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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide knowledge for parents and educators who want to save the children of America from the destructive forces that endanger them. Our children in the public schools are at grave risk in 4 ways: academically, spiritually, morally, and physically — and only a well-informed public will be able to reduce these risks.

"Without vision, the people perish."

Can Conservartives Thrive in the New Clinton Era?

The answer is a resounding yes — provided conservatives do what has to be done. In fact, it is possible that conservatives will do much better under Clinton than they did under Bush. Why? Because Bush's "kinder, gentler" malarky assured the liberal Democrats that the Republican president would not be confrontational, but conciliatory and compromising. In fact, he was so compromising, so accommodating to the left, that he all but forgot that he was a Republican even though not a conservative Republican.

On only one issue did Bush remain true to the conservative social agenda: abortion. He knew that if he reneged on his pro-life stand he would go down in history as an unmitigated traitor to the conservative cause. He could fudge his way out of betraying his "read my lips" pledge, but not abortion. The former involved only money, the latter millions of unborn lives.

Bush should have realized that the reason the American people gave him a 90 percent approval rating after beating Saddam Hussein was because they liked his decisive, confrontational, no-holds-barred stand against the Butcher of Baghdad. They admired the way in which he mobilized America and the world to evict the Iraqis

from Kuwait. That was a true example of bold leadership, a willingness to take risks in the interest of what he considered to be a just and moral cause.

But when it came to confronting the liberal Congress, where the American people had hoped he'd stand firm and protect their interests, he caved in. He compromised. He became "kinder and gentler." He forgot the lesson of the Gulf, and his approval rating plummeted. Yes, the economy turned sour. But had he stood firm against Congress he could have blamed their insatiable appetite for tax money for the recession. Instead, because of the tax hike he signed, it became Bush's recession and the liberal Democrats were more than happy to put the blame on him at every turn.

Even so, the American people were not fooled. They did not give Clinton more than 43 percent of the vote. Many voted for Perot because he had the courage to stand up to the Washington politicians and tell it like it is in his inimitable folksy style. They wanted someone who would fight for them, not renege on a solemn pledge. Bush, on the other hand, with his patrician calling to "public service," came across like a cold pancake.

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