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Bush:

The Unexpected Candidate

George Walker Bush was not the son believed most likely to follow in the footsteps of his father, the former president. Though he attended two of his father's alma maters, Andover and Yale, and is the oldest of the Bushes' six children, George was considered less studious and settled than his brother, now Florida Governor Jeb Bush. Born on July 6, 1946, Bush was always very close to his mother and was her solace when his three-year-old sister Robin died of leukemia. He continues to consult the popular former

first lady and refers to her in nearly every stump speech.

Fits and Starts

After Bush graduated from Yale and was eligible for the draft, he joined the Texas Air National Guard in 1968 and avoided active duty in Vietnam. He earned his MBA from Harvard in 1975, then dabbled in the oil business -- unsuccessfully -- and ran for Congress in 1978 -- also unsuccessfully. Bush met and married his wife, librarian Laura Welch, in 1977 and became a father to twin daughters Jenna and Barbara in 1981. His Arbusto Energy firm went bust when oil prices fell and despite several attempts to revive the company, Bush sold off the company in 1990. Fortunately, Bush had found his niche as owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team, which he bought with investors in 1989 and later sold at a huge profit.

Those Political Roots

Bush worked on his father's successful 1988 presidential campaign, moving to Washington to devote himself full-time to the effort. He also worked on his dad's failed 1992 bid, and in 1993 decided to run for office himself. Considered a long shot from the start, Bush upset Ann Richards, and in 1998 he went on to become the first Texas Governor elected to consecutive four-year terms. Early in 1999, Republicans launched a concerted effort for another Bush White House, raising record sums and descending on Texas en masse to convince the governor to run. Initially, Bush said he would take a shot at it but insisted he'd be happy to go back to fishing with his dad if it didn't pan out. But as the 2000 election has become the tightest in at least 40 years, Bush's drive to follow in his father's footsteps appears to have intensified.

George W. Bush Profile -- NPR's Peter Kenyon



profiles George W. Bush. The Republican presidential candidate often speaks about the influence of his upbringing in West Texas and his experiences as owner of a major league baseball team in shaping him into a leader. But Bush is also a third generation politician, the grandson of a U.S. Senator and the son of a U.S. President.

- [Listen](#) to the interview.
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Morning Edition October 9, 2000.**Resume:****Full Name:** George Walker Bush**Party:** Republican**Born:** July 6, 1946, in New Haven, Connecticut**Age:** 53**Political Experience:**

Governor of Texas, 1995-present

Adviser and speech writer for Bush-Quayle presidential campaign, 1987-1988

Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives seat for Texas' 19th district, 1978

Work Experience:

Managing general partner of the Texas Rangers Baseball team, 1989-1994

Consultant for Harken Energy Corporation, 1986

President of Spectrum Corporation, 1984-1986

Founder/CEO of Bush Exploration, 1975-1984

Military Experience:

Texas Air National Guard, 1968-1973

Education:

M.B.A. from Harvard University, 1975

B.A. from Yale University, 1968

Family: Married to Laura. Has twin daughters, Barbara and Jenna. Lives in Austin, Texas.**Contact campaign office:**

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Related Links:Bush Campaign Web site: www.georgewbush.comRepublican National Committee: www.rnc.org[Listen to](#) excerpts of candidates' stump speeches.**Related Stories:****Bush Administration** (14.4 | 28.8)**Morning Edition, December 20, 2000**

NPR's Pam Fessler reports that President-elect George W. Bush is busy forming his new administration. Cabinet appointments and meetings with a variety of leaders will fill his schedule for the rest of the week. Yesterday in Washington, he met with President Clinton and visited with Vice President Al Gore.

Bush, Gore, Clinton (14.4 | 28.8)**All Things Considered, December 19, 2000**

NPR's Pam Fessler reports on George W. Bush's meetings today with the man he will succeed -- President Bill Clinton -- and the man he defeated for the job, Vice President Al Gore. As he did during yesterday's meetings with congressional leaders, Bush said he was "here to listen."

Bush and the Economy (14.4 | 28.8)**Morning Edition, December 19, 2000**

NPR John Ydstie reports one of the first challenges President Elect Bush and his top advisors will likely face is how to restart the stalled US economy. Bush has said a tax cut is the solution. Some experts disagree.

Bush at the Capitol (14.4 | 28.8)**Morning Edition, December 19, 2000**

NPR's Steve Inskeep reports on President-Elect George W. Bush's trip to Washington. Yesterday, he met at the capitol with leaders of both parties from the House and Senate. Bush says he still plans to send an education reform bill to Congress after he takes office, and he will also pursue a large tax cut, though some Republican leaders seem wary of it.

Bush to D.C. (14.4 | 28.8)**All Things Considered, December 18, 2000**

NPR's Brian Naylor reports from Capitol Hill, where President-elect George W. Bush met with congressional leaders of both parties. Bush's visit emphasized his desire to have a good working relationship with Democrats as well as Republicans, and everyone involved said the meeting was successful. But Bush has yet to convince many Republican lawmakers over the need for his \$1.3 trillion tax cut. And there is still a lingering resentment among some Democrats who have questioned Bush's "legitimacy."

Bush Goes to Washington (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, December 18, 2000

NPR's Cokie Roberts joins Bob Edwards to talk about George W. Bush's meetings today in Washington. The president-elect is meeting with people he'll need to work with during his administration to enact his policies.

Bush and the LAPD (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, December 18, 2000

NPR's Ina Jaffe reports that civil rights groups and people who've sued the Los Angeles police department over racial profiling want to become monitors of the city's consent decree, which is designed to reform the L.A.P.D. With President-elect Bush on the record opposing such decrees, they are concerned that an appointed federal monitor won't effectively enforce the city's agreement.

The Bush Transition (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, December 18, 2000

NPR's Peter Kenyon reports on President-elect George W. Bush's transition to the White House. Over the weekend, he selected Condoleezza Rice as National Security Advisor and Colin Powell as Secretary of State. While his initial appointments may be well-received, questions of bi-partisanship in Washington remain.

Condoleezza Rice (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend All Things Considered, December 17, 2000

Before departing Texas for Washington, D.C., Bush named Stanford professor Condoleezza Rice his national security adviser and Justice Alberto Gonzales to the White House counsel's job. Rice, who served as a national security aide in the administration of former President Bush, is the second black to be named to George W. Bush's foreign policy team. NPR's Peter Kenyon reports.

Bush and Powell (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend Edition - Sunday, December 17, 2000

Liane talks live with NPR's Don Gonyea, about President-elect George W. Bush's naming yesterday of General Colin Powell as his Secretary of State. Powell is the first cabinet appointment for the President-elect; he also becomes the first African-American to hold the post.

Powell Announcement (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend All Things Considered, December 16, 2000

Host Lisa Simeone speaks to NPR's Don Gonyea from Crawford, Texas about today's announcement by President-Elect George W. Bush of his plan to appoint retired general Colin Powell as the 65th Secretary of State.

Cabinet Announcement (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend Edition - Saturday, December 16, 2000

NPR's Don Gonyea reports from Austin on the expected announcement by George Bush that Colin Powell will be his Secretary of State.

Bush's Day (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, December 15, 2000

President Elect George W. Bush had a lunch meeting in Austin today with Democratic Senator John Breaux of Louisiana to talk about ways of bridging the gap between the parties back in Washington. One way to do it might be to appoint Democrats to the president's Cabinet, of course, and Breaux himself has been mentioned as a candidate for the Energy Department. NPR's Don Gonyea reports from the Texas capital.

President Elect Bush (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, December 15, 2000

NPR's Don Gonyea reports from Austin, Texas on George W. Bush's first full day as president elect. He and his aides are working to assemble a cabinet and a White House staff.

Uniter or Divider (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, December 14, 2000

Linda talks with Wayne Slater, Austin Bureau chief for the Dallas Morning News, about the ability of President-elect George W. Bush to unite a divided Congress, based on how he has worked as Texas governor.

Presidential Transition (14.4 | 28.8)***All Things Considered, December 14, 2000***

President-elect George W. Bush is preparing to go to Washington, where he will find a Senate split 50-50 and a House of Representatives with a very narrow Republican majority. NPR's Pam Fessler has been talking to political veterans about how difficult the closely divided Congress will make the new president's job. She finds optimism on both sides, and a strong desire to get past the divisions of the election. But ideological and party differences are still obstacles.

Speech Excerpts (14.4 | 28.8)***Morning Edition, December 14, 2000***

Excerpts from the nationally broadcast speeches last night by Al Gore and George W. Bush. Vice President Gore said he strongly disagrees with Tuesday's Supreme Court decision but "accepts the finality of the outcome." He conceded his defeat "for the sake of our unity as a people and the strength of our democracy." President-elect Bush spoke of "a desire to move beyond the bitterness and partisanship of the recent past." He added, "Our nation must rise above a house divided. Americans share hopes and goals and values far more important than any political disagreements."

The Bush Speech (14.4 | 28.8)***Morning Edition, December 14, 2000***

NPR's Don Gonyea reports from Austin, Texas, on the first speech George W. Bush made last night as President Elect. While Bush clearly staked out his legislative agenda, he gave credit to his opponent, Vice-President Al Gore, reflecting the Governor's narrow victory.

Bush Camp Reaction (14.4 | 28.8)***Morning Edition, December 13, 2000***

NPR's Steve Inskeep reports on the reaction from the Bush camp on yesterday's Supreme Court ruling. Former secretary of state James Baker spoke for George W. Bush and Dick Cheney when he told reporters that they are "very pleased and gratified" over the decision.

The Bush Schedule (14.4 | 28.8)***Morning Edition, December 8, 2000***

With the election in limbo, both of the candidates are keeping fairly low-profiles these days. Host Bob Edwards talks with NPR's Don Gonyea about what Texas Governor George Bush has on his schedule while he waits for the outcome.

Republicans Begin to Settle (14.4 | 28.8)***Morning Edition, December 6, 2000***

NPR's Pam Fessler reports the Republican party is starting to settle into the possibility of controlling the White House for the next four years. But they still have a perfectly divided Senate to deal with - half Republican and half Democrat. That means the end of the election controversy has little hope of lowering the partisan tension.

Cheney's Heart (14.4 | 28.8)***All Things Considered, November 29, 2000***

Robert talks with Dr. Stuart Seides (SY-deez), Vice Chairman of Cardiology at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC about Dick Cheney's health after last week's heart attack. Cheney has returned almost immediately to a very busy schedule. Robert asks if this is typical for a victim of a mild heart attack.

Bush Transition (14.4 | 28.8)***Morning Edition, November 29, 2000***

Vice President Al Gore has said he doesn't think either presidential candidate should be making transition plans, but Governor George W. Bush is wasting no time in preparing for the White House. NPR's John Bumett reports.

Bush Camp Mood (14.4 | 28.8)***Weekend Edition - Sunday, November 26, 2000***

NPR's John Bumett reports from Austin, where Texas Governor George W. Bush and his team have been anxiously, but optimistically, awaiting the outcome of the Florida recounts.

George W. Bush Acceptance (14.4 | 28.8)***Weekend All Things Considered, November 26, 2000***

Listen as George W. Bush claims victory in the race for the White House.

James Baker (14.4 | 28.8)***Weekend All Things Considered, November 26, 2000***

Listen as Republican advisor James Baker calls on Gore to drop his legal

challenges.

Dick Cheney's Heart (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, November 23, 2000

NPR's Steve Inskeep reports on the status of Dick Cheney's health. The Republican vice-presidential candidate checked into a hospital yesterday because of chest pain, which doctors later identified as a slight heart attack. Cheney has had coronary problems for more than 20 years, but his doctors are optimistic about his recovery from this latest attack.

Bush Appeals (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, November 23, 2000

NPR's Larry Abramson reports from Washington on the Bush campaign's appeals to the U-S Supreme Court, to overturn Tuesday's Florida State Supreme Court ruling. Until now, the federal courts have refused to intervene in the Florida Election dispute, on the grounds that it's a matter for the State of Florida to decide. Meanwhile, Republicans in the Florida legislature are threatening to get involved.

Cheney Heart Attack (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 22, 2000

NPR's Steve Inskeep reports that Republican Vice Presidential candidate Dick Cheney was hospitalized today in Washington for chest pains -- symptoms of what doctors later said was a "very slight heart attack."

Angry Rhetoric (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 22, 2000

NPR's Pam Fessler looks at Republican rhetoric in the wake of last night's Florida Supreme Court's ruling. Supporters of George W. Bush have been issuing statements that charge that Al Gore will do anything to win. The court order required state officials to accept recounted votes that are reported after the state's official deadline. Many of the complaints liken Gore to President Clinton and his impeachment troubles. The Bush camp is appealing Florida's Supreme Court ruling to the US Supreme Court.

Bush Reacts (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 17, 2000

Steve Inskeep has been following the reactions of the Bush camp to today's events. He talks with Linda Wertheimer.

Candidate Statements (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, November 16, 2000

Statements from presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush

Republican's Reaction (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, November 16, 2000

NPR's Renee Montagne talks with Republicans who react to the counting and recounting of votes in Florida.

GOP Arguments (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 15, 2000

Robert Siegel talks to Bush Attorney Ted Olsen about the Republican campaign's objections to the way Florida law is being implemented in counties where Democrats have asked for hand recounts.

Bush Campaign Reaction (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 14, 2000

Linda talks with Mindy Tucker, Press Secretary for the Bush Campaign.

Bush Campaign (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 14, 2000

Robert is joined by Mindy Tucker, spokeswoman for George W. Bush, for her response to the news about the Florida vote tally.

Bush Campaign (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 13, 2000

Robert talks to Ken Blackwell, Ohio Secretary of State and member of the Federal Election Commission Advisory Panel, who has been advising the Bush campaign on legal issues.

The Battle Continues (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, November 13, 2000

NPR's Elizabeth Arnold reports on the continuing battle over votes in the presidential elections. Both the Gore and Bush camps are alienating each other with their different approaches to the predicament, and though most Americans are not worried about the country and its future, the end of this election remains

elusive.

The Campaigns (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 10, 2000

Advisors to Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush tried to lay claim to the moral high ground today, each saying they were trying to protect the interests and will of the American people. But at the end of the day, it sounded a lot like the charges and countercharges of an increasingly bitter and ongoing campaign for the presidency. NPR's Peter Kenyon is in Austin, Texas, where Governor Bush spoke briefly today.

Talk with Bush/Gore Spokesmen (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, November 10, 2000

Host Bob Edwards talks live to Doug Hattaway, a spokesman for the Gore campaign who is part of the oversight team in Florida, and with Tucker Eskew, Bush campaign spokesman with the Florida observation team.

Bush's Next Move (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, November 10, 2000

In Austin, NPR's John Burnett reports on Governor George W. Bush's post-Election Day plans, including his strategy to show the country he's assured that he will be the country's next president.

Bush Camp (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 9, 2000

Robert talks with NPR's Peter Kenyon, who is covering the Bush headquarters in Austin, Texas. Governor George W. Bush has said he fully expects to be declared the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes, making him the next president of the United States. A recount underway in Florida aims to resolve the question that has the nation's presidential election in a state of suspended resolution.

The Bush Side (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, November 9, 2000

NPR's Steve Inskeep reports on George W. Bush's bid for the White House and the hope for a resolution to the numbers in Florida.

Bush Headquarters (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 8, 2000

Texas Governor George W. Bush today said he fully expects to be declared the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes, making him the next president of the United States. A recount underway today in that state aims to resolve the question that has the nation's presidential election in a state of suspended resolution. NPR's Peter Kenyon reports from Austin, Texas.

Bush Campaign (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, November 8, 2000

NPR's Steve Inskeep reports on happenings at the Bush campaign.

Spokesmen Remarks (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, November 8, 2000

Tape and copy with spokesmen from the George W. Bush and Al Gore campaigns.

Bush (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 6, 2000

The presidential candidates released their final burst of campaign energy today. Texas Governor George W. Bush followed an itinerary of high confidence, visiting the home states of both Vice President Al Gore and President Bill Clinton before the day was out. NPR's Steve Inskeep was with the governor.

Bush (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, November 6, 2000

Republican George W. Bush started his day in Florida, then headed to the home states of the current Democratic president and vice-president: Tennessee, and Arkansas. We hear an excerpt from one of his appearance in Chattanooga, Tennessee today.

Campaigns (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend Edition - Sunday, November 5, 2000

With just two days left before the presidential election, we have two reports from the campaign trail – NPR's Steve Inskeep, who's travelling with George W. Bush, and NPR's Peter Kenyon, who's with Al Gore.

Bush In Florida (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend All Things Considered, November 5, 2000

NPR's Steve Inskeep is traveling with Gov. George W. Bush. The Bush team is making the unusual decision to spend an entire 24-hour period campaigning in Florida just ahead of Tuesday's election. They're looking at Florida's 25 electoral votes.

Coming Down to the Wire ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

Weekend Edition - Saturday, November 4, 2000

The two majority party Presidential candidates are moving into high gear for the weekend before the elections. George W. Bush is attacking Al Gore as a divisive big spender. But the Republican is also working to move beyond an admission that he was arrested for drunk driving in 1976. NPR's Steve Inskeep is traveling with the Bush campaign.

Presidential Campaigns ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

Weekend Edition - Saturday, November 4, 2000

NPR's Anthony Brooks talks about the news of Bush's DUI arrest, Bush's latest verbal blunders, and the newest strategies from the Gore campaign.

In the Crowd ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, November 3, 2000

Voters began lining up four hours early to hear Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush give a speech in Saginaw, Michigan this afternoon. Most had heard about the news about Bush's arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol 24 years ago. But NPR's Don Gonyea reports, for Bush supporters, the news made little difference.

Bush ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, November 3, 2000

Texas Governor George W. Bush said today that he has learned from the mistakes in his life. The Republican Presidential candidate spoke one day after confirming that he had been arrested for drunk driving in 1976. Bush has built much of his campaign around the idea that he's more honest and trustworthy than Al Gore or Bill Clinton. Now, Bush faces questions about whether he made any misleading statements, as he tried to keep his past private. NPR's Steve Inskeep is covering the Bush campaign.

On the Trail ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, November 2, 2000

Having worked the West Coast earlier in the week, Texas Governor George W. Bush was bearing down on the Midwestern states again today, campaigning in Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin. Bush warned that Gore's plans for seniors were just a "hop, skip and a jump" from nationalizing the U.S. health care system. Gore, meanwhile, campaigned in Illinois as well and had plenty of warnings of his own. In Chicago he told a crowd that "prosperity is on the ballot," and warned against Bush's environmental record. NPR's Steve Inskeep reports.

Bush In Minnesota ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, November 1, 2000

Texas Governor George W. Bush spoke today at a campaign rally in Minnesota, at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. His appearance today was unusual, considering the state has not voted Republican in a presidential race since 1972. But polls are showing Bush and Democratic candidate Al Gore in a dead heat in Minnesota. We'll hear some of Bush's remarks, and Robert speaks with Doug Grow, a columnist for Minneapolis Star Tribune, about the current state of politics in Minnesota. Two years ago Minnesotans elected a third party candidate, Jesse Ventura, as their governor, and now Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader is making a showing in the polls in Minnesota.

Bush Stump Speech ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, November 1, 2000

And we hear a speech by Texas Governor George W. Bush today campaigning in Minneapolis, Minnesota, discussing his plans for the federal budget surplus.

One Week Left ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

Morning Edition, October 31, 2000

NPR's Andy Bowers reports that presidential hopefuls George W. Bush and Al Gore have just one week left to convince voters they're the right man for the job. It's a stressful time for both candidates, but each took time to show they still have a sense of humor after months of campaigning.

The Race in California ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, October 30, 2000

Texas Governor George W. Bush began the final full week of the presidential campaign in the West today, trying to pry loose the biggest prize of all – California and its trove of 54 electoral votes. Polls show the race tightening on the West Coast, where Bush has been outspending Vice President Al Gore in

recent weeks. Gore now plans a return visit of his own to the state this week. NPR's Andy Bowers is based in Southern California and has been following the presidential campaign.

Big Bush Rally (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend Edition - Sunday, October 29, 2000

NPR's Peter Kenyon reports on a large rally yesterday in Grand Chute, Wisconsin, for Republican Presidential candidate George W. Bush. Wisconsin went Democratic in the last three national elections, but this time, the state appears to be up grabs.

George W. Bush (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, October 27, 2000

Texas Governor George W. Bush has always been a man who made friends easily and kept them for a long time. That ability has helped him make use of his opportunities in business and politics and to succeed where other sons of presidents have failed. With the election now just eleven days away, NPR's Steve Inskeep has this profile of the Republican nominee.

Campaign Day (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, October 25, 2000

Both the major party presidential candidates woke up this morning in states they had not expected to worry about this late in their campaigns. Texas Governor George W. Bush was in Florida, where his brother Jeb is governor, and Vice President Al Gore was in his own home state of Tennessee. NPR's Peter Kenyon reports.

Bush Foreign Policy Reaction (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, October 25, 2000

NPR's Julie McCarthy reports from London that the European allies are dismayed by suggestions from the George W. Bush camp that the United States should cut back its military operations in the Balkans. The Europeans fear that the proposals from Bush's national security expert, Condoleezza Rice, would undermine NATO principles of collective security and shared risk.

Campaign Reports (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, October 25, 2000

Two reports on the presidential campaign; NPR's Andy Bowers followed Al Gore to his home state yesterday to hear about "re-inventing government" while Peter Kenyon was in Florida where George Bush stressed his tax cut.

Campaign Report (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, October 24, 2000

NPR's Peter Kenyon reports from the Bush campaign which is visiting Tennessee, Illinois, and Florida today. With the latest polls showing the candidates drawing even again, the campaigning continues furiously.

Bush and the Balkans (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, October 23, 2000

NPR Senior News Analyst Daniel Schorr examines the evolution of George W. Bush's policy on American involvement in the Balkans.

On the Road With Bush (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, October 23, 2000

Texas Governor George W. Bush has expanded his presidential campaign team to include a squad of his fellow Republican governors. The governors rallied with Bush in Kansas City today before fanning out across the country to campaign for the national GOP ticket. Bush told a cheering crowd that the Clinton-Gore administration has been an obstacle to reform at the state level, because it defended a dominant policy-making role for Washington. NPR's Peter Kenyon reports.

With Help From McCain (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend Edition - Saturday, October 21, 2000

Senator John McCain defeated George W. Bush in the New Hampshire primary. But though the candidate has bowed out, he's still a favorite among voters. New Hampshire Public Radio's Av Harris reports on efforts by both McCain and Bush to get voters interested in Bush.

Bush in New England (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend Edition - Saturday, October 21, 2000

Republican Presidential candidate George W. Bush spent the end of his work week in New England. NPR's Steve Inskeep is covering the Bush campaign.

Bush On the Road (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, October 19, 2000

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush is in New York tonight for a political dinner where the guests will also include his rival, Democrat Al Gore. He will also tape an appearance with late night comedian David Letterman. But this morning Bush began his day in Michigan, a key swing state where he talked to workers at an engineering plant. He told them Gore represented old style thinking about economics and government. NPR's Steve Inskeep reports.

Bush's Wife and Mom ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

Morning Edition, October 19, 2000

NPR's Don Gonyea reports on efforts by Republican presidential candidate Governor George W. Bush to appeal to women, by sending his wife Laura and mother Barbara out on a bus tour of swing states.

Debate Truth Squad ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, October 18, 2000

In the third and final debate last night, presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore presented radically different cures for the issues that ail America. For Democrat Gore, the answers lie in policy, and on issue after issue Gore said he disagreed with his opponent. Republican George W. Bush took different tack. He argued that the real difference was who could be trusted, who could get things done, and he pointed to his record in Texas. In marshalling evidence to support their divergent views, both candidates occasionally stretched the truth. NPR's Peter Kenyon sets the record straight.

Final Debate ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

Morning Edition, October 18, 2000

N-P-R's Andy Bowers reports from St. Louis, Missouri where presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush met last night for their final debate before next month's election. The two candidates are nearly even in the polls, but it doesn't look like last night's debate will tip the scales.

Debate Summary ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

Morning Edition, October 18, 2000

Presidential candidates, Al Gore and George W. Bush met in St. Louis, Missouri last night for the third and final debate. Organized in a "town hall" fashion, both candidates were asked audience-generated questions on issues from prescription drugs to affirmative action.

Bush Foreign Policy ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, October 12, 2000

NPR Senior News Analyst Daniel Schorr takes a look at the evolution of George W. Bush's foreign policy positions, in light of last night's debate.

Texas Record ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, October 12, 2000

The second debate between Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore was more polite than the first, but there were contentious moments. Gore criticized the Texas governor's record on health care and hate crime legislation, citing statistics from Bush's home state. Robert talks to Dave McNeely, political columnist for the Austin American Statesman. He joins us by phone from Austin, Texas.

Bush On the Stump ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, October 11, 2000

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush may not be highlighting abortion or school prayer in his stump speeches, but he does talk a lot about themes of morality and ethics. He is especially likely to do so when addressing the challenges of parenting. Last week, campaigning in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mr. Bush spoke about family values. We hear an excerpt, as part of All Things Considered's effort to air portions of the candidates' stump speeches.

Bush ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, October 10, 2000

Republican George W. Bush campaigned in eastern Tennessee today on his way to North Carolina and his second debate with Democratic rival Al Gore. The debate takes place tomorrow night in Winston-Salem. Bush was pleased to visit Tennessee to highlight how close the race looks in Gore's home state. NPR's Peter Kenyon reports.

U.S. Politics ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

Weekend Edition - Sunday, October 8, 2000

NPR's Steve Inskeep reports on the latest from the campaign trail with Texas Governor George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore.

Bush and Gore On the Day After ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, October 4, 2000

Presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore slept only a few hours last night following their debate in Boston and their respective midnight victory rallies. This morning each candidate returned to the breakneck pace of recent campaigning, each scheduling events in three states. We have reports from both campaigns, beginning with NPR's Steve Inskip, who is with the Bush camp. NPR's Anthony Brooks then covers the Gore campaign.

Campaigns (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend Edition, September 24, 2000

With more than a month left before the elections, the Bush and Gore campaigns are playing catch up on poll popularity in several states. In Florida, members of the Bush family are desperately rallying behind George W., who is trailing Al Gore in many polls. NPR's Peter Kenyon reports.

Bush (14.4 | 28.8)

Weekend All Things Considered, September 23, 2000

Host Jacki Lyden speaks with NPR's Peter Kenyon about this week in the George W. Bush campaign. Bush appeared on two popular TV talk shows, and campaigned heavily with family members in Florida. That was supposed to be a safe state for Mr. Bush since his brother is Governor. But polls show him even with Vice-President Al Gore.

Bush's Campaign in Florida (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, September 22, 2000

NPR's Peter Kenyon reports Presidential candidate George W. Bush's campaign continues through Florida.

Bush's Attacks on Gore (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, September 21, 2000

NPR's Anthony Brooks reports on George W. Bush's attacks on his Democratic rival. The Republican candidate has been using a two-part strategy this week in an effort to attract voters: He's been casting doubt on Gore's character while trying to re-cast himself as the real friend of the middle class. Yesterday, Bush accused Gore of hypocrisy for criticizing the entertainment industry, and then raising money from it.

Bush On Live with Regis (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, September 21, 2000

Robert talks to Jacob Weisberg, Chief Political correspondent for the online magazine Slate, about the presidential candidates' appearances on TV shows aimed at a female audience. Bush appeared on Live with Regis today, and was on Oprah Tuesday. Gore appeared on Oprah last week. Slate magazine is at <http://slate.msn.com>

Bush Stump Speech (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, September 20, 2000

Every Wednesday this election season, *All Things Considered* is airing excerpts of speeches by presidential candidates. Today we hear first from Republican candidate George W. Bush, in portion of a speech delivered Monday in Little Rock, Arkansas. (8:00)

Bush Campaign (14.4 | 28.8)

All Things Considered, September 19, 2000

Texas Governor George W. Bush continued his swing through the Midwest today, saying he is the candidate who will help middle class families. From birth to retirement, the Republican presidential nominee says he is looking out for working Americans. Bush made that appeal in a neo-natal ward yesterday, a school today, and in an appearance on Oprah Winfrey's daytime talk show. NPR's Anthony Brooks is traveling with the Bush campaign.

Bush's Middle Class Benefits (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, September 19, 2000

NPR's Anthony Brooks reports on George W. Bush's campaign stop in the Midwest. Yesterday, the Republican candidate released a 15-page pamphlet that outlined his plans to benefit the middle class, and called his rival's tax-cuts "wrong."

Chicago F.O.P. Endorses Bush (14.4 | 28.8)

Morning Edition, September 19, 2000

NPR's Cheryl Corley reports that the Chicago chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police endorsed Republican Presidential Candidate George W. Bush. Some say the endorsement is meant as a political statement against city's current administration. Police have been upset with Mayor Richard M. Daley because of on-going contract disputes. Daley's brother, William, is Vice President Al Gore's campaign chairman.

Political Events This Week ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

Morning Edition, September 18, 2000

Host Bob Edwards talks with NPR's Cokie Roberts about this week's political events including the new strategy in the presidential campaign of Texas Governor George W. Bush.

Bush Stump Speech ([14.4](#) | [28.8](#))

All Things Considered, September 6, 2000

We hear an excerpt of a speech yesterday in Allentown, Pennsylvania, by Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, in which he outlined his plan for Medicare.

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