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Here we go again. We the people take up the ballot and decide who will lead us. There are some critical elections, good and not so good candidates and the future of America as always at stake.

VOTE! No matter what, no matter how much you understand about the candidates or the issues, VOTE!

IT IS YOUR RIGHT!

IT IS YOUR PRIVILEGE!

IT IS YOUR DUTY!

If the principles and values of America mean anything, you, all of us must vote. We must be active, aggressive and accurate in our voting activities.

Mr. Bush appears to be in a bit of trouble, so say the polls. Our President, once favored by 80% of all Americans now has little if any edge. Democrats have an opportunity no one would dare to predict even four short months ago. The Conservative agenda under Bush and even the Republican congress has stalled. The Democrats have done a masterful job in stymieing Republican priorities. The issues are critical, the stakes huge. Conservatives, concerned and anxious feel that President Bush and the Republicans should do the following.

Veto out of control spending bills. Tax cuts, right as they are, have decreased federal government income. Yet government programs expand and increase. Bush has not vetoed one such bill, not one.

Postpone or revamp the new \$400 billion Medicare drug program. With ballooning deficits, we can not afford such a program. The huge, bureaucratic, red tape aspect of this entitlement program will go on, and on, and on forever, and will cost more, and more, and more forever. Reign in the spending!

Make recess appointments of all the judges mostly Conservative that the Democrats have blocked. Proactive Democrats have used every procedural trick and gimmick available to them to block any effective action on the Conservative judges President Bush has appointed. Virtually every one would have been approved had each been allowed a vote yea or nay by the entire senate. Pull a Democrat fast-1, use the rules of procedure to advantage, and make recess appointments of these Conservative judges.

Champion a constitutional amendment to protect the sanctity of marriage. Whatever unions homosexuals may be entitled to, marriage as it always has been, traditionally and historically, and morally and culturally, must be preserved as-is.

Become far more proactive in making certain that religious items, such as The Ten Commandments, can in fact be displayed in public places. To do so is not unconstitutional in any form. No constitutional prohibition ever intended that church and state be set so far apart.

Reconsider Iraq. Allow the Congress, House and Senate, to vote on whether or not America should withdraw its troops from Iraq. Do what is required to make certain that the right UN participation in the governance and rebuilding of Iraq occurs.

Continue to stand by Israel. Support Israel as it attempts to build a security fence and refuses to negotiate with terrorists. Be more aggressive and proactive in the demands on the Arab nations, particularly Arafat to stop terrorism, and on Israel to aggressively pursue the Peace Plan.

Make it clear to the American people that taxes of any kind will not be raised. The economy is turning for the good. Make sure things economically continue that way.

Continue to bridle and reign in big government. Cut red tape. Chop away at bureaucracy. Don't let rules and regulations galore and the lawyers that champion them ruin the country.

Strengthen the military. That includes Homeland Defense against terrorism. Foster respect and credibility for the military.

Aggressively continue educational reforms. Make it legal and financially desirable for vouchers and private schools to provide a viable and qualitative alternative to public education. Americans should have the right to choose.

These are some. These are critical. There are many more. America has elected a Republican-Conservative President, Senate, and House. It is time that we the people who elected these men and women got what we elected them for!