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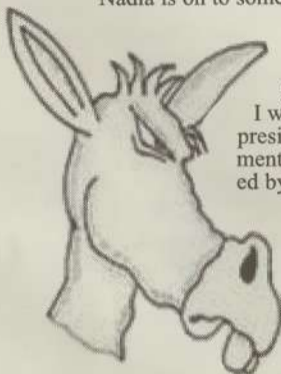
## No Bush is a good Bush

## Make mine without ketchup

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Everyone knows that famous line by Nadia in American Pie. "The term is, how you say, 'shaved'?" Meaning without Bush! I for one think Nadia is on to something.



This is, if you couldn't already tell, a bashing on our President Bush. This isn't going to be brutal or inhumane. I will be showing you some of our president's records and accomplishments. This information was provided by PoliticalHell.com.

Bush has the most private bankruptcies and foreclosures filed in a 12 month period by a president. With so many resourses how could he fail so often? In addition to his personal failures it reflects the biggest drop of the U.S. stock market in our history. Do they go hand in hand? I would think they do.

Bush has taken the most days on vacation in a one year period as president. Shortly after he presided over the worst security failure in U.S. history. Negligence? Yes. If you don't know what's going on, it's because Bush has the least amount of press conferences than any president. If there was a press conference, you probably missed it due to lack of power. Bush presided over the biggest energy crisis history and refused to intervene when corruption was revealed. He also presided over the highest gasoline prices in U.S. history.

Bush broke more international treaties than any president. He was also the first president to order an unprovoked, pre-emptive attack and military occupation of a sovereign nation. According to PoliticalHell.com, 71% of Europeans view Bush's presidency as the biggest threat to world peace. Are you starting to see a trend in this at all?

After joining the Texas Air National Guard, he refused to take a drug test, or answer any questions on drug use. By joining the National Guard he avoided combat duty in Vietnam—yet he is willing to send you overseas to fight!

Bush has made Texas one of the most polluted states in the Union. In the first year of Bush's term, two million Americans lost their jobs, yet Bush protected his friends at Enron and Halliburton against investigation or prosecution.

Think things through when you vote. I leave you with a quote from our President Bush. "I have opinions of my own, strong opinions, but I don't always agree with them."



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You don't want to vote for George W. Bush, so you've decided that you're going to vote for the other guy, the other guy being John Kerry. But is John Kerry really the answer, or is he just the lesser of two evils?

John Kerry is a guy who just can't make up his mind on where he stands on the issues. I mean, he changes his mind more then J. Lo changes husbands. He's a flip-flopper.

First off, this guy got out of the military early so he could run for congress. He started out using the stance as a war hero, but when that didn't work he switched to an anti-war protester. Even early on in the democratic primaries he supported the war on Saddam, until he saw how successful Howard Dean had become; and (surprise!) all the sudden he was an anti-war candidate.

Kerry does a whole lot of talking about how it was a mistake to go into Iraq, but according to a whole list of flip-flops on the Bush campaign website, Kerry has supported the war on numerous occasions. During the first presidential debate, Kerry said that knowing what the president knew, he wouldn't have authorized the use of force. The president has described just one sort of mistake, but about two months before that he said that yes, he would've voted for authority because he believes it's the "right authority for a president to have." I swear this guy is more of a spectator then a candidate; he is just going with the popular opinion.

John Kerry is not a leader. He's been in the Senate for 20 years and has passed only two bills. That's about one bill a decade. Isn't a leader supposed to support issues he cares about and get bills through, or at least do his best to try? I wish I could skip work and get paid for it.

John Kerry says he represents the middle class, but this guy is not middle class. This guy married into money. His wife, Teresa Heinz-Kerry, is the heiress to the Heinz ketchup company. That's millions, if not billions, of dollars. The number 57 will be a very lucky number for this guy.

In preparing to write this I asked quite a few people why they're voting for Kerry, and the most common response I got back was because he's not Bush. That's exactly what I figured. That's the main reason I was voting for him. Now I'm not sure. So

if you do vote for Kerry, try to find a better reason than just because he's not Bush. It may be a hard task.



Don't forget to **VOTE** November 2!