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Billionaire Chants

They pander to you, but they answer to us!
Big Money's power is marvelous!

This is what PLUTOCRACY looks like!

Take to your cell phones, take to your faxes,
Join the fight to end all taxes!

Let workers pay the tax, so investors can
relax!

Big money, united, shall never be defeated!
(The rich united shall never be defeated!)

Welfare for the wealthy!
Keep our profits healthy!

Wealth care, not health care!

Tax work, not wealth!

Make a smart investment, buy yourself a
President!

Money for war and occupation,
Not for jobs and education!

1-2-3-4, we've got billions, but we want more!
5-6-7-8, cut more taxes, we can't wait!

Make war, not jobs!

Four more wars! (repeat)

What do we want? Prison labor!
How do we want it? CHEAP!

What do we want? Sweatshop labor!
How do we want it? CHEAP!

More Bank, less World!

1-2-3-4, we don't care about the poor!
5-6-7-8, don't you dare tax my estate!

What's outrageous? Living wages!

What's disgusting? Trust-busting!

Whose president? Our president!
Whose money? Our money!
Whose media? Our media!
Whose oil? Our oil!
Whose missiles? Our missiles!
Whose yachts? Our yachts!
Whose ugly corporate fountains?
Our ugly corporate fountains!

Blood for oil! (repeat)

1-2-3-4, we make money when there's war,
5-6-7-8, Halliburton's really great!

Bush and Cheney are the best,
Billionaires know where to invest!

Hey traitors, get a clue,
The USA is not for you!

Poor people, get a clue,
The USA is not for you!

Write big checks! (repeat)

We're here, we're rich, get used to it!

No justice, no problem!

We shall over-bomb...

More money, fewer hands!

We want more! Give us more!
Billionaires for Bush's War

Billionaire Slogans

Leave No Billionaire Behind.
Blood for oil.
Small Government. Big wars.
There's millions more jobs to cut.
Government of, by, and for the corporations.
Free the Forbes 400!
Corporations are people too.
You've got nothing to lose but your job.
We're all in this together, sort of.
Free the Enron 7!

Hands off Halliburton!
Four more wars!
A jobless recovery is the best kind.
Because cheap labor costs less.
Because the deficit is not growing fast enough.
Four more years of peace and prosperity, for us.
Because he's just like us.
Only little people pay taxes.
Class War: Let's finish what we started.
Thank you for paying our fair share.
Taxes are not for everyone.

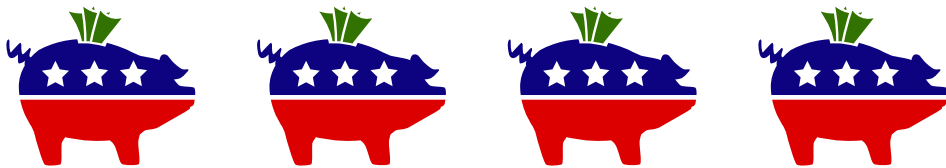
Tax work, not wealth.
Bring back indentured servitude.
Healthcare is already affordable.
Privatize everything.

We are...

- \$ the CEOs who make 280 times the pay of an average worker.
- \$ the 1% who own more than 40% of the wealth in America.
- \$ the 10% who hold 88% of the value of all stocks and mutual funds owned by households.
- \$ the 10% who give 90% of the campaign contributions.
- \$ the elite fundraisers who bundle together \$100,000, \$200,000 and more in contributions to George Bush's campaign coffers.

We are...

Billionaires for Bush



Once again the poor, the so-called "working" class, and a few renegade class traitors are conspiring to elect a president who will pander to the special interests of ordinary Americans. They have initiated a campaign to blame the corporate world for their substandard wages, illiteracy, deficient health, crumbling tenements, short vacations, polluted neighborhoods, and incarcerated youth.

If they succeed in defeating Bush and Cheney in 2004, all the progress we've made in the last few years—from the lucrative occupation of Iraq to the massive tax cuts to the unprecedented corporate influence in policymaking—will be rolled back, if not lost completely. They must not succeed.

For too long we have counted only our money. It's time to stand up and count ourselves. This election year let's put on our top hats, black suits, pearls and mink stoles—and show America what plutocracy looks like!

Get Involved!

Billionaires are taking to the streets across the country to spur the affluent into action. We're putting up posters, holding vigils for corporate welfare, counter-protesting at the rallies of the poor and traitorous, and voicing our concerns at Republican events.

To connect with Billionaires near you and take part in this historic political movement, visit our fabulous new website:

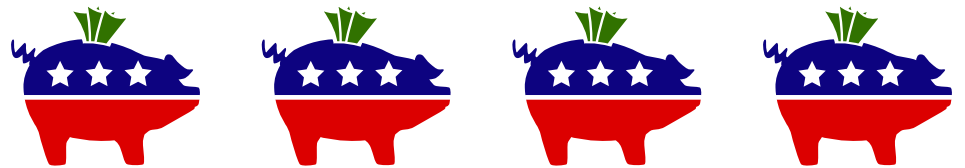
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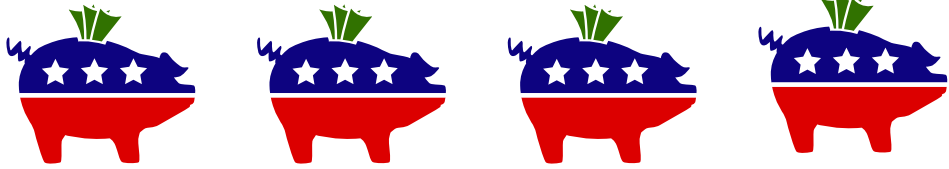
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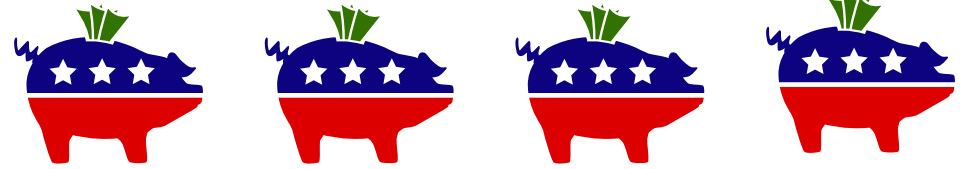
call on all People of Wealth to

Invest in the President!

- \$ President Bush's tax cuts generously gave millionaires and billionaires nearly \$100,000 each over four years, on average, while benefits to the poor and lazy average less than \$100 per year for the next four years!
- \$ When George Bush came into office, billionaires were in desperate need of relief from the tight job market. Years of low unemployment raised wages, strengthened labor unions, and created a new generation of spoiled workers. But since Bush took office, over 3 million jobs have been lost, providing us once again with a pliant workforce and cheap chauffers and maids!
- \$ Our Commander in Chief has strategically used the occupation of Iraq to channel over \$20 billion in public money to Halliburton and other companies we own. And there'll be plenty more bloodshed to profit from!
- \$ President Bush will Leave No Billionaire Behind!

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Billionaires for Bush Rally Behind President Proclaiming Huge Gains for Those in Highest Economic Tier

Billionaires Proclaim Huge Economic Gains for Themselves During Bush Presidency

Merrimack, NH January 29, 2004 - Billionaires for Bush, a political action committee advocating for the interests of the fabulously wealthy, rallied in support of the economic policies of President George W. Bush today. Wearing top hats and tiaras, tuxedos and evening gowns, Billionaires for Bush gathered at the entrance to the Fidelity Investment building to thank President Bush. The President addressed supporters at the investment office this afternoon, talking about jobs and the economy.



“President Bush has done so much for billionaires and millionaires like us. He has been an excellent investment. His recent tax cut package delivered 40% of the benefits to the top 1% of taxpayers!” Iona Bigga Yacht said. “And if WE don’t stand behind him, who will? In a couple of years 84% of NH taxpayers will receive less than \$100 from Bush’s tax cuts. Yet millionaires and billionaires like us will receive nearly \$100,000 over the next four years, on average, and many of us will get much much more.”

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New Hampshire’s top one percent of earners will receive an average tax cut of \$58,598 in 2003.

Five heirs to the Wal-Mart fortune will receive a combined \$984 million under the dividend tax cut and Nike CEO Philip Knight will receive a payout of \$17 million. (Wall Street Journal, June 5, 2003; “CEOs, Heirs to Stock Fortunes Win Big with Cut, USA Today, January 9, 2003)

Another Billionaire for Bush, Swellington Wadsworth III, observed, “He gets attacked for running up a massive deficit - but a deficit means good news for billionaires. Our businesses benefit from increased defense spending and rebuilding contracts. And banks we own earn more when interest rates are high.”

“He’s even attacked for failing to create new jobs - but people should know that high unemployment means cheaper maids and chauffeurs!” enthused Mary A. Richman.

For more information about Billionaires for Bush, and to read our platform, please visit our Web site at www.BillionairesForBush.com

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**VOTE
BUSH
CHENEY
IN 2004**

**"Leave no
BILLIONAIRE
BEHIND!"**

RE-ELECT ROVE

*Uncle Dickie knows that
when you're CEO of the USA
"Every cent counts!"*

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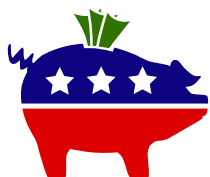


SMALL GOVERNMENT BIG WARS



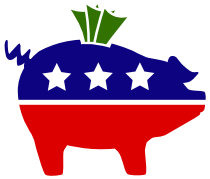
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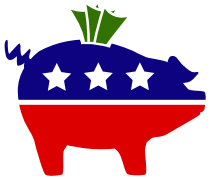
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**FREE THE
ENRON 7!**



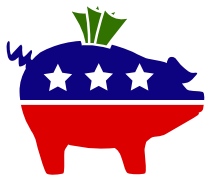
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**HANDS OFF
HALLIBURTON!**



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**CORPORATIONS
ARE PEOPLE TOO**



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LEGISLATION: A LUCRATIVE INVESTMENT!

Attention All Billionaires:

If you're like most of us, you're always looking for higher returns on your investments. And while you may be familiar with stocks and bonds, currency speculation, IPOs, and all the rest, there's a new investment arena you really ought to be aware of: Legislation.

If a mutual fund returns 20% a year, that's considered unbelievably good. But in the low-risk, high return world of legislation, a 20% return is positively lousy. Why, there's no reason why your investment dollar can't return 60,000, 70,000, even 80,000%!

Here's how it works: With the help of a professional legislation broker (called a Lobbyist), you place your investment (called a Campaign Contribution) with a carefully selected list of legislation manufacturers (called Members of Congress). These manufacturers then go to work writing legislation: crafting industry-specific subsidies, inserting tax breaks into the tax code, extending patents, or giving away public property for free. In an assembly-line process that would make Henry Ford proud, the legislation is produced, and you (and your favorite industry) reap the benefits! The effect on your bottom line is immediate and huge. Just check out these results:

Contributor (Investor)	Campaign Contributions (Investment)	Legislation or Administrative Action	Date	Payoff in government contracts, reduced costs, higher prices for consumers, or shift in tax burden	Return on Investment	Source
Halliburton	\$2,379,792 1990-2002	Logistics contracts in Iraq and Afghanistan	2002-03	\$2,329,040,891	97,767%	Center for Public Integrity, Windfalls of War Oct. 30, 2003.
Bechtel	\$3,310,102 1990-2002	Infrastructure construction contracts in Iraq	2002-03	\$1,029,833,000	31,012%	Center for Public Integrity, Windfalls of War Oct. 30, 2003.
Airline Industry	\$16 million 1991-2001	Airline bailout	Sept. 2001	\$15 billion	93,650%	Common Cause, The \$16 Million Soft Landing, Jan 10, 2002
Drug Companies	\$44 million since 1999	Prescription drug coverage in Medicare reform bill.	Nov. 2003	\$139 billion in increased profits	315,809%	Public Campaign, Ouch #123, The Big Medicare Fix, Nov. 20, 2003.
Agribusiness	\$59.3 million in 2000 election cycle	Farm Bill	Feb. 2002	\$40 billion in increased subsidies for large farms	67,354%	Public Campaign, Ouch #98, The Farmer in the Till, May 3, 2002.
Wealthy Americans	\$1.8 billion 1999-2002	2001 Tax Cut	May 2001	\$769 billion in tax cuts for top 10%	42,622%	Public Campaign, State of the Union Poster, Jan. 21, 2003
50 Biggest Corporate Tax Avoiders	\$151 million, 1991 –2001	Various tax breaks	Various	\$55 billion in tax breaks from 1996-1998 alone	36,323%	Public Campaign, State of the Union Poster, Jan. 21, 2003
Oil, Gas, Coal and Nuclear Industries	\$71.8 million since 1999	Tax breaks, subsidies, and MTBE pollution indemnification in Energy bill.	Pending	\$49 billion	68,145%	Public Campaign, Ouch #122, Crude Politics in Energy Bill, Nov. 17, 2003.

If you can get this kind of return when you buy a few congressmen, just imagine what you get when you buy the President. Don't wait. Invest now, and let the paybacks roll in for the next four years.

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Billionaire Songs

(More available online at <http://www.billionairesforbush.com/songs.html>)

Georgie Made The Size Of My Wallet Grow

(to the tune of "Joshua Fit The Battle of Jericho")

Chorus:

Georgie made the size of my wallet grow.
He fed the flow with lots of dough.
Suddenly we're lovin' the status quo,
Now that George Bush runs this town!

He's givin' us a reason to celebrate.
He's fillin' us with pride.
The gulf between the workers and billionaires
has never been so wide!

(Chorus)

Oh Georgie is a champion of policies
That benefit the top one per-cent.
And when it's time for funding the safety net,
Aw, the budget's all been spent!

(Chorus)

We were wealthy in the time of Reagan.
We were wealthy with Georgie's dad.
But save your cheers for the last four years.
They're the best we've ever had!

(Chorus)

He's concentrating all of our money.
And those tax cuts were a plus.
He keeps selling his ass for the upper class.
Yes he's truly one of us!

(Chorus)

*Lyrics by Felonius Ax
(aka Clifford J. Tasner)*

Race To The Bottom

(Mariachi)

Come work for me!
Under the hot, hot sun, until the harvest's done
You'll work night and day.
A fake ID
Is what you're gonna need
So you can get your lousy pay!

We're having a race to the bottom.
You'll work for three years from the day that you've
come.
Then gracias for all your trabajo.
There's no time to pack, cause we're sending you back
To where you come from!

Here, grab a saw!
You're gonna cut some meat, while standing on your
feet
Without any break.
Forget the law!
The less I pay to you,
The more my company can make!

We're having a race to the bottom.
You'll work till you bleed and your fingers are numb.
Then gracias for all your trabajo.
So vacate your shack, cause we're sending you back
To where you come from!

The pay is meager. They don't complain.
In fact they're eager Despite the pain.
And if they're injured, What can they do?
They should not be here. No I won't shed a tear.
So if they're not careful, they're through!

So adios señor mojado!
Cutting expenses is hardly a sin.
We're having a race to the bottom.
We can do more for less. It's the key to success.
And we know that we're going to win!

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BILLIONAIRE CAMPAIGN KICKOFF SPEECH

Good evening, esteemed ladies and gentlemen, I'm Phil, Phil T. Rich — then again — who here isn't? And this is the lovely Texy Money Honey...

It is a great privilege to be here today. Like you, of course, I'm used to privilege, so that's no biggie. But it's more than a privilege, it's also an honor to be here — and hell of a lot of fun.

I trust you're having a great time.

And who do we have to thank for this? Ourselves, of course. Probably, the 1944 Bretton Woods Agreement, but also, and above all: President George Walker Bush. Our best friend in Washington. And arguably, the best friend we billionaires have ever had in Washington.

He's been there for us. And now we need to be there for him.

Billionaires! Multi-millionaires! Aspiring multi-millionaires! And all other people of wealth gathered here today!

I call upon you...

This is our hour. This is our moment. Today we launch our great campaign.

For too long we have ruled the country from behind closed limo doors. But today we come out. Today, we face America and face ourselves. And we have nothing to be ashamed of. We run this country-and we do a damn good job of it.

All the others have come out-the blacks, the women, the gays, even the mothers-and today, it's time for us to come out too And show the world who we REALLY are.

We are the Billionaires for Bush.

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We are the 1% who own more than 40% of the wealth in this great land!

We are the 10% who hold 88% of the value of all stocks and mutual funds owned by households.

We are the 10% who give 90% of the campaign contributions!

We are the Pioneers, and Rangers, and the as yet unnamed category of fundraisers who bundle together \$100,000, \$200,000 and now \$500,000 in contributions for George Bush's campaign coffers.

We are a who's who of corporate America and we are organized!

We are the Billionaires for Bush.

And we are on a mission — a mission to re-appoint George Walker Bush as President of the United States of America (copyright pending).

To those who say Big Money should be kept out of politics, I say show me where in the Constitution it calls for a separation of cash and state!

In fact, there is no better business than politics. And in George Bush's America, not only is the business of business business, but the business of politics is business, and I don't need to tell you, business has been good — for us.

Generally, you're pretty happy if a mutual fund returns 20%. But in the high-yield, low-risk world of legislation, you can expect returns on your dollar of 50,000% or more!

Just look at these numbers. Cue the first slide, please. [slide: "Legislation"]

In 2002 & 3 Halliburton spent a paltry \$2.4 million in campaign contributions for Iraqi logistics contracts worth \$2.3 billion-the return on their investment: 98,000 percent!

For \$44 million in campaign contributions, the Pharmaceutical Industry were able to secure a Medicare Reform Bill that included a Prescription Drug Benefits package worth almost \$140 billion in increased profits-that's an incredible 316,000 percent return on their investment.

If you can get this kind of return when you buy a bunch of congressmen, just imagine what you get when you buy the President.

And we are buying the President. To the tune of \$200 million.

Look around you ladies and gentlemen.

THIS (gesturing in a sweep towards the crowd) is what plutocracy looks like. Suh-weet!

THIS IS WHAT PLUTOCRACY LOOKS LIKE ! (chant)

This IS what plutocracy looks like. And from here it looks good.

But we must remain ever vigilant.

Because once again the poor, and the so-called "working" class, and a few renegade class traitors like George Soros, are conspiring to elect a president who will pander to the special interests of ordinary Americans. They have initiated a campaign to blame the corporate world, OUR corporate world, for THEIR substandard wages, illiteracy, deficient health, crumbling tenements, filthy air and water, short vacations, and incarcerated youth.

Will we stand for this? NO!

And I wonder: do those who blame the corporations — those who drag us through the courts, expose our accounting practices, jam our shining logos, mar our seamless billboards — do they ever stop to think: corporations are people too?

No, I don't believe they do.

And so, to show our compassion — our conservative compassion — in the face of man's inhumanity to his fellow corporations, let us take a moment of silence, so that we will never forget the greatest Supreme Court decision ever, the 1886 Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific, which enshrined in U.S. law the principle of legal personhood for corporations. Out of respect for our very origins, out of a deep reverence for the fount of our wealth, power and limited liability—a moment of silence. Gentlemen, your bowler hats please.

Let us also never forget what a staunch defender of these same sacred corporate prerogatives President Bush has been.

And what a good friend he's been to the super-wealthy.

Over the last three years he has served us exquisitely, and we must stand with him now.

He drastically reduced our share of the tax burden.

He made it possible for us to pass on our huge fortunes to our children, tax-free!

In a masterful act of creative austerity, he shackled the federal government with such deficits that no new spending programs will be viable for decades to come.

He liberated our oil reserves, which were somehow trapped under two Arab nations.

And he freed us from the green jackboot of the Kyoto Protocol.

George Bush understands our concerns — and he delivers.

He likes us. And he's like us. Just like us.

And so — could we all help the President come forward now please — I hereby enjoin all billionaires assembled at this illustrious gathering and all those watching on C-Span across this great nation — from Grosse Pointe to Greenwich, from Manhattan to Malibu — to place one hand on your warm heart and another on your cold cash and

endorse, with unprecedented enthusiasm, George Walker Bush for President of the United States of America
(copyright pending)!

BILLIONAIRE AWARDS SPEECH

Ahem. Attention fellow billionaires. My name is Alotta Bling and I would like all of you to gather around the red carpet for a few moments so that we may recognize some very special individuals — individuals who have dedicated their life's work to furthering our noble cause, setting our nation's priorities, and making sure we have access to the finer things in life. The people we are recognizing tonight have worked hard to uphold the system, the laws, and the conspiracies that have allowed billionaires like us to take our fair share of the pie — and then some. And so, we would like to present these individuals with a token of our appreciation and respect. Please, let's give a round of applause for our first annual presentation of the Neo-Libby awards!

Tonight's first Neo-Libby is awarded to a man who has achieved Excellence in Journalism. Though some people in this country whine and bellyache about this notion that journalists should be impartial, we all know that they're just jealous that they don't own the six major television networks.

The recipient of tonight's Excellence in Journalism NeoLibby is one of the leading citizens in the land of "Fair and Balanced" news reporting. In our opinion, this proud conservative, who once crusaded against the coverage of civilian deaths in Afghanistan, clearly understands what the bewildered masses of this country need to know and what is better left unmentioned. Perhaps the highlight of this reporter's career at Fox News was his recent testimony to his viewers that American soldiers are less likely to be murdered in Iraq than regular Americans living in California.

Ladies and gentlemen, we certainly don't know how he gets away with it, but who gives a damn! Tonight's Excellence in Journalism NeoLibby goes to... Brit Hume, managing editor of Fox News! Unfortunately Brit could not make it tonight, as he is out spinning, ahem... I mean, researching numbers for his latest report entitled "Why Wrongful Death in Iraq Isn't Necessarily Wrong."

Our next NeoLibby category is for Excellence in Turning Bloodshed into Billions. Over the past few years we have seen other people's loved ones being shipped off to fight for democracy and freedom for the Iraqi citizens. Hundreds of Americans and thousands of Iraqis have died in the past year, and a countless number have been seriously injured.

But that certainly shouldn't stop us from focussing on the bottom line! Ladies and gentlemen, the recipients of tonight's award never let the anguish of war stop them from thinking about revenue. While the commoners were busy mourning and losing their jobs after September 11th, these two businessmen saw great investment potential in the war on terrorism. Because of their entrepreneurial spirit (and lack of competitive bidding), these two men have made millions for the corporations and investors! Tonight's recipients of the NeoLibby for Excellence in Turning Bloodshed into Billions are the CEO's of Halliburton and Bechtel, David J. Lesar and Riley Bechtel. In the last two years, these two corporations together have raked in more than \$3 billion in government contracts, subsidies, and tax relief! Please, a round of applause for Halliburton and Bechtel. Unfortunately both David Lesar and Riley Bechtel could not make it to our ball tonight. Both are stuck in investor meetings discussing their forthcoming project: "Profit Potential in Starving Bolivian Children."

Our final NeoLibby is for Excellence in Lucrative Lobbying. This NeoLibby goes to an industry that has proven time and time again that legislation is the most lucrative arena of investment. Stocks and bonds? IPO's? Mere child's play compared to the return on investment this industry earned from a good old-fashioned schmooze-fest with Congress. Tonight's NeoLibby for Excellence in Lucrative Lobbying goes to... the Pharmaceutical Industry! Allow me to give a quick overview of their genius. Let me warn you, the following information contains material that is sleazy and shady. For those of you billionaires that are sensitive to or offended by business dealings of an indecent nature, I recommend covering your ears. The rest of you — start taking notes! Drug companies, like Pfizer and Eli Lilly, have invested about \$44 million into campaign contributions and lobbying efforts since 1999. Since then, these companies have seen a \$139 billion increase in profits through government contracts, subsidies, and high prices for consumers! That's a return on investment of 315,809%! Not only that, future revenue is practically guaranteed with Bush's recent Medicare ruin — I mean, reform. Ladies and gentlemen, let's give a round of applause for the Pharmaceutical Industry, role models for the new century.

BILLIONAIRE ESTATE TAX SPEECH

The biggest problem with the Estate Tax is that it only affects those of us with Estates. How unfair is that? [crowd: Not fair!]

And not just any Estate. It's got to be a really really really really big Estate. Like ours. It's got to be over \$3.5 million per individual. We're not talking family farms here, we're not talking Mom and Pop small businesses here. Oh, no. The Estate Tax doesn't tax them at all. It only taxes us — the really rich. How unfair is that? [crowd: Not fair!]

In fact, there's only [24 / number in your State] of us here in [Maine / your state] who have Estates that are actually big enough to get taxed. That's right — only 24. And I'm proud to see that most of us elite citizens are here today. The rest of you [gesturing to onlookers], you little people, you Jerry Springer fans, don't pay a dime. How unfair is that? [crowd: Not fair!]

These Estate Tax supporters think that just because we have millions and millions and millions of dollars, that we should be taxed. They think that the richest 24 people in the state should be taxed and the money given to everybody else. For what? Schools? Libraries? Roads? Day care? Pssshaw! We don't need any of that! Schools? Our kids go to *private* school! Libraries? We have our own *personal* libraries. Roads? Can you say Lear Jet? Day care? Hire an au paire!

We say shut down the day care centers. [crowd: "Yeay!"]
Fire some teachers. [crowd: "Yeay!"]
Cut back the library's hours. [crowd: "Yeay!"]
Let the bridges crumble, let the roads fill with pot-holes. [crowd: "Yeay!"]
And, let us keep our unearned fortunes -- every last penny. [crowd: "Yeay!!!!"]

So let me recap: If you have a really really really really big Estate, you get taxed by the Estate Tax. If you DON'T have a really really really really big Estate, you don't get taxed. Instead, you get MONEY from the Government. This is SO NOT fair. We must repeal the Estate Tax!

And that is why we have gathered here today. To thank [Senator X] for his vote to repeal the Estate Tax. [Senator X]: you've always been our man in Washington, but today we are particularly grateful to you: you've really stuck your neck out for us on this one. You know that the Estate Tax means money in the bank for [99.8% / percentage in your state] of your constituents, and yet you still vote to repeal. Only a true risk taker like yourself, a man willing to play Russian roulette with his political future, could come out for us on this one. Thank you [Senator X].

Only a man who stands up in defense of the tiniest of minorities, who carefully listens to the concerns of his largest campaign contributors, who is not swayed by simple consideration of the actual interests of the vast majority of his constituents, could vote to repeal the Estate Tax. Some might call this arrogant, even craven. But we know it by another name: courage. To rise above the interests of your own constituents, to listen only to your own conscience -- and maybe also to the consciences of your largest campaign contributors — and to act accordingly. Is this not true political courage?

And so, [Senator X], today we thank you for your bold and courageous support for Estate Tax repeal and the concerns of the very very very very rich. Thank you.

Now, together, let us solemnly repeat our pledge of democracy:
Never have so few given so much [crowd repeats]
(money) [crowd repeats]
to so few to get so much more [crowd repeats]
(money) [crowd repeats]

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR REPUBLICAN SPEAKERS

Estate Tax

"First, I want to commend you on voting to repeal the estate tax. As a multi-millionaire, and one of the very very few Americans who will benefit from it's repeal, I want to thank you personally. My question is this: How did you do it? How did you convince the American people that it was in their interest to repeal this tax when it so clearly isn't? Basically, repealing the estate tax takes \$1 trillion dollars of government revenue over the next 20 years, and gives it to us, the richest 2% of the population. Don't get me wrong, I think it's absolutely fabulous, but it's clearly a tough sell, since very few taxpayers benefit, and it results in so much lost revenue that undoubtedly will result in higher taxes for other Americans. How *did* you do it?"

Elite Privilege, Dodging Draft

"Mr. Speaker, I'm a patriotic American, and I support the President wholeheartedly. And even if all the rumors are true—that President Bush was a Vietnam War Draft Dodger, that he went AWOL from the Texas Air National Guard in 1972, that his father intervened on his behalf, and all that—I still support the President. After all, I'm a rich kid, and I know that folks like us don't belong on the battlefield in harm's way. But what about the rest of Americans who think that *everyone* should share the burdens of expanding our empire across the world? In your experience, what's the best way to explain it to them?"

Shortchanging the Troops

"Mr. Speaker, I'm a patriotic American, and I support the President wholeheartedly. The genius of George Bush is that even in a time of sacrifice and war and national peril, we can also have massive tax cuts. Most of that money is going to go to wealthy folks like me and my dad, but we're going to buy a lot of yachts and stretch humvees to help the economy, so it's alright. But here's my concern. The President has cut combat pay in half, pushed 164,000 veterans off of health care, and cut military housing by \$1.5 billion, so I'm wondering how long we'll have to wait to get more tax breaks? Seriously, where's that money going if not to billionaires like us?"

Privatising Social Security

"Mr. Speaker, first want to thank you for all you've done to bring economic relief to folks like me with nine-figure salaries. Only a few years ago we were straddled with all sorts of taxes, which went to pay for education and healthcare for poor people instead of conquering oil-producing nations. Only a few years ago the law forbade us to pass down our full fortunes to our children. We had to live with the shame that they would enter the world as mere multi-millionaires instead of billionaires like us. The President and the Republicans in congress have done an admiral job addressing our concerns on these and other matters. But I'm afraid something got lost in the mix, and that's privatizing social security. Wall street investment banks, including mine, have been getting slammed with billions in fines for helping companies like Enron and Global Crossing cheat their sharholders and employees. So right now we could really use that huge windfall that you promised us when the huge social security trust fund gets thrown into the stock market. So tell me, when do you plan to make good on this promise?"

The Four Question Recruitment Rap

[Billionaire approaches Republican at event. Fancy leather/silver clipboard/folder in hand with simple checklist of Four Questions]

Hi, excuse me Ma'am/Sir. My name is _____ and I'm with Billionaires for Bush.

1. Are you a Bush supporter? Do you plan to vote for the president in the elections this fall?

Excellent. Of course, so am I. So we're recruiting for Billionaires for Bush this evening. I wanted to ask you:

2. Do you feel, as we do, that the president is doing a good job on the economy?

Great, and...

3. Do you support the president's brilliant tax cut packages, the ones that delivered 40% of the benefits to the top one percent of taxpayers?

Excellent, we love the tax cuts too.

- or- if they hesitate, or aren't so sure they like those tax cuts:

Well, I know it's a complex issue, but we think very highly of these tax breaks.

So like I said, I'm with Billionaires for Bush and we're recruiting new members. Now we also accept multi-millionaire into our ranks, so I need to ask you

4. Is your net worth in the seven to ten figure range?

No? (seeming very puzzled) Well that's strange... I mean, I'm glad you're supporting the president, but you and most other taxpayers didn't get much from these tax packages (and Bush's policies have made it harder for states to pay for basic public services like education and police). But I'm so glad that you're supporting our president regardless.... Please take a flyer just in case you get lucky and marry into wealth. And thank you for paying more than your fair share.

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Rap Tips:

- Stay in character, as positive, Bush-supporting billionaires.
- Speak clearly but keep a good pace so they don't get impatient.
- Our goal is to underscore the fact that Bush has helped the wealthy (that's us) but done little for working folks, except reduce funding available for education, police etc.
- We do this by showing our confusion (and delight) when we find out there are Bush supporters who are neither billionaires nor, even, millionaires.
- Once we do this, hand them a flier and move on to the next person. There is no need to engage in debate.