



THE FACTS SHOW: AMERICANS ARE BETTER OFF UNDER DEMOCRATS

A Voter's Guide to the Two Parties' Records

INDICATOR	Democrats (1993-2001)	Republicans (2001-2004)
 MEDIAN INCOME	Increased by 14.5% <small>(LA Times, 09/30/02)</small>	Decreased by 3.3% <small>(U.S. Census Bureau)</small>
 UNEMPLOYMENT	4.2%: January 2001 <small>(Bureau of Labor Statistics)</small>	5.7%: March 2004 <small>(Bureau of Labor Statistics)</small>
 JOB CREATION	23 Million Jobs Created <small>(Bureau of Labor Statistics)</small>	2 Million Jobs Lost <small>(Bureau of Labor Statistics)</small>
 UNINSURED	In 2000: 39.8 Million <small>(U.S. Census Bureau)</small>	In 2002: 43.6 Million <small>(U.S. Census Bureau)</small>
 HEALTH CARE COSTS	6.5% Avg. increase ('90-'00) <small>(Employee Benefits Research Institute)</small>	8.9% Avg. increase ('01-'02) <small>(Employee Benefits Research Institute)</small>
 AMERICANS IN POVERTY	Declined by 8 Million People <small>(U.S. Census Bureau)</small>	Increased by 3.5 Million People <small>(U.S. Census Bureau)</small>
 BUDGET	\$61 Billion Cumulative Surplus Over 8 Years <small>(Federal Budget Historical Tables)</small>	\$1.42 Trillion Cumulative Deficit <small>[incl. FY05 estimate] (Federal Budget Historical Tables)</small>
 DEBT HELD BY PUBLIC	Increased \$71 Billion <small>(Federal Budget Historical Tables)</small>	Increased by \$1.47 Trillion <small>[including FY05 estimate] (Federal Budget Historical Tables)</small>
 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE	January 2001: 115.7 <small>(Conference Board)</small>	April 2004: 92.9 <small>(Conference Board)</small>
 ANNUAL COLLEGE TUITION/EXPENSES <small>(4-year public institution)</small>	1999-2000: 3.4% increase from 1998-1999 <small>(The College Board)</small>	2003-2004: 14% increase from 2002-03 <small>(The College Board)</small>