



I VOTED REPUBLICAN IN 2000.

We were given the idea that there were weapons of mass destruction, but where are they? They said they were so sure. When I was over there I looked. I was on an intelligence gathering team, we all looked. We found nothing. It was just a lie. That wasn't a proper use of American troops. It wasn't a proper use of my life, my friends' lives, or the marines I saw die around me.

LEE BUTTRILL

Sergeant, USMC, Iraq War Veteran



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I've been a lifelong Republican since I was old enough to vote and I thought that Bush would be fiscally conservative. I feel betrayed. I don't believe that a government should be engaging in reckless spending, recklessly stretching the military to the point of breaking, and recklessly trying to alter the constitution that this country is built upon. That's why I'm voting for John Kerry.

KIM MECKLENBURG

Financial Consultant
Sergeant, USMC, Veteran



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My son and I were commercial fishermen, but the fish got sick and we got sick and the river went belly-up. We found the source of pollution and got regulations in place that changed it, but then George Bush took office and canceled those regulations. I've been a registered Republican for a long, long time and I cannot see four more years of that kind of leadership.

RICHARD DOVE

Colonel, USMC, Retired and Vietnam Veteran



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It upsets me that we can spend billions and billions of dollars trying to liberate other people when there are so many people in this country who need help. They don't need liberation, but they need healthcare. They need food on their table. They need education. It's time to invest in this country. That's what I want to hear about. I'm still a Baptist, but I'm no longer a Republican.

RHONDA NIX

Laser Printer Technician



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I spent my life helping to make America respected, making America an example for other countries, making America a symbol of values and of morals the world would be interested in following. I feel my work has been dissipated. I feel my life's work has been squandered away by this administration.

WILLIAM HARROP

Ambassador to Israel under George H. Bush



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Two years ago National Steel Corporation declared bankruptcy. When that happened I lost 70% of my pension. Today I'm working for \$8.25 an hour, much of the time crawling around on my knees. It's not easy doing that work when you're fifty-nine years old. George Bush did not do enough to protect the steel companies. Retirement for me is not what I thought it was going to be.

RICHARD COFFEE

Former Executive, National Steel Corporation



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No teacher gets up in the morning and says, "Oh, which kid can I leave behind today?" The No Child Left Behind Act is simply keeping testing corporations in business without properly funding school districts. You have to earn respect, and President Bush has failed to earn mine. And I don't have any hope he's going to become more truthful or more respectful in a second term.

DEBBIE MANCUSO

6th Grade Teacher



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I have voted Republican since 1968 and I think there is a lot of good in the Republican Party, but because of this administration's arrogance and attitude they have lost my trust. And once you lose somebody's trust that's something you can never get back. That's why a lifelong Republican like me is going to vote for John Kerry.

WILLIE RIOS

Attorney



I VOTED REPUBLICAN IN 2000.

My husband received a bachelor's degree in computer science. So far no job and it's been three and a half years. The computer science industry has been downsizing, sending jobs overseas. George Bush says Americans need to retrain. My gosh, how many times do we have to retrain? Why not bring these jobs back home? I voted for George Bush. I feel very betrayed.

DEBORAH WOOD

Mother of eight

WE'RE VOTING FOR KERRY IN 2004.

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