Joseph B. Stanford, FDA's Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-women's-rights, pro-life</u></p> <p>(a) Refuses to prescribe "contraceptives of any sort."</p> <p>(b) He also erroneously classifies some forms of the birth control pill as potential abortifacients. (See "Sex, Naturally," First things, the <i>Journal of Religion and Public Life</i>, November 1999.)</p> <p>(c) Advocates "natural family planning", e.g. the rhythm method, as the only acceptable form of contraception because "...medicine is permeated with attitudes toward sexuality and fertility that are incompatible with Christian values of the sanctity of life, marriage, and procreation, attitudes that both reflect and perpetuate the recreational approach to sexuality found in our secular culture," reported <i>HealthScoutNews</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Source: PP, FME</p>	Still at the helm
H14	<p>Freda McKissic Bush CDC Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-safe-sex, pro-abstinence</u></p> <p>"...Dr. Bush is a member of the advisory council of the Medical Institute — an anti-condom "research" group — and the director of Virginity Rules, an "abstinence-only" program (CDC, 2002b; The Medical Institute, 2002b).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Source: PP</p>	Still at the helm

<p>H13</p>	<p>Louise Oliver Special Asst. State Dept. Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration</p>	<p><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Pro-life, pro-population-control- without-birth-control</p> <p>"...She was President of Harvard Law School's Society for Law, Life and Religion - a group dedicated to 'defending religious values and the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death'..." (i.e., a so-called pro-life group).</p> <p>She was part of the team that ended U.S. support for a world health plan for population control! "...Louise Oliver, a special assistant in the State Department's population office, also said the Bush administration objected to such terms as ``reproductive services" and ``reproductive health care" because they imply a right to abortion, according to a senior U.N. official who attended the session..."</p> <p>Source: PP, Mercury News</p>	<p>Still at the helm</p>
<p>H12</p>	<p>Daniel Troy FDA Chief Legal Counsel</p>	<p><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Pro-health-rights, pro-children, pro-people</p> <p>Salon</p> <p>(a) "...in private practice, Troy had successfully challenged the agency's power to regulate drug companies -- particularly the companies' ability to freely promote and market their products..."</p> <p>(b) "...Troy has overseen a dramatic decrease in the number of drug companies that have been reprimanded for running false or misleading commercials -- even as the drug ads filling our TV screens and magazines have multiplied. Of course, it could just be that the drug companies have all joined the Boy Scouts and are now being meticulously honest and trustworthy..."</p> <p>Common Dreams</p> <p>(c) "...there has been a 60 percent decline since last year in the number of all FDA warning letters for various types of infractions, from clinical trials to marketing. These letters represent the first step in FDA policing. The decline coincides with an order from the administration last December requiring that Troy's office review all enforcement letters before they are sent to ensure they consistently apply FDA rules and are legally sound. Critics say the policy, combined with Troy's background, has had a chilling effect on FDA staff members who monitor drug company actions..."</p>	<p>Still at the helm</p>
<p>H11</p>	<p>Janet Rehnquist Inspector General Health and Human Services</p>	<p><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Pro-health-rights, pro-gun-rights, pro all-in-all</p> <p>Daughter of the Chief Justice, she is under investigation by Congress on several issues including the shredding and destruction of documents by her office.</p> <p>"...The General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, was already conducting a</p>	<p>Still at the helm</p>

		<p>comprehensive review of Ms. Rehnquist's office after complaints from employees who said she had politicized the agency, which investigates fraud and abuse in federal programs... The accounting office was investigating whether Ms. Rehnquist kept a gun in her office without authorization, violated personnel rules by ousting career employees and ordered delays in a federal audit of the Florida state employees' pension fund to avoid embarrassing Gov. Jeb Bush. In its inquiry, the accounting office learned of the destruction of documents in the office of the inspector general, known as O.I.G. It informed Ms. Rehnquist, who informed Congress..."</p> <p>New York Times, Washington Post.</p>	
H10	<p>Joseph Jennings Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>CC101 Lesson: Pro-AIDS-victims, pro-abstinence</p> <p>"...Joseph Jennings is a motivational speaker, and former gang leader, who travels the country speaking to children about drugs and violence. Jennings' background in HIV/AIDS comes mostly from telling teenagers to abstain from sex. Jennings is a frequent speaker for Acquire The Fire youth conferences. Acquire The Fire, organized by TeenMania Ministries, promotes among other issues, religious conversion as a cure for homosexuality and sexual abstinence until marriage."</p> <p>Source: NSD (via Atrios) (bold text is our emphasis)</p>	Nominated
H9	<p>Anita Smith Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>CC101 Lesson: Pro-AIDS-victims, pro-abstinence, pro-gay, pro-women</p> <p>"...Anita Smith is the co-founder of the Children AIDS Fund (formally Americans for a Sound HIV/AIDS Policy). Smith has stated that her organization "believes abstinence is the only true prevention." (<i>Family Voice</i>, July/August 2001). Smith's organization lobbied against including HIV/AIDS status in the Americans With Disabilities Act. The organization has also pushed to take money from prevention efforts in the gay community and reassign it to less effective efforts. Smith has also worked extensively to promote abstinence-only programs. Smith has appeared in articles by the Concerned Women for America, who have lobbied to keep gay men off the council. Referencing potential appointments to the council, Concerned Women for America stated: "What we have here, frankly, is a power struggle between homosexual white men who have used all the government AIDS programs fundamentally to fund their subculture and political activities, versus the other dominate demographic group who's suffering from AIDS, - namely, black women." (Battle Underway of AIDS Panel, Family News in Focus. October 29, 2001)..."</p> <p>Source: NSD (via Atrios) (bold text is our emphasis)</p>	Nominated
H8	<p>Dandrick Moton Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>CC101 Lesson: Pro-AIDS-victims, pro-abstinence</p> <p>"...a man whose background in HIV/AIDS policy consists of</p>	Nominated

		<p>traveling with his mother as dual motivational speakers to promote abstinence for youth until marriage..."</p> <p>Source: NSD (via Atrios) (bold text is our emphasis)</p>	
H7	<p>Joe McIlaney Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-AIDS-victims, pro-abstinence, pro-safe-sex-myth</u></p> <p>"...Dr. Joe McIlaney is the founder and director of the Medical Institute for Sexual Health (MISH) in Austin, Texas. MISH is an abstinence and anti safe-sex organization. Dr. McIlaney is most noted for his repeated attacks against the idea of using condoms to prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Among his books, McIlaney co-wrote <i>The Myth of Safe Sex</i> with James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family (which runs a prominent ex-gay ministry). McIlaney frequently interprets medical statistics for his own liking, and those interpretations are often used by anti-gay groups. On November 15, 2001, McIlaney testified before Congress to promote abstinence. McIlaney also enjoyed influence over the state health curriculum while George W. Bush was Governor of Texas..."</p> <p>Also known for promoting falsities about condom efficiency.</p> <p>Source: NSD (via Atrios) (bold text is our emphasis), PP</p>	Nominated
H6	<p>Tom Coburn Co-Chair, Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-AIDS-victims, pro-gay, pro-abstinence, pro-safe-sex (without use of condoms)</u></p> <p>"...Former Rep. Tom Coburn (R-OK) received a 0% Congressional voting rating in all three of his terms from the Human Rights Campaign. In addition to his poor record on issues of concern to the gay and lesbian community, Coburn consistently voted against needed HIV/AIDS legislation. Coburn also called for the firing of the Director of the Centers for Disease Control because the CDC promotes condom use to prevent transmission of the HIV virus. Rich Tafel, Executive Director of LCR, has called Coburn's past votes "morally wrong and politically dangerous." (Washington Blade, May 07, 1999)</p> <p>Source: NSD (via Atrios) (bold text is our emphasis)</p>	Nominated
H5	<p>Jerry Thacker Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV/AIDS</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-AIDS-victims, pro-gay, pro-Jesus-Christ (very important)</u></p> <p>"...In his speeches and writings on his Web site and elsewhere, Thacker has described homosexuality as a "deathstyle" rather than a lifestyle and asserted that "Christ can rescue the homosexual." After word of his selection spread among gays in recent days, some material disappeared from the Web site. Earlier versions located by The Washington Post that referred to the "gay plague," for instance, were changed as of yesterday to "plague."...Thacker's promotional materials stress the need for compassion toward all people with AIDS, and they urge churches to think "Christianly" about people with AIDS and to hate the sin, but love the sinner. "Be compassionate to those caught up in this</p>	Thacker withdrew his name from consideration

		<p>sinful deathstyle," the Bob Jones summary said. "Only when homosexuals know it is a sin can they repent..." (bold text is our emphasis)</p> <p>Sources: WP, Atrios, etc.</p>	
H4	<p>Pat Ware Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>CC101 Lesson: Pro-AIDS-victims, pro-abstinence</p> <p>Expressed belief that "...gay white men are responsible for infecting the African American community with AIDS...", "...vocal proponent of abstinence as an AIDS prevention method..."</p> <p>"...her advocacy that undermines safe-sex education and that shifts away money from prevention efforts in the gay community. Ware has been associated with anti-gay organizations such as the Family Research Council and is most closely linked to her work with Americans for a Sound HIV/AIDS Policy (ASAP), which has since changed its name to the Children's AIDS Fund. ASAP was an abstinence-only organization opposed to most HIV/AIDS education and prevention measures. ASAP also lobbied against including HIV and AIDS in the Americans with Disabilities Act. Ware herself is a strong abstinence-only proponent, lobbying against any effort that promotes education and protection over abstinence.</p> <p>Ware is also opposed to condom use. Pat Ware has advocated that the government shift away funds from groups that serve gays and towards abstinence-only education. At the 2000 Republican Convention in Philadelphia, Ware referenced the "innocent babies" infected with HIV, a comment that implied that others are "guilty" victims of the epidemic..."</p> <p>Sources: San Francisco Chronicle, NSD (via Atrios) (bold text is our emphasis)</p>	<p>Transferred to serve as special assistant to Claude Allen, Asst. Sec. of the Department of Health & Human Services, where she will work on minority health issues due to Thacker flap.</p>
H3	<p>John Klink Asst. Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration</p>	<p>CC101 Lesson: Pro-women's rights, pro-life, pro-safe-sex, pro-raped-refugee-rights</p> <p>Anti-women's-rights, anti-reproductive-choice, anti-safe-sex (abhors condoms). "...Klink is a former Holy See diplomat who, according to the CFFC, has opposed the use of condoms as way of limiting the spread of AIDS. In one document issued by the CFFC, Klink is quoted as saying contraception is, "morally unacceptable" and in another document, Klink is quoted as saying the, "Holy See in no way endorses contraception or the use of condoms, either as a family planning measure or in HIV/AIDS prevention programs..." (Klink was against emergency contraception being provided to raped women)</p> <p>Sources: PP, CFFC</p>	<p>Name withdrawn from consideration after protests</p>

H2	*None* (i.e., fired) White House Office of Women's Initiatives and Outreach (shut down)	<p align="center"><u>CC101 Lesson: Anti-women's rights</u></p> <p align="center">In March 2001, the WH Women's Initiatives and Outreach Office was shut down.</p> <p align="center">Source: Denver Business Journal, PP</p>	Shut down
H1	Tommy Thompson Secretary of Health and Human Services	<p align="center"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-women's-rights, pro-raped-children's-rights pro-scientific-integrity etc.</u></p> <p align="center">Anti-reproductive-choice positions; on advisory board of Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) - which is an extreme right-wing organization with outrageous goals (P.L.A).</p> <p align="center">Additionally, led delegation to U.N. children's summit opposing special rehabilitation for raped children (including birth control and abortions).</p> <p align="center">Removed scientific statistics from National Cancer Institute from HHS websites that showed that breast cancer risk does not increase due to abortions. Also removed fact sheets on condom effectiveness.</p> <p align="center">Sources: PP, PP</p>	Still at the helm

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E6	Spencer Abraham Energy Secretary <i>Member of Federalist Society</i>	<p align="center"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-environment/earth, Pro-conservation</u></p> <p align="center">On advisory board of Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) - which is an extreme right-wing organization with outrageous goals (P.L.A). Very poor environmental record (LCV).</p>	Still at the helm
E5	Mark Rey Undersecretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, Dept. of Agriculture	<p align="center"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-environment/earth, Pro-conservation</u></p> <p align="center">Extensive history of anti-environmental and pro-timber-industry positions and jobs. Examples: (a) "...served as vice president of forest resources for the American Forest & Paper Association, the country's leading advocate for logging in our national forests..." (b) Vociferously opposes the National Forest Roadless Conservation Policy, which would protect the last 1/3 of our nation's wild places from logging, mining, and other destructive activities. and many many more... also see page 8 of this EarthJustice report.</p>	Still at the helm

E4	<p>William Myers III Interior Solicitor (Chief Law officer at Interior)</p>	<p><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Pro-environment/earth, Pro-conservation</p> <p>An individual with a history of (a) anti-environmental positions/jobs and actions including an interest in partially gutting the Endangered Species Act, (b) He "...top guy at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and represented the grazing interests in lawsuits against the policies he will now be enforcing..." (Molly Ivins) (c) "...Publicly opposed important environmental policies, including the National Forest Roadless Conservation Policy, wolf re-introduction in Yellowstone, and grazing fee reforms. Myers also supported and vigorously defended the slaughter of bison adjacent to Yellowstone National Park..." (EarthJustice)</p>	<p>Still at the helm</p>
E3	<p>J. Steven Griles Deputy Secretary, Interior Dept.</p>	<p><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Pro-environment/earth, Pro-conservation</p> <p>An individual with a history of (a) destroying environmental laws, (b) playing openly for oil, gas, energy and mining companies, and (c) flagrant conflicts of interest/ethics violations. History is too detailed to provide but see Friends of the Earth for a detailed summary.</p>	<p>Still at the helm</p>

E2	<p>Gale Norton Interior Secretary</p> <p><i>Member of</i> <i>Federalist Society</i></p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-minorities-rights, pro-civil-rights, pro-environment/earth, pro-poor</u></p> <p>(a) Pro-"states'-rights" (i.e., slavery)</p> <p>(b) History of severe anti-environmental, pro-pollution, pro-oil/gas/energy company positions and actions: See Alternet for instance: "...is compiling a record as perhaps the most anti-environmental Interior Secretary in history – even worse, perhaps, than notorious Reagan Interior Secretary James Watt, who resigned from his post after trying to cede public lands to special interests and losing the confidence of the American people...Norton is an ideological extremist who worked for two decades to dismantle the very laws the Interior Department is sworn to uphold. Before becoming Interior Secretary, she espoused the "right to pollute" and other extreme positions, including support of laws allowing polluters to police themselves. As Colorado attorney general, she was hostile to environmental protection and took a head-in-the-sand approach to polluters. She stood by, for instance, as cyanide leaks from the Summitville gold mine killed wildlife in 17 miles of the Alamosa River. As a lawyer, she represented the oil industry, loggers and miners. She was a senior attorney at the arch-conservative Mountain States Legal Foundation under its founder, the bombastic Watt... She has politicized the Interior Department by filling numerous key positions with executives and lobbyists from resource-extracting industries. Together, they have moved briskly to open more fragile public lands to oil and gas drilling, mining and off-road vehicles – sometimes even refusing to conduct environmental reviews mandated by federal law. Government scientists who object have been silenced or ignored."</p> <p>(c) On advisory board of Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) - which is an extreme right-wing organization with outrageous goals (P.L.A). Also see Common Dreams.</p>	Still at the helm
E1	<p>Curtis Hebert, Chair of FERC</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-deregulation, pro-consumer</u></p> <p>Strong "deregulation" believer who did not believe in intervening in the markets even during power crisis in California and other states, that was that was significantly due to market manipulation by energy companies like Enron. Enron was lobbying FERC extensively during this time. The facts are in dispute whether Hebert asked Ken Lay of Enron to support his continued chairmanship or whether Ken Lay essentially threatened Hebert that he would not support the latter if Hebert did not support Enron.</p> <p>Per Consortium News, Hebert may have been forced to resign because of two positions of his that conflicted with then Enron CEO Ken Lay's desires and the fact that Ken Lay held major sway over the Bush administration.</p>	Resigned in Aug 2001

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S12	<p align="center">John Bolton Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and Intl. Security Affairs</p>	<p><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Pro-non-proliferation, pro-humility, pro-U.N., pro-all-in-all</p> <p>As CLW points out, Bolton was a Vice President at the American Enterprise Institute, with stints in the Reagan Justice Department and Bush Sr. State Department.</p> <p>(a) "...Bolton has opposed many of the programs that would fall under his jurisdiction, including the Anti- Ballistic Missile Treaty, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the International Criminal Court..."</p> <p>(b) "...At a 1994 panel discussion sponsored by the World Federalist Association Bolton claimed "there's no such thing as the United Nations," and stated "if the UN secretary building in New York lost 10 stories, it wouldn't make a bit of difference."..."</p> <p>(c) Stated that "...Support for the International Criminal Court concept is based largely on emotional appeals to an abstract ideal of an international judicial system." House International Relations Committee, 07/07/00..."</p> <p>(d) "...As a young lawyer Bolton in 1978 Bolton helped Sen. Helms' National Congressional Club form Jefferson Marketing "as a vehicle to supply candidates with such services as advertising and direct mail without having to worry about the federal laws preventing PACs, like the Congressional Club, from contributing more than \$5,000 per election to any one candidate's campaign committee" (Legal Times). He later defended the club against charges from the FEC that led to a \$10,000 fine in 1986. As a reward for his service Sen. Helms "helped the career of John Bolton" by supporting him for his Department of Justice and State positions (Legal Times)..."</p> <p>(e) "...At the Justice Department, Bolton acted as the Department's "no man" refusing to provide congressional committees documents on Supreme Court nominees William Renquist, Antonin Scalia and Anthony Kennedy. He also refused to provide information, including his personal notes regarding the Iran-Contra scandal, and aided congressional Republicans who attempted to stop investigations of Contra drug smuggling..."</p> <p>(f) "...After leaving the State Department under the first Bush Administration, Bolton headed the National Policy Forum which "reportedly pursued money from overseas" for the RNC (Los Angeles Times). The NPF defaulted on a \$1.3 billion loan guaranteed by Hong Kong businessman Ambrous Young, who's lawyer claimed</p>	<p align="center">Serving</p>

		<p>his willingness to absorb the debt was "contingent upon Mr. Young getting something in return," namely "business opportunities." The Taiwanese government "served as an intermediary for a \$25,000 contribution" to the NPF (Washington Post). At his confirmation hearing Bolton acknowledged that he had received \$30,000 from the Taiwanese government for writing a series of papers..."</p> <p>(g) As Hoover points out, he was one of the key lawyers who represented Bush in Bush v. Gore.</p>	
S11	<p>Thomas Kean Head of 9/11 Independent Panel</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: A pro with principles</u></p> <p>As Fortune points out: "...Kean appears to have a bizarre link to the very terror network he's investigating--al Qaeda. Here's how the dots connect: Kean is a director of petroleum giant Amerada Hess, which in 1998 formed a joint venture--known as Delta Hess--with Delta Oil, a Saudi Arabian company, to develop oil fields in Azerbaijan. One of Delta's backers is Khalid bin Mahfouz, a shadowy Saudi patriarch married to one of Osama bin Laden's sisters. Mahfouz, who is suspected of funding charities linked to al Qaeda, is even named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by families of Sept. 11 victims. True, Hess is hardly the only company to cross paths with Mahfouz: He has shown up in dealings with, among others, ultra-secretive investment firm Carlyle Group and BCCI, the lender toppled by fraud in 1992. Kean, who was unavailable for comment, may not have been aware of the Mahfouz connection. But Hess spokesman Carl Tursi did reveal another interesting coincidence: Three weeks before Kean's appointment, Hess severed its ties with Delta.</p>	<p>Serving as head</p>
S10	<p>John Lehman 9/11 Investigative Panel Member</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: A lover of the truth</u></p> <p>As Wayne Madsen points out, "...Lehman was Navy secretary from 1981 to 1987 and presided over Ronald Reagan's buildup to a 600-ship Navy. But Lehman also presided over one of the worst cover-ups in the Navy's entire 227-year history. Long before the Roman Catholic Church pedophile scandal, the U.S. Navy experienced one of its own. It involved at least one U.S. Naval Academy graduate, P-3 Orion naval pilots with access to nuclear weapons (the P-3 Orion is an anti-submarine warfare aircraft), personnel with top-secret clearances, and officers in leadership positions of trust akin to those of clergymen. The Navy's pedophilia scandal broke in the quiet and serene Oregon coastal town of Coos Bay on Sept. 11, 1982, when the commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Facility, a classified submarine tracking station, was arrested by local police for involvement in child pornography and lascivious acts with minors, including sodomy. The arrest followed a 2-month-long investigation involving the FBI and the Naval Investigative Service. At a general courts-martial held later that year, the commanding officer, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and P-3 Orion pilot having both Critical Nuclear Weapons Design</p>	<p>Serving</p>

		<p>Information and top-secret communications security clearances was found guilty of 16 counts of sodomy and lewd conduct. Immediately after the Coos Bay arrest, Lehman's Navy Department bureaucracy went into cover-up mode. Reporters from the local NBC television affiliate in Coos Bay were barred from both the naval base and the dependents' housing area...."</p>	
S9	<p>Henry Kissinger Head of 9/11 Independent Panel</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Outstanding lover of human rights and the truth</u></p> <p>As The Nation states, while laying out Kissinger's record: "...Asking Henry Kissinger to investigate government malfeasance or nonfeasance is akin to asking Slobodan Milosevic to investigate war crimes. Pretty damn akin, since Kissinger has been accused, with cause, of engaging in war crimes of his own. Moreover, he has been a poster-child for the worst excesses of secret government and secret warfare. Yet George W. Bush has named him to head a supposedly independent commission to investigate the nightmarish attacks of September 11, 2001, a commission intended to tell the public what went wrong on and before that day. This is a sick, black-is-white, war-is-peace joke--a cruel insult to the memory of those killed on 9/11..."</p> <p>As the WP wrote: "...the appointment had also prompted a steady stream of objections, including some from relatives of victims in the terrorist attacks. They questioned Kissinger's reliability and urged him to disclose his client list. Kissinger met with 11 members of victims' family groups Thursday, telling them that he did not believe he had any conflicts of interest and promising to provide the families personally with details. But, according to several of the meeting's participants, he indicated he did not intend to release the information publicly. Stephen Push, a leader of Families of Sept. 11th, said yesterday he found Kissinger's resignation "very puzzling." "He told us that he had no conflicts, yet he's apparently resigning from an opportunity to serve his country so his clients can remain anonymous," Push said. "It's disturbing that we've had two high-profile resignations in a row."</p>	<p>Resigned over his past and present (links to clients that he would not disclose)</p>

S8	<p style="text-align: center;">Ted Olson Solicitor General</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Member of</i> <u>Federalist Society</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Outstanding example of truth-telling angel and a pro all-in-all</p> <p>(a) Was a key participant in the activities surrounding the Ken Starr investigation of Bill Clinton - even representing discredited liar and so-called witness David Hale. (See <u>Murray Waas (TAP)</u>. Lied about his involvement and fabricated lies about then-President Clinton. See MyDD (<u>1</u> and <u>2</u>) and Salon (<u>1</u> and <u>2</u>) as well.</p> <p>See <u>TNR</u>: "...If any single figure in Washington embodied the effort to undermine Clinton it was Ted Olson," write Joe Conason and Gene Lyons in their encyclopedic <i>The Hunting of the President</i>. "Olson didn't seek publicity...but he had played a part in almost every assault on the president." Among the examples Conason and Lyons cite are Olson's representation of former Arkansas judge David Hale, whose testimony was central to Ken Starr's Whitewater inquiry; writing nasty (and pseudonymous) articles for <i>The American Spectator</i> comparing Clinton, unfavorably, to Richard Nixon and Don Corleone; and convening meetings of various Richard Mellon Scaife-funded Clinton foes at his law offices in Washington--meetings that eventually led to the creation of the <i>Spectator's</i> infamous "Arkansas Project."..."</p> <p>(b) Was a key lawyer for Bush in Bush v. Gore, 2000.</p> <p>(c) Ultra-right wing conservative.</p> <p>(d) Responsible, along with Mr. Ashcroft for <u>reinterpreting second amendment</u> in favor of the NRA.</p>	Still at the helm
S7	<p style="text-align: center;">John Negroponte Ambassador to the U.N.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Outstanding example of pro-civil-rights, truth-telling angel</p> <p>Negroponte <u>was</u>, "...one of Ronald Reagan's key Central American officials during the secret Contra wars that nearly destroyed the Reagan presidency. He was Ambassador to Honduras at the time and allegedly turned a blind eye to Honduran military atrocities....Negroponte's embassy deliberately withheld the details of human rights atrocities from the State Department, from the US Congress, in order not to provide a political tool to opponents of the Contra war..."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Also see <u>Bear-Left</u> (via <u>PLA</u>)</p>	Still at the helm

S6	<p style="text-align: center;">Otto Reich</p> <p>(a) Asst. Sec. of State, Western Hemisphere Affairs</p> <p>(b) Special Envoy to the Western Hemisphere</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Outstanding example of pro-civil-rights, truth-telling angel</p> <p>As the American Prospect says, he is "...an extreme right-wing ideologue who, in the service of pushing his agenda, won't hesitate to warp reality, using classic psychological warfare tools of disinformation and innuendo. Digging into Reich's activities of the past 20 years, it's difficult to prove his critics wrong; from stints as an Oliver North associate during Iran-Contra to lobbying for Bacardi to helping write the dingy Helms-Burton Act (which props up a 40-year anti-Cuban embargo the rest of the world sees as bizarrely petulant) and being a shill for sweatshops, Reich's entire career looms as a monument to an almost sublime fusion of skillful spinning and right-wing advocacy..." In other words, a liar extraordinaire who would do anything to justify the ends.</p>	Still at the helm
S5	<p style="text-align: center;">John Poindexter</p> <p>Director, Total Information Awareness (TIA) office, DARPA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101</u> Lesson: Outstanding example of pro-civil-rights, truth-telling angel</p> <p>(a) FAS: "...John M. Poindexter -- Indicted March 16, 1988, on seven felony charges. After standing trial on five charges, Poindexter was found guilty April 7, 1990, on all counts: conspiracy (obstruction of inquiries and proceedings, false statements, falsification, destruction and removal of documents); two counts of obstruction of Congress and two counts of false statements. U.S. District Judge Harold H. Greene sentenced Poindexter June 11, 1990, to six months in prison on each count, to be served concurrently. A three-judge appeals panel on November 15, 1991, reversed the convictions on the ground that Poindexter's immunized testimony may have influenced the trial testimony of witnesses. The Supreme Court on December 7, 1992, declined to review the case. In 1993, the indictment was dismissed on the motion of Independent Counsel..."</p> <p>Note: The convictions were reversed by a 2-1 verdict with Laurence Silberman and David Sentelle voting for Oliver North and John Poindexter. Silberman and Sentelle played a critical role in the cooked-up Whitewater scandal and in the right-wing conspiracy to destroy the Clintons (see the books by Joe Conason/Gene Lyons or David Brock) - also see Consortium News. Also see Bear-Left (via PLA)</p>	Still at the helm

S4	<p>Elliott Abrams Senior Director, National Security Council, Near East and North African Affairs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Outstanding example of pro-civil-rights, truth-telling angel</u></p> <p>(a) "...Controversial political appointee in the Reagan administration who later pleaded guilty to lying to Congress regarding the Iran-Contra scandal, has also opposed the Oslo peace process and called for Washington to "stand by Israel," rather than act as a neutral mediator between Israel and the Palestinians...He was indicted by the Iran-Contra special prosecutor for giving false testimony about his role in illicitly raising money for the Contras but pleaded guilty to two lesser offenses of withholding information to Congress in order to avoid a trial and a possible jail term. He was pardoned by President George H.W. Bush along with a number of other Iran-Contra defendants in 1992."</p> <p>(b) "...frequently and angrily with mainstream church groups and human rights organisations, including Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, who often accused him of covering up horrendous abuses committed by U.S.-backed governments, such as El Salvador and Guatemala, and rebel forces, such as the Contras and Angola's Unita, while, at the same time, exaggerating abuses by U.S. foes..."</p> <p>(c) "...His credibility for truth-telling was so low that at one point he was required to take an oath before testifying before congressional committees. Most analysts here believe that he was given an NSC post by the new Bush administration because any other position would have required Senate confirmation... (our emphasis)"</p> <p>(d) His law license was suspended See Alternet, Tom Paine, Bear-Left and DC Bar (via PLA)</p>	Still at the helm
S3	<p>John Ashcroft Attorney General</p> <p><i>Member of</i> Federalist Society</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Outstanding example of pro-civil-rights, pro-minorities-rights, pro-women's rights, etc.</u></p> <p>2/8/03: Do we even have to say anything?! Well if we must, then read this and this (slavery support = "states rights"), here (civil rights), here (REAL states' rights), here (women's rights) etc.</p>	Still at the helm
S2	<p>Thomas White, Secretary of the Army</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro</u></p> <p>One controversy after another - see Village Voice, Washington Post (1, 2), USA Today, The Nation:</p> <p>(a) Held Enron stock after promising to dump them to avoid conflicts of interest,</p> <p>(b) Spoke to Enron buddies before Enron's public implosion and sold a ton of stock before implosion,</p> <p>(c) While Vice-Chairman of Enron Energy Services, his division engaged in several illegal practices that are the subject of investigations,</p>	Still going strong

		<p>(d) Used military jet for personal use,</p> <p>(e) At Enron he lobbied the army for energy deals and once in the army he was pushing to get deals for private energy companies</p>	
S1	<p>Tom Ridge Secretary of Homeland Security</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro-economy and pro-jobs</u></p> <p>1/27/03: While we have generally had a "nice guy" impression of Tom Ridge so far, we came across this article (through Atrios) in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that states that Tom Ridge, when he was Governor of Pennsylvania, grossly (and repeatedly) exaggerated the sales and job benefits to PA from his foreign trade missions.</p>	<p>Still at the helm.</p>

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#	Name of Appointee/ Nominee	Some interesting/relevant background about the Nominee/Appointee	Current status of nominee/appointee
O1	<p>B. John Williams Chief Counsel, IRS Asst. Gen. Counsel, Treasury Dept.</p>	<p><u>CC101 Lesson: Pro</u></p> <p>Quoting Molly Ivins:</p> <p>(a) "...According to The Wall Street Journal, Williams won a case that could jeopardize the government's attempts to crack down on corporate tax havens. The decision allows two companies to post the same loss when one sells a money-losing unit to the other. Sure, that's fair, just the way you get to double your deductions, right? If the decision stands, it is expected to cost the IRS \$10 billion in annual revenue..."</p> <p>(b) "...In another case, also reported in the Journal, B. John Williams (beware the man who parts his initials on the wrong side) tried to justify disputed tax credits taken by his client, Shell Oil Co. He did so by hiring a private investigator, who provided false information to destroy the credibility of the government's expert witnesses. One witness later sued for defamation, a case that was settled out of court, the settlement paid for by Shell..."</p> <p>Also see CFO.com: "...Court files obtained by the <i>Journal</i> provide extensive details of the case, says the paper, and suggest Williams was an active participant in the effort to discredit the IRS witnesses in Shell's case....</p> <p>Connaughton eventually filed his defamation suit in 1996, naming Williams as one of the defendants..."</p>	<p>Still at the helm</p>

Mr. Bush's comments, via [MWO](#)

As is common practice during his stump speeches, Bush took a veiled jab at President Clinton by asserting that the Monica Lewinsky scandal has sullied the White House, and that he was the candidate best suited to "usher in a new era."

"I think you can judge the nature of a man by the company he keeps..."

[Source \(Bush in Blue Ash, OH\)](#)

Mr. Keyes and Mr. Bush decried what they perceived as the nation's moral decay, with Mr. Bush declaring, "You can judge the nature of a man by the company he keeps," and noting that his "priority is faith, family and this great country called America."

[Source \(Bush in Aiken, SC\)](#)

"I know you can judge the character of a man by the company he keeps," said Bush.

[Source \(Bush in Oakland, PA\)](#)

\$\$ Now some of you may complain that we are so biased that we only looked at the compassionate conservatives he nominated or chose - and ignored the uncompassionate conservatives, or the compassionate non-conservatives, or non-compassionate, non-conservatives. Well, it is our view that as long as there is significant proof that he has nominated at least some compassionate conservatives, he is indeed compassionate and conservative - even if the others he has nominated or chosen don't fit the bill. So such complaints are unfounded and are nothing more than an attempt to obfuscate our moral clarity.

We'll be back after we take a shower.

Footnote:

Source: http://mousemusings.com/weblogs/2002_10_01_archives.html

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

[THE \(POSSIBLE\) ASSASSINATION OF PAUL WELLSTONE](#)

"Black boxes"--a flight data recorder and a cockpit voice recorder--are often crucial for discovering the cause of airplane crashes. According to Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Paul Takemoto, **the plane was required to be equipped with both.** Contradicting the FAA, Carol Carmody, acting chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board which is investigating the site of the crash, says that the plane apparently carried neither. Were the black boxes lost or were they never aboard? Someone may know, but thus far no one's saying.

The following excerpt from the article may explain in part why my suspicions intuitively were

sparked. I don't like that I immediately considered the possibility and can't let it go without some reassurance. I don't see any reassurance coming soon.

"Ronald Reagan may have been a hard line conservative, but had Wellstone died during his watch you wouldn't have heard liberals asking whether the Gipper had had him offed. Bush is different. Asking mailmen to spy on ordinary Americans, creating military tribunals for anyone deemed an "enemy combatant," locking prisoners of war in dog cages, spending a decade's worth of savings in six months, allowing journalists to die rather than provide them with help in a war zone, smearing Democratic politicians as anti-American, invading sovereign nations without excuse--these are acts that transgress essential American reasonableness. A man capable of these things seems, by definition, capable of anything."