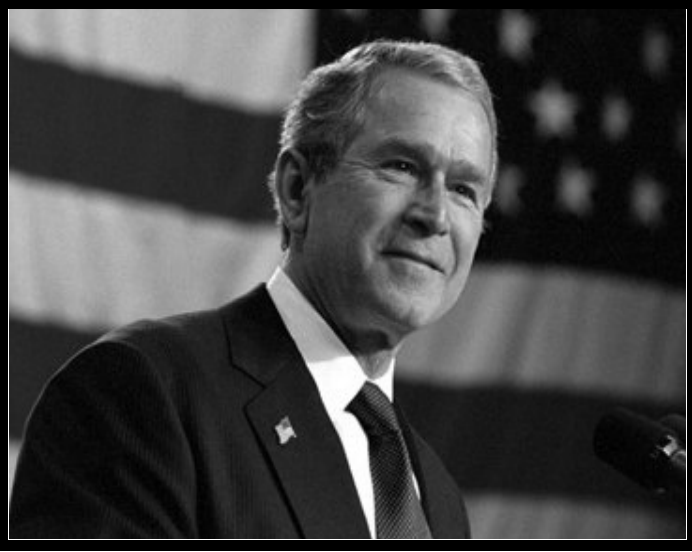


# Look Closely and the Danger is the Same...



## GEORGE W. BUSH

*Middle-Aged, Yale Educated,  
White Christian Male*



## JOHN F. KERRY

*Middle-Aged, Yale Educated,  
White Christian Male*

### **WEALTH:**

Worth as much as \$21.9 million, Bush is ranked as one of the 10 richest presidents ever (source: Forbes).

Worth as much as \$839 million, Kerry would be the 3rd richest president ever (source: Forbes).

### **CORPORATE ALLIES:**

- Enron Corp. (\$600,000 donation)
- MBNA Corp. (\$590,000 donation)
- Merrill Lynch Co. (\$560,000 donation)
- Received more contributions from corporations than any other politician in history (source: Corp Watch).

- Fleet Boston Financial (\$180,000 donation)
- Time Warner (\$145,000 donation)
- Citigroup (\$115,000 donation)
- Received more contributions from lobbyists than any other senator in the last 15 years (source: Washington Post).

### **ON THE RECORD:**

- Created the Department of Homeland Security (the largest bureaucracy in US history)
- Unilaterally invaded and occupied Iraq
- Set up detention camps to hold immigrants and POWs without trial
- Cloaked the presidency in a veil of secrecy (Executive Order 13233)
- Invaded and occupied Afghanistan
- Signed the USA PATRIOT Act (PL 107-56)
- Failed to prevent the largest terrorist attack in history
- Expanded the drug war to Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela and Panama (Andean Initiative)
- "Won" the election without the popular vote
- Opposes marriage rights for non-heterosexuals
- Spent 27% of his presidency on vacation (source: Washington Post).

- Voted for the Homeland Security Act (PL 107-296)
- Voted for the Resolution Authorizing force Against Iraq (HJ Res 114), yet voted against an alternative conditioned on support from the UN Security Council (SJ Res 45).
- Voted for the USA PATRIOT Act (PL 107-56)
- Voted for Plan Colombia (PL 106-246)
- Voted for National ID Cards (S.1664)
- Voted for the Telecommunications Act (PL 104-104)
- Voted for NAFTA (PL 103-182)
- Opposes marriage rights for non-heterosexuals
- As a member of the "opposition" party in 2003, Kerry didn't show up for 72% of the votes on which the White House took a position (source: Congressional Quarterly).

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