



American Enterprise Institute
Studies in Political and Social Processes

A Conversation with George Bush

A Conversation with George Bush is an edited transcript of a discussion with one of the candidates for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination, held at the American Enterprise Institute. In his brief presentation, and in the exchange with AEI scholars and guests that followed, Mr. Bush presented his views on the domestic and foreign policy issues that face the United States and discussed his plans for winning the Republican presidential nomination. Some of his comments:

- "When I say I am conservative—I have absolutely no difficulty saying that—I am talking about what I think is economic sense. That should not be interpreted as a lack of sensitivity when it comes to social change or helping someone get a running start in the productive wage-earning period of his life or in his education."
- "We cannot turn our back on nuclear power. . . . Those who are opposed to [it] must explain how we will replace the energy—equivalent to 1.8 million barrels of oil a day—that comes from nuclear power."
- "The PLO should recognize Israel's right to exist, and we should not talk to the PLO until it does. We should push forward, however, recognizing that we must have good relations with the moderate Arab states."
- "I will not claw my way to this nomination by tearing down somebody else. I will put forward sensible proposals, I will resist the overpromise."

ISBN 0-8447-3374-1



American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research
1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036