

★ ★ ★ **WOMEN FOR GORE/LIEBERMAN**

★ ★ **THE CHOICE IS CLEAR**

TAX CUTS

DEMOCRATS:

- ✓ Believe that America must continue the fiscal discipline of the past eight years.
- ✓ Will continue to pay down the national debt to ensure prosperity for generations to come.
- ✓ Will offer responsible tax relief plans so that middle class families can build security for their families' futures.

REPUBLICANS:

- × Would squander the surplus on a massive trillion-dollar tax give-a-way for the well off and well connected.

HEALTH CARE

DEMOCRATS:

- ✓ Will fight for affordable health coverage for all Americans, and for a real Patients Bill of Rights.
- ✓ Support a Medicare Lock Box to ensure that surpluses are used for Medicare.
- ✓ Will fight for a universal prescription drug benefit through Medicare so that no older American will have to choose between saving money over saving his or her health.
- ✓ Will continue the fight against HIV/AIDS through investment in research, prevention and treatment.
- ✓ Will work for full coverage of mental health care.
- ✓ Will double federal cancer research and prevention and continue to fight teen smoking.
- ✓ Will strive to make sure people with disabilities participate fully in the American dream.

REPUBLICANS:

- × Oppose the Patients Bill of Rights and support a "Patients Bill of Goods" that would increase Medicare premiums, force elderly patients into HMO's, raise the eligibility age for Medicare to 67, put insurance companies in control of prescription drug benefits, and leave 135 million Americans out in the cold.

EDUCATION

DEMOCRATS:

- ✓ Will invest more to make sure every American child has a bright, productive future.
- ✓ Will work to ensure that America's public schools have the best teachers, and safe, disciplined learning environments.
- ✓ Support access to affordable preschool for every family and full funding for Head Start
- ✓ Support setting high standards for all students, and guaranteeing all students gain access to computers and the Internet.
- ✓ Support making college education universal.

REPUBLICANS:

- × Continue to ignore the needs of America's school children--proposing to spend 100 times more on tax cuts than education, and supporting a plan that would abandon public education.

CRIME AND GUNS

DEMOCRATS:

- ✓ Will fight for mandatory child safety locks, a photo license ID, a full background check and safety test to buy new handguns.
- ✓ Will give states another 10,000 prosecutors to fight gun crime.
- ✓ Support more community police on the streets, and tougher laws against violent crime.

REPUBLICANS:

- × Continue to side with the gun lobby in opposing any measure to reduce gun violence and the proliferation of guns in our society.

CHOICE

DEMOCRATS:

- ✓ Continue to recognize the right of women to choose, consistent with Roe v. Wade. Democrats know that the elimination of a right to choose is only one Supreme Court Justice away.

REPUBLICANS:

- × Continue to deny the right of women to choose. They will outlaw abortion and could use choice as a litmus test for the Supreme Court appointments.

VALUING OUR FAMILIES

DEMOCRATS:

- ✓ Will work to expand the Family and Medical Leave law to help parents who are striving to balance work and family.
- ✓ Will make child care more affordable through targeted tax cuts.
- ✓ Will provide a tax credit for families with long-term care needs.

REPUBLICANS:

- × Offer few specifics to provide real help to working families.

PAYCHECK SECURITY

DEMOCRATS:

- ✓ Are committed to strengthening Social Security and making it more secure and fair for women.
- ✓ Propose creating supplemental private retirement savings accounts with a government match to help working Americans build a secure retirement.
- ✓ Support equal pay for an equal day's work and affirmative action.

REPUBLICANS:

- × The Republican Plan would do irreparable harm to the Social Security system. Their plan would siphon off one trillion in payroll taxes and cut benefits.