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"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." HOSEA 4:6

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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."

The Upside-Down Election of 1992 Conservative Landslide - Liberal Victory The Figures Tell the Story

Although Bill Clinton won the election by winning 370 electoral votes in 34 states, he received only 43% of the popular vote. Which means that 57% of the voters did not want Clinton as President. This was clearly a massive repudiation of the Democrat Party and the liberal philosophy of government it represents. In other words, the most moderate of the Democrats could not muster more than 43% of the popular vote, even though Dukakis got 45.6% in 1988. Only a split of the conservative vote permitted the Democrats to take power in the White House.

Some will say that those who voted for Perot were not really conservatives. But they certainly were not liberal Democrats. They would have voted Republican had Bush been a true-blue conservative instead of a Jim Baker pragmatic, country-club "moderate." The problem with Bush is that he was never an ideological conservative in the Reagan mold, and he could never convincingly articulate conservative ideas because they were never part of his psyche.

The only time Bush sounded like a true conservative was when he made his famous

"read my lips" speech written for him by Peggy Noonan. Conservatives had hoped that he had undergone a conversion and really believed in what he was saying. But when he surrendered to liberal congressional pressure and agreed to raise taxes, conservatives felt betrayed and humiliated. Bush had had his chance to stand up to the tax-and-spend Congress and prove his conservatism, and he failed miserably. He preferred the advice of Darman and Baker to the advice of Buchanan, Helms, and other conservatives. The result: wholesale defection from the Republican Party.

The Buchanan candidacy in the primaries indicated the degree of anger and betrayal conservatives felt. Bush simply didn't realize how much he owed conservatives. He, Baker and Darman just assumed that conservatives would back Bush because they had nowhere else to go.

Vice President Quayle made it clear that he believed the Bush tax increase was responsible for the prolonged recession. In other words, Bush not only reneged on his pledge of "no new taxes," but helped bring

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