

### **Possible military action against Iraq**

- "President Bush has still not answered the question, 'Why now?' Why does this administration want to go to war with Iraq?"
- "I want the United States to work with the world community to disarm Iraq and ease tensions in the Middle East."
- "In the year since President Bush named Iraq as a member of the 'axis of evil,' he has not taken any steps to disarm Iraq."
- "I continue to be shocked by the president's determination to ignore the international community's demand for disarmament."

### **Economy**

- "Not so long ago, the economic forecasters were projecting a \$5.6 trillion federal budget deficit for 2003."
- "Last night, the president proposed to extend his failed economic policy for the next 10 years."
- "The president's plan also provides nothing for state governments dealing with rising Medicaid costs."

### **Medicare**

- "Instead of working with Congress to tackle real Medicare reform, the president is simply proposing to raise taxes on seniors."
- "Medicare beneficiaries also deserve a comprehensive prescription drug benefit. Instead, the president is proposing to raise taxes on seniors to pay for a partial drug benefit."
- "Everyday, seniors are forced to choose between buying their prescription drugs and other necessities."

### **Energy/Environment**

- "The Bush administration continues to ignore the connection between national security and energy independence."
- "Last night, the president laid the groundwork for the environmental debate we will face in the coming years."

### **Education**

- "President Bush's tax cut will severely weaken federal assistance to our public schools."
- "The president's tax cut is a safety net for the wealthy and a trap door for our students."

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