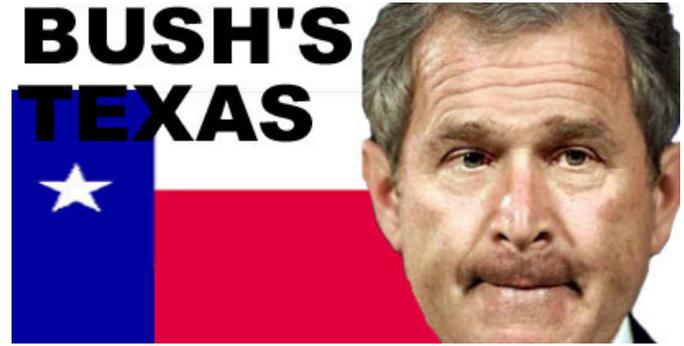


DEAN'S VERMONT

- Insured 96% of Vermonters under the age of 18 under the Dr Dynasaur program.
- Cut taxes three times and reduced Vermont's per capita debt by 23%
- In 1991 Vermont had the lowest bond rating in New England. Today Vermont has the highest rating in New England, AA+
- Inherited a \$60 million debt, but left office with a balanced budget
- Signed the groundbreaking civil unions bill, which gave homosexual couples the same legal rights and responsibilities as hetero couples
- Restricting development of hundreds of thousands of acres of land, preserving it for future generations.
- Signed into law a mental health bill which ended discriminatory practices against the mentally ill and drug abusers
- Removed the sales tax on clothing and shoes in order to benefit lower and middle income families
- Creating 41,000 new jobs in Vermont
- Closed more than 70 landfills
- Increased the percentage of recycled waste to nearly 40 percent of all Vermont waste.
- Set aside hundreds of thousands of farm and forestland which will never be developed.
- Governor Dean strengthened Vermont's Dr. Dynasaur program to guarantee health coverage for virtually every child age 18 and under.
- Over 92 percent of all Vermonters have coverage - one of the highest rates in the country - and 96 percent of all children under 18 are covered.
- In 1997, Governor Dean signed into law the nation's most comprehensive mental health and substance abuse parity bill in the nation, ending discriminatory insurance practices against these major diseases.
- Like other leading states, Vermont adopted high standards testing which has resulted in significant improvement in school accountability. Unlike other leading states, however, under Governor Dean's leadership Vermont has adopted a system of sharing educational dollars across the state, so schools in poor communities have the same financial backing as those in wealthy communities.
- Governor Dean has signed into law tougher penalties for hate crimes, as well as tighter restrictions against discrimination in the workplace, housing, public accommodations, and more
- Child abuse was cut in half



BUSH'S TEXAS

- #1 In recognized carcinogens in the air
- #1 In overall toxic releases
- #1 In suspected carcinogens in the air
- #1 In developmental toxin in the air (affecting brain and nervous-system development in children)
- #1 Cancer risk
- 49th in spending for the environment
- #1 In major discharge facilities with 575 major facilities
- #2 In total number of minor Nipdes facilities, about 5,700.
- 3,000 Miles, or one third, of Texas rivers and 44% of Texas bays are polluted to the point that they do not meet the standards set for recreational and other uses.
- 13 Texas lakes were covered by advisories or bans on fish consumption in 1996.
- #1 in use of Deep Well Injectors as method of Waste Disposal
- #1 in Total Number of Hazardous Waste Incinerators
- #1 in Environmental Justice Title 6 complaints
- #1 in production of Cancer causing Benzene & Vinyl Chloride
- #1 Largest Sludge Dump in Country
- #1 in the Emission of Ozone Causing Air Pollution Chemical
- The state of Texas under G.W. Bush's leadership is ranked 50th in spending for teachers salaries
- 41st in per capita spending on public education
- 43% of Texas teachers plan to leave or are considering leaving teaching.
- Money that could have gone into raising teacher salaries went into tax cuts for the rich.
- The high school dropout rates in Texas are 30% overall
- The high school dropout rate in Texas is 50% among minorities
- Missing students and other mirages in Texas enrollment statistics profoundly affected both reported dropout statistics and test scores.
- At the start of every school year, school begins with literally hundreds of classrooms without teachers
- Governor Bush appointed a teacher certification board that, instead of working on improving the standards for the teaching profession and improving teacher quality, he decided instead to allow people who have poor credentials to enter into the teaching profession

- More than 1 third of Vermont's energy is renewable energy
- Under Gov. Dean education money increased dramatically and was more evenly distributed across the state.
- Vermont's unemployment rate still remains well below the national average
- #5 state in the union in economic competitiveness
- #9 state in the union in high tech jobs
- Governor Dean ordered emission controls in Vermont to be more stringent than those required by the Kyoto Protocols. He has worked again and again with the New England states to insure that the Midwestern states reduce coal emissions
- Governor Dean provided real incentives to keep development in downtowns and kept Vermont's scenic vistas pristine by discouraging development near highway interchanges.
- Created the Nation's first "energy efficiency" utility to provide statewide strategies for conserving energy and called for increased use of renewables, farm, municipal, landfill methane generation projects. Efficiency Vermont is a finalist for Harvard's Kennedy School of Government Innovations in American Government Award.
- Governor Dean founded E-Vermont, recognized as one of the Top Ten Best Performing Clean Cities Coalitions in the United States. E-Vermont is an effort to explore advanced technology vehicles and electric vehicles.
- Over 470,000 acres of land conserved through Dean's leadership as Governor nearly 8% of Vermont. Properties acquired and added to the state's holdings include important natural areas, significant waterfalls and gorges, critical wildlife habitat areas, key inholdings, access areas, recreation lands and important forestland parcels
- One in five Texas high school teachers are not certified
- About 41,000 of 63,000 vacancies in Texas public schools were unfilled in 1999
- Since about 1982, the rates at which Black and Hispanic students are required to repeat grade 9 have climbed steadily, such that by the late 1990s, nearly 30% of Black and Hispanic students were "failing" grade 9.
- Texas charter schools were even poorer than public schools. Even though the racial mix was skewed to non-white, and the number of schools (66) is small, the economically disadvantaged rate was very similar, the percent of special ed students was less in the charter schools, and the test scores were uniformly substantially lower.
- On national tests (NAEP), with one exception (4th grade math), Texas scores have remained flat over the period Bush was governor
- After Bush took office, Texas's own state test TASP (a college readiness test) results showed a sharp decrease (from 65.2% to 43.3%) in the percentage of students passing all three parts (reading, math, and writing).
- Performance on the SAT in Texas did not improved since the early 1990s, (compared with SAT takers nationally)
- 79% of Texans who are 25 or older have a high school diploma or equivalency certificate and 24 % have bachelor's degrees - both lower than the national average
- 147,000 people in state prisons. Counting state jails and on parole, there are 545,000 people in the system.
- On any given day 450 people were on death row. Since 1976 Texas has executed 138 people - some of which were people who were mentally ill, profoundly retarded, and people who are innocent.
- 48th in per capita funding for public health
- 47th in delivery of social services
- 5th in percentage of people living in poverty
- #1 in percentage of poor working parents without insurance
- #1 in children without health insurance

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Gov. Howard Dean, M.D.