

Bush Domestic Accomplishments

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The President's domestic accomplishments have laid the base for a prosperous future, a future built on the family values that have made America great.

Economy: Inflation and Interest Rates Down; Promoting Jobs and Growth

- U.S. is the world's strongest economy, U.S. GDP twice that of any other country.
- Interest rates at 20 year lows.
- Lower rates now save families about \$2000 a year in lower mortgage payments.
- Inflation at one-quarter of 1980 levels.
- Proposed economic growth package, including capital gains cut, investment tax allowance, and \$5,000 first-time homebuyers' credit (which alone could create 273,000 jobs).

Breaking Down Barriers to Free Trade

- U.S. is again the world's number one exporting nation.
- Created 1.8 million export-related jobs.
- Fought foreign trade barriers; cut trade deficit by 44%.
- Negotiating NAFTA and GATT agreements to open more markets for U.S. goods.
- Opening new markets for U.S. aerospace, telecommunications, agriculture, and manufacturing.
- Protecting U.S. intellectual property against foreign piracy.

Reforming Welfare

- Set goals to require work and responsibility, and end dependency; states urged to follow President's lead.
- State reforms (CA, MD, NJ, OR, WI) impose tough job requirements, discourage childbirth while on welfare, penalize drug use, etc.

Getting Tough on Crime

- Appointed 228 law and order judges and prosecutors.
- Doubling federal prison capacity, creating "boot camps."
- New rights for families of murder victims.
- Proposed Crime Bill to expand use of death penalty, impose mandatory sentences, and end needless court delays in criminal cases.
- Assigned 2400 FBI agents to bust violent criminals and street gangs.
- Tripled assistance to state and local law enforcement.

Winning the War on Drugs

- Overall drug use down 13%; adolescent use down 27%, adolescent cocaine use down 63%.
- Spending on drug war doubled to \$12.7 billion; cocaine seizures tripled.
- "Weed and Seed" Initiative to reclaim embattled neighborhoods.
- International drug summits; strengthened interdiction; extradition of drug felons.

Strengthening American Agriculture

- Farm economy strong. Debts down, assets up.
- Net farm income at record levels; government supports actually declined.
- Opening markets and winning cuts in foreign subsidies.

Revitalizing American Education

- Set National Education Goals at summit with governors.
- Created AMERICA 2000 strategy to implement the goals through testing for excellence, parental choice, accountability for performance, and New American Schools.
- 1400 communities in 44 states have embraced AMERICA 2000.
- Helping train 770,000 math and science teachers.
- GI Bill for Children to make choice real by helping parents afford the school of their choice and rewarding schools that perform.
- Education Department spending up by 42%; college aid up by 50%.
- Job Training 2000, Lifelong Learning; and Youth Apprenticeship Act to improve job skills; fighting illiteracy.

Empowering Inner-City Communities

- Record commitment to highways and infrastructure, supporting 600,000 construction jobs.
- Urban Action Plan — enterprise zones, “Weed and Seed”, welfare reform, job training, education reform, housing reforms.
- Proposed over \$4 billion for homeless programs including new help for mentally ill homeless persons.

Cutting Government Regulation

- Regulatory moratorium — saving consumers \$15 to 20 billion.
- Examples: Speeding new drug approval; helping biotech growth; Clean Air Act compliance.
- Easing credit crunch and paperwork for small businesses.
- Legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits and court delays.

Improving Health and Children's Welfare

- Health care plan to improve access and affordability; solves “job lock” and preexisting condition problems, and helps small business; avoids government-run system, bureaucracy, and rationing; preserves quality
- 1990 Child Care Bill preserves parents’ choice, makes care more affordable (\$31 billion in new tax breaks).
- Head Start budget up 78%, now serving 622,000 children.
- Increased child immunizations, cut infant mortality.
- Funding for AIDS research and treatment more than doubled to \$4.9 billion.

Cleaning the Air and Water

- Pushed for new Clean Air Act, the toughest environmental law ever enacted.
- Record convictions and fines for environmental crimes.
- Moratorium on oil and gas drilling off much of the West Coast, South Florida & New England.
- Defended U.S. biotech industry and jobs at Rio Summit.
- Added 1.5 million acres to national parks forests and refuges; tree planting program.

Controlling Government Spending

- Fought for spending caps in order to reduce the deficit.
- Fighting for Balanced Budget Amendment and line item veto.
- \$8 billion in rescissions this year.
- Proposed to eliminate 246 government programs
- Proposed to limit growth in entitlements (excluding Social Security), to save \$180 billion over four years.
- Vetoed Democrats’ tax hike in March, 1992

Bush Foreign Accomplishments

The President's accomplishments abroad will ensure a peaceful, secure future.

A Victorious End to the Cold War

- Maintained strong policies that brought an end to imperial communism.
- Moved "beyond containment" with Soviet Union to promote freedom and change as communism began to collapse.
- Unification of Germany on Western terms—rapid and peaceful, and within NATO.
- Liberation of Eastern Europe—assistance to promote democracy and free markets; first leader to offer economic help to Poland.
- Collapse of Soviet regime; during attempted coup, led world in support of Yeltsin and Russian democracy.
- Supported peaceful transformation of former Soviet republics into new democratic nations.
- Made the right calls in a series of tough decisions that helped transform the world—without provoking a superpower crisis.

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Ending the Threat of Nuclear War

- Signed START—first treaty to actually reduce strategic nuclear weapons; cut Soviet warheads in half.
- Dramatic post START agreement with Yeltsin will cut warheads by an additional one-third, and eliminate most threatening Russian weapons.
- Preserved SDI; won Russian agreement to work jointly on a concept to protect against rogue missile attacks.
- Agreement that successor nations to the Soviet Union will fulfill Soviet nuclear and conventional forces treaty commitments.
- Pushing expansion, extension and strict enforcement of non-proliferation treaty, including new inspections.
- Spearheaded a coalition that brought China and North Korea under Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty.

Cutting Conventional, Chemical and Biological Weapons

- Won CFE Agreement which slashed Soviet forces and ended the threat of a surprise attack on Western Europe.
- Won agreement to destroy 90% of U.S. & Soviet chemical weapons stockpiles within 10 years.
- Strengthened U.S. export controls on chemical and biological weapons.

Fighting International Terrorism

- Won release of American hostages in Lebanon.
- Secured unprecedented U.N. sanctions against Qaddafi to bring Pan Am 103 bombers to justice.
- Isolated nations supporting terrorists.

Victory in the Persian Gulf

- Achieved quick, decisive victory over Iraqi aggression.
- Forged an unprecedented coalition to oppose Saddam; secured U.N. backing for U.S.-led coalition actions.
- Achieved objectives: Kuwait freed, Mideast stabilized, world oil supplies secured, Iraq's ability to threaten its neighbors sharply reduced.
- Saddam's nuclear and chemical capacity being destroyed.
- Demonstrated American strength, and resolve; showed that aggression would not stand.

Increased Chances for Peace Between Israel and Its Neighbors

- First face-to-face talks ever between Israel and all Arab neighbors.
- Committed to regional stability and the security of Israel, including providing over \$4 billion in aid per year.
- Enhanced security relationships, including first commitment of U.S. troops to Israel's defense during Persian Gulf War.
- Secured repeal of U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism.
- Instrumental in assisting massive Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

Taking on the Drug Lords

- First-ever drug summits in Colombia and the U.S.
- Assistance for drug crop destruction in South America, and extradition of cocaine criminals to the U.S.
- 300 new Border Patrol agents and cooperation of U.S. military in drug interdiction.

Bringing Democracy to Latin America

- Brought Noriega to justice; restored democracy to Panama.
- Helped secure free elections to overturn Sandinista rule in Nicaragua.
- Helped bring successful end to civil war in El Salvador.
- Enterprise for Americas Initiative, NAFTA, hemispheric free trade zone—all will secure better economic future.

Leadership in World Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Efforts

- Opposed aggression in Yugoslavia, and backed efforts to stop fighting and end blockade of Sarajevo.
- Supported U.N. efforts to end fighting in Cambodia, Angola, Namibia, Afghanistan, El Salvador and Western Sahara.
- Pushed for democratic change in South Africa and an end to apartheid
- Saved tens of thousands of Kurdish lives through prompt relief and military protection.
- Revitalized United Nations through strong U.S. leadership during a series of foreign crises.



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