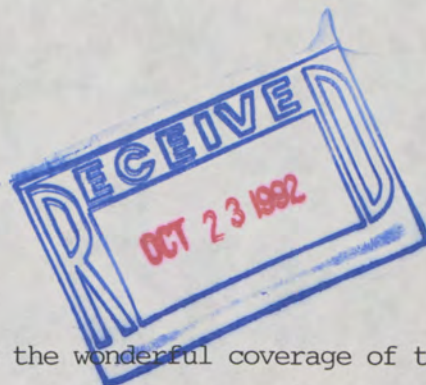


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Thanks to you all for the wonderful coverage of the Election 1992 process.. You are actually having a large impact on how the debates are being covered by the networks and the printed press--- Once I discovered C-Span... and because of my oppositon to Bush on reproductive freedom...I became very politically interested...I signed up to register NJ citizens to vote...and I was one of Jerry Brown delegates from Union Country (though I did not get to go to the Convention---)...I support Clinton now.

As for the debates...definitely prefer the second, looser style. Last night's was theworst I believe...it was very pat, except for Perot...the "wild card" introducing more interesting subjects. Bush certainly appeared to succeed better last evening...that is if you have no other info than what you heard last night. It seems to me that we should have Truth Squads and regular debates about the state of the nation at least once a month-- It is just too much to get the public up on in this debate period just before an election. We need to involve other than the two parties...hopefully Perot and his party will stick around, and there will be the new women's party - The 21st Century...plus Independents/Liberals, etc. The nation does not hear often enough from a variety of citizens...Ralph Nader, Noam Chomsky...

Probably because I feel Bush fared better last evening...somehow I really resented Jim Lehrer's attitude...beginning with the pre-debate advice to us that this was "very serious"...(Andrea Mitchell later commented on the same 'seriousness'... "Bush's on the line")..Their focus is somehow directed on the individuals and not on the nation and what it needs to know!

We've been told to ignore the parties---! Yet the other evening after the second debate I was not surprised to hear a woman say that she 'learned that evening' from Clinton's comments that the Republican Platform calls for making abortion illegal, even in cases ofrape and incest... The Press does not seem up to its responsibilities.

In watching the Republican Platform committee on C-Span , I was astonished to hear them vote to overturn the nation's Minimum Wage Laws---suggesting that it should be strictly up to the employer to decide how much an employee makes per hour...!

Thank you all for your intelligence and hard work for America!

Concerned/

Attached some questions I might have asked...

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There should be at least some focus on the Platforms of the parties--- the fact that ERA is not in the Republican platform I think is a national disgrace--- and yearly changes...(this year's republican attack on Minimum Wage Laws in America, for instance and making abortion illegal, even in cases of rape & incest should be noted(...

The candidates, even if one is a President, should not become more important than the citizens and their need to question and understand the candidates.

Additionally, Lehrer proceeded as if "Listening to America" and "What Went Wrong with America" never happened on PBS (his network). His first question about the laundry list of Clinton promises to America ignored the fact that other nations provide National Health Care/College Educations/Family Leave... The question also makes the mistake of ignoring the enrichment-value to America of such programs. Surely, Jim Lehrer knows that Republicans have all but destroyed the Progressive Income Tax System... and that the wealthy no longer pay rates of 80%-90%, but 27% - 30% with everyone else. In fact, the deficit exists because of tax cuts for the wealthy...at least in some minds.

Bush: What about your plans to further de-regulate the banks to allow them to engage in stock speculation?

Bush: Clinton has just said, "taxpayers should not pay for bank failures; the banking industry should pay. Your administration disagreed; please comment.

Bush: The bail-out of the banks has taken place "off-budget"..will you comment.

Bush: Dan Rather has suggested that one of the largest stories is where has the bail-out money actually gone? Will the Press find a story to investigate there?

Bush: Why are the Independent Trust Funds - Social Security and Unemployment Insurance carried as part of the regular budget?

Bush: Will you comment on borrowing from the Social Security Trust Funds and Senator Daniel Moynihan's efforts to pass legislation to prevent such borrowing and to lower the withholding which is building a Surplus of \$80-Billion per year?

Bush: You fought against an increase in the Minimum Wage Laws....Do you fully agree with the GOP Platform call to overturn the national Minimum Wage Laws?

Bush: You warn citizens about Clinton's tax plans suggesting he will increase taxes on the Middle Class...Yet your Administration set the IRS upon the Middle Class and the poor in an effort to raise money quickly for the Administration...~~And this was done!~~ (Unsure..)

Also--Alan Greenspan advised that you increase the Social Security withholding rates to raise money quickly and this was done!

Bush: You comment that Clinton's programs will increase Government size..and you are against big Government...Under Reagan/Bush Government size increased from 4X to 8X..(I'm not sure which!)

Are you willing to tell us the true costs of the White House budget at present...and how many new airplanes and helicopters and personnel have been added?

Bush: How do you think Americans would feel about it if they knew that often secret funds for intelligence are hidden in the national budget..that at times the Education Budget actually contained funds for the CIA which was 50% of the Education Budget?

Bush: We are spending \$50-Billion per year to militarily protect the Middle East oil fields ... Should we continue to do so or should we wean ourselves from oil at home and set new Energy goals?

Bush: America is now the No. 1 Arms dealer in the world since Russia has lost its position.... Should America continue to be arms dealer to the world?

Bush: Haitians...any comments on turning them from our shores?

Bush: S&L's...any comment on the Vilalge Voice stories this week thatsuggest that you, your friends, and your son Neal profited from various banks that became unstable and eventually closed?

Bush: Re Iraq-gate...Will you publicly call for cooperation of all agencies in order to avoid appearance of a cover up?

Scowcroft told the press that he sold his GE (Arms) stock (\$500-Million) just a day or so before the beginning of the Persian Gulf War...Then, in fact, he still owned this stock during Iraq's build up? Did GE benefit?

Bush: Senator Boren of the Intelligence Cmte has suggested that the timing of charges against Sessions (Dir/FBI) seem suspicious? Comment?

Bush: You say re Iraq.."we busted" the 4th largest superpower...Do you know that some of America's comics ask, "Who was the 3rd superpower...LAPD?"

And, the CIA didn't notice the arms build up in Iraq, or ask where it was coming from? (By the way, why didn't the CIA know about the Haitian coup?) And, will you release the Glaspie cables?

Bush: The environment...(no questions)

Bush: RU-486, Fetal Tissue Research, Women's Health Issues, Family Leave , Thomas-Hill Hearings one year later with America's feelings now with Hill, and Senator Spector under attack for his treatment of Ms Hill...No questions.

- Bush: Regarding VN...the agreements signed by Nixon/Kissinger called for repatriation payments of \$3.2-Billion...we never paid it---Are you against doing so? Do you think this has anything to do with continuing distrust re POW/MIA issues? We give China MFI Status...yet we continue to shun VN...why?
- Bush: Governor Clinton has commented...Reagan/Bush Administrations have supported dictatorships...?
- Bush: Why does the US owe the United Nations \$733-Million...?
- Bush: the GOP claims a fight against crime..Yet under your administration...and with the reinstated Death Penalty laws...Crime is way up...? Rape up 13%...and Overall crime...17%...!(CNN)
- Bush: Helen Thomas asked Clinton whether he would re-consider his objections to the VN war and put conscience aside and serve? What was your position during the VN war..."nuke 'em?"....and why do you think America was forced to fight with one hand behind her back..? None of your sons served...but one was thinking of claiming CO status..correct?
- Bush: The search of Clinton's files was "illegal" according to law...Though Eagleburger is accepting responsibility will anyone face charges? Did you approve this type of campaigning?
- Bush: Civil Rights...you claim that your Congressional record shows you support them... yet in Congress you voted against Civil Rights-? Why do you stress 'quotas' rather than ~~"quotas for"~~ discrimination against minorities?"
- Bush: This is a good time to debate our involvement in Grenada, in Panama, and in the Persian Gulf...What did these military actions have to do with the killing of Marines by Lebanese terrorists...your "wimp label"...and our building up Iraq? It's also a goodtime to inform America of her "stake" in free speech at risk in Bush-Pentagon attacks on Press coverage of these actions...
- Personally..I think Lehrer's show is very "Dick & Jane"...and Bush didn't get tougher...Lehrer made it easier for him.
- America deserves better than this...and by gosh I think we should get it!