

HOW YOUR BAND CAN FIRE BUSH.

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It will take you about fifteen minutes to read this, and there are a few lists you may want to keep around for reference. This won't take much time, and it could make a big difference.

WHY YOU NEED TO BE INVOLVED

WHO ARE YOU?

You may not consider yourself a ‘progressive,’ a ‘leftist,’ a ‘liberal,’ or even a Democrat, but if you are opposed to our government waging endless and senseless war, if you are opposed to our government handing your tax dollars over to gigantic corporations, if you are opposed to the systematic degradation of our international relationships, our standard of living, and the environment – in short, if you are opposed to George W. Bush – then you and I are on the same team. I don’t know which term fits you best, so I’ll use them all here and there, but I am talking to you.

YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PROGRESSIVES IN THE NATION.

As a musician, you are the loudest, most effective voice that the political left has. No one else comes face to face with the progressive and left-leaning citizens of this country every day. No one. Think about it. Conservatives speak to their followers at church every week. They have an immensely powerful voice through right-wing radio. Liberals have nothing like this, except you. You are it. You see them every night, you speak to them on the radio and in magazines, you are on their television sets. They trust you and they look up to you.

AMERICA IS MOSTLY LIBERAL.

The 50/50 split of America into conservatives and liberals is a myth. People who generally side with the Democrats make up a significant majority of the population, but tragically, we are less organized, less mobilized, and we don’t vote as much. This gives conservatives disproportionate representation in our government, and it leaves the rest of us in the lurch. We can fix this imbalance if we simply get out there and vote. Think of some traditionally Democratic groups. African-Americans. Only half of blacks vote. Young people. Only 48% of citizens aged 19-25 are registered, and even fewer of them vote. By contrast, let’s look at a traditionally Republican group. White, born-again Christians. 89% of them vote. Think about what this means. If everyone in this country had voted in 2000, Bush would never have been elected.

WHAT THE FUCK?

Why aren’t liberals voting? Because we don’t see politicians as our leaders. We are independent, free-thinking, skeptical of the media, and careful not to align ourselves with anyone, especially politicians. We are not easily herded, and we don’t like to do what people tell us to, but this makes us hard to organize and mobilize when it comes to politics. However, we do have our leaders. You. As the right-wing takes its cues from religious, governmental, or even military leaders, we take ours from musicians, artists, writers, academics, and cultural leaders. This is why it is vitally important that your band says something. You are who the left listens to. Progressives trust you much more than any candidate.

THE THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD DO

- 1. TALK TO YOUR FANS**
- 2. USE THE INTERNET**
- 3. KNOW THE BASICS OF THE ELECTION**

1. TALK TO YOUR FANS

USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

Talk from stage, speak up in interviews, and visit with your fans before and after shows. Say anything. Keep in mind that people base their opinions largely on what they hear from other people, especially those they are impressed with; simply stating your opinion will change many minds. Very few people regularly read the newspaper or watch the news, and even fewer regularly talk about politics. By bringing up the subject, you will have already done a lot.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT KNOWING EVERYTHING.

You don't need to be intimately acquainted with every name or face in American politics. You don't have to rattle off awe-inspiring facts and figures. After all, it isn't your job to follow the nuances of policy. It's your job to give a shit and make your opinion heard. The more informed you are, the better, but at the very least have the guts to tell people that we need a new President. That is all that most people need to hear, because everyone already knows it. They'll agree with you, they'll cheer, and it will be incredibly easy and incredibly useful.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ALIENATING YOUR AUDIENCE. YOU WON'T.

First of all, your audience probably already agrees with you. They just need to be told, over and over again, how important it is to get out to the polls. Second, your audience likes you because of your music, your charisma, your energy, your intensity, your sense of humor, your sense of despair, your good looks, and any of a million other reasons. But rest assured they don't like you for your silence or your lack of opinion. You don't need to know everything, and you don't need to have bullet-proof arguments readily at hand to back you up. You just need an opinion and a willingness to share it.

2. USE THE INTERNET

YOUR WEBSITE.

It is simple and free to register to vote on-line, and you can set up voter registration on your website in less than five minutes. Any number of sites, from militant to middle-of-the-road, will provide you with free banner ads, buttons, or links to add to your website. Here are just a few of them:

http://www.rockthevote.com/rtv_banners.php

http://www.declareyourself.com/press/press_banners.htm

http://www.topplebush.com/bushbuster_webmasters.shtml

YOUR EMAIL LIST.

Write a short, personal note to your fans asking them to register and to vote for Kerry. If someone else puts together your email newsletters, have them paste in a note from you. Your request should be personal and direct – that will be much more effective than something coming from a faceless person you employ.

3. KNOW THE BASICS OF THE ELECTION. HERE THEY ARE.

SWING STATES AND THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The long-outdated U.S. voting system of the Electoral College dictates that each state cast all of its electoral votes for the candidate who wins the popular vote in that state. Since most states have a consistent voting majority, their effect on the national election is predetermined, making a minority voter in these states essentially voiceless. It's an antiquated system; though it may have made sense two hundred years ago, politics and technology have changed so much that it is completely outmoded. Today, it means a Democratic vote in a Republican stronghold like Texas or Idaho could just as well be thrown to the wind, while a Bush supporter in New York or Massachusetts might as well stay home.

Conversely, there are 17 swing states where the race is close enough that a handful of votes could decide the whole thing, as we saw when Bush “won” the 2000 election by 537 votes in Florida. The citizens of these swing states hold our fate in their hands. If you are on tour, post up a list of swing states (there's one attached) in your bus or your van, or put it in a road case that you open every day. When you are in a swing state remember that the vote of every single person around you is vital. Explain to your fans that they are our only hope.

REGISTERING AND VOTING

Every U.S. citizen, 18 or older, is entitled to vote, and registering to vote is simple and easy. In all but three states (ND, NH, and WY) anyone can register other people to vote. This includes your merch person, your tour manager, and you, so have a stack of voter registration forms at every show and get your merch person to help people fill them out. This can be a good job for fan club or street team members, or other volunteers. There is a copy of the form attached, or you can download it at: <http://www.fec.gov/voteregis/vr.htm>

It's important that people register soon. 44 of the 50 States require voters to register in advance of the election, and the cutoff date in most places is October 2. **Remind your fans that they must register, and soon.** This is the single most important and direct way that you can help. A lot of people, especially young ones, don't realize that most states won't allow you to register at the polls. By the time they find out, it will be too late. Everyone can register, including students who are temporary residents. In most states, a person is eligible to register the day they move there.

There are many misconceptions about voter registration that make people, especially poorer and younger people, nervous about getting involved. Registering to vote does not, in any way, affect a person's obligation or relationship to the government, their school, or the military. Registering does not affect financial aid, it does not register you for a draft, it does not change your tax status, or your family's, and it does not sign you up for jury duty. However, **voters must register each time they move**; remind people of this. If your fans are young, they move around a lot, and they probably need to register again.

THE YOUTH VOTE

Young people are historically terrible at voting. In the 2000 election, two thirds of the nation's 18- to 30-year-olds did not vote. In an election that hinged on 537 votes, somewhere in the neighborhood of 50 million young people stayed home. And the politicians know this. Neither party substantially addresses youth issues, and you should use this fact to anger your fans and get them to make themselves heard. Youth-driven campaigns like the successful "Truth" anti-smoking project have consistently discovered that resistance to manipulation and control is the strongest motivator for young people. They won't stop smoking for their health, but they will stop if they realize they're being manipulated and lied to. Similarly, they may not vote for the love of a candidate, but they will if they realize that they are being systematically ignored, which they are. In fact, the youth vote and the minority vote are being actively suppressed. Legitimate names are being removed from voter rolls under false pretenses. Misinformation campaigns have been launched to convince people that voting or registering puts them at risk for identity theft, and that the government uses voter rolls and polling places to track or entrap citizens. In recent elections, actors have been hired to sit in unmarked police-style cars outside of polling places in urban areas to scare off young and minority voters.

Things seem to be looking up a bit, though. Research shows that 30% more young people plan to vote this year, compared with 2000, and in the Iowa Primary four times as many young voters turned out. It's estimated that more than 20 million young voters will cast their ballots on November 2. One way or another, we will have a huge effect. But it's not clear yet what that effect will be. The under-thirty electorate is split almost evenly into thirds, Democrat, Republican, and Independent, and in 2000 they voted almost evenly for Gore and Bush. Polls show Kerry ahead by about 10 points with the kids, but we can be sure it will be close. This is why it's so important that you follow your gut and take the time to share your opinion. The young people of this country are listening to you; suggest that they rise from their apathy and take this country back, and they will do it.

THE YOUNGER THAN YOUTH VOTE

Again, in 47 states, anyone, including people under 18, can register others to vote. If your fans are underage, remind them that they can still have a voice, and a powerful one. Tell them to go out and register voters. Tell them to pester their parents and siblings. Think of it this way: if you play a month-long tour, and every night 50 of the screaming 15-year-olds at the front go home and heckle an older sibling or parent or teacher or friend into voting, you will have picked up 1000 votes. That could win an election, and in 2000, it would have.

THE SENATE, THE HOUSE, GOVERNORS, AND THE FULL TICKET.

Even after Kerry is elected, if the Republicans maintain control of the Congress and the governorships, they will make it very difficult to reverse the evils of Bush. The tight races are not all in swing states, so the lazy Democrats of Chicago and Los Angeles need to be reminded that their votes still mean a great deal. It is extremely important that you and your fans vote all the way to the end of the ticket – that is, don't stop after you've voted for Kerry. The local and state elections are just as important.

Here's a quick breakdown of the Congressional and Gubernatorial races.
Refer to the state-by-state guides for specifics.

	Current make-up		Seats up for election	Races that could be close
Senate	51 R	48 D	34	16
House	228 R	205 D	All	36
Governors	28 R	22 D	11	8

THINGS YOU SHOULD SAY.

Once again, remember that it is not your job to know everything about everything. It's just your job to have an opinion, and to be someone your fans can look up to. Pick a few things you care about, perhaps remember a couple striking facts, and don't worry about covering everything. Political strategists believe that, even in full-on speeches, it's useless to try to make more than three points – people stop listening. And you're not a politician, so making one or two quick, direct points is more than enough.

Here are the main things we need to get across, in order of importance:

- **EVERYONE NEEDS TO VOTE.**

Register and vote. There is nothing more important.

- **WE NEED TO FIRE BUSH**

He is the worst President in modern history. He is leading us in the wrong direction, he has the wrong priorities, and he is making problems worse.

- **WE NEED TO SUPPORT KERRY AND THE DEMOCRATS**

Many progressives share the valid complaint that neither party represents them. That may be true, but right now is a critical moment in America and it will only be through supporting our party, the Democrats, that we can force them to hear our voice again.

- **WE NEED TO VOTE ALL THE WAY DOWN THE TICKET**

There are vital races at the State and local level, and even if people know little about them, they should vote for Democrats, to ensure that Kerry will have allies once he is elected.

Those are the basics. If you want some specific backing material, the next few pages are full of short, juicy, and appalling facts that you can talk to your fans about. If you or your fans have a pet issue, spend a half hour on the web getting the specifics. The Bush years have been such a catastrophe that you'll have no trouble gathering tons of damning information. Also attached is a table of the all the states showing which ones are swing states, and which have particularly important state-level elections.

Thanks for your time, and for your help. I've spent a few days compiling and laying this out in the hopes that it might reach other people like me and that it might help us get our shit together and get something done. I am not, and have never been, overtly political in my music, and in general I see myself as a guy who writes songs, not an activist. However, I think the last four years of disastrous leadership and the very real possibility that the calamity of 2000 could be repeated calls for every reasonable person to do what they can. I am not a superstar; my fans come in little clusters, not teeming hordes, and my own personal effect on this election will be a tiny drop in the bucket. However, if everyone like me out there — musicians small and large — contribute something to this effort, we will be an unstoppable force.

BUSH FACTS: A PRIMER IN INFURIATION

Bush and War: Weapons of Mass Distraction.

- Bush lied to us about weapons of mass destruction. They were never found, and the documents he used as evidence were plainly fraudulent.¹
- 863 Americans have died in Iraq, as of June 30, 2004.²
- It's estimated that over 10,000 Iraqis have been killed in the conflict.³
- The war has already cost the U.S. over \$120 billion.⁴
- Bush's top military aides (Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz) are pursuing a plan called the Project for a New American Century, which specifically states, among its four core goals, that the U.S. should "fight and decisively win multiple, simultaneous major theater wars."⁵
- 10 million people took to the streets, worldwide, to oppose the invasion of Iraq, setting a record for simultaneous protest.⁶
- Bush's own head of counter-terrorism told him there was no possible connection between Iraq and 9/11.⁷
- The U.S. has a military presence in approximately 130 countries, out of 191 officially recognized by the U.N.⁶
- Bush's military over-extension will soon require the reinstatement of the draft. They have already forced 5,600 retired soldiers (who are not in the Reserve), back into service.⁸
- Bush has irreparably damaged our relationships with our allies, including nearly all of Western Europe, by waging war against everyone's advice.⁹
- Bush's aggressive military presence is inspiring more anti-American sentiment. He is creating terrorists, not combating them.

Bush and the Economy: The Great Regression.

- Bush will end his term as the first president to lose jobs (millions of them) since Herbert Hoover left office during the Great Depression.^{6,10}
- Bush took office with a budget *surplus* of \$230 Billion. At the end of this fiscal year, Bush projects his budget deficit will top \$500 Billion. It will be the biggest deficit ever.¹¹
- The national debt is currently \$7.2 Trillion. Each citizen's share of that is just shy of \$25,000.¹²
- The all-time records for most bankruptcies and most home foreclosures were both set during Bush's term.¹³

Bush and the People: Compassionate Absurdity.

- Bush cut \$300 million from the federal program that provides subsidies to poor families so they can heat their homes during the winter.¹⁴
- The GOP proposed cuts of \$28 billion in veterans' benefits.⁶
- 3 million Americans have lost health insurance under Bush, bringing the total to nearly 44 million with no health care.¹⁵
- Drug companies stand to gain \$139 billion from Bush's recent Medicare bill. HMOs stand to gain \$46 billion. Medicare patients stand to get higher prices, or get summarily dropped.¹⁶
- Bush was the first president in 40 years to execute a federal prisoner.¹⁷
- As Governor of Texas, Bush executed 152 people, the most in modern U.S. history.¹⁸

Bush and His Pals: The Extremely Fucking Rich.

- 70% of Bush's tax cuts have gone to the richest 20% of the country. 1% of his tax cuts have gone to the poorest 20%.¹⁹
- The top 1% will save an average of \$60,000 this year due to Bush's tax cuts.¹⁹
- The bottom 20% will save an average \$91 this year due to Bush's tax cuts.¹⁹
- The average Bush cabinet member will save \$42,000 this year due to the capital gains and dividends tax cut (that's an entire year's income for the median U.S. household).⁶
- Bush's cabinet is the wealthiest in history. The average wealth of the original 16 members is \$10.9 million.⁶
- 9 members of Bush's Defense Policy Board are advisors or board members for at least one defense contractor.⁶
- 61 people who raised more than \$100,000 for Bush in 2000 were subsequently given government posts. 19 of them are ambassadors, and 2 are in Bush's cabinet.⁶
- Halliburton, the oil company which Vice President Dick Cheney ran until 2000, has been given \$7 billion in no-bid contracts to 'rebuild' Iraq.²⁰
- Halliburton has been caught grossly overcharging for everything, including \$61 million in fuel and \$186 million in food. They charge taxpayers \$45 for a case of soda, and \$100 to do a bag of laundry. Remember, no one else got to bid for the contract.²¹

Bush and the Environment: Go Cowboy, Go.

- The U.S. is #1 in greenhouse gas emissions, which cause global warming.^{6, 22}
- Bush pulled out of the Kyoto Protocol, the international community's attempt to combat global warming.²³
- Bush is fighting to open 58 million acres of public land to drilling, logging, and road building.²⁴
- Bush has worked to deactivate or downgrade 200 environmental laws since taking office.²⁵

Bush and the Kids: No Budget Left Uncut.

- For the next fiscal year, Bush has requested (again) the smallest increase in Education spending in a decade.²⁶
- Bush instituted the "No Child Left Behind" program, but has budgeted \$33 billion less to education than the program would cost to implement.²⁷
- Speaking to Yale students, Bush brought up his own academic record: "To the C students, I say you, too, can be President of the United States."²⁸

Bush at Work: Sometimes.

- As of April, Bush had spent all or part of 500 days on vacation since he took office. This constitutes 40% of his presidency.²⁹
- The average American gets 13 vacation days per year. So far, Bush has averaged 154 per year.³⁰
- In 2002, two full years before the election, Bush attended an estimated 65 fundraisers.⁶
- Before waging war in Afghanistan, Bush took 0 trips to that country.⁶
- Before waging war in Iraq, Bush took 0 trips to that country.⁶
- Since waging war in Iraq, Bush has attended 0 funerals or memorials for soldiers he sent to death there.⁶

Bush and Women: You Have the Right to Remain Silent.

- Bush has cut (or tried to cut) spending for child care, family planning, women's emergency shelters, and crisis hotlines.³¹
- Bush has nominated vehemently anti-choice court appointments, and his campaign strategist compares pro-choice Americans to terrorists.³²
- The Bush administration has overruled the government's own scientific panels to refuse over-the-counter sale of emergency contraception.³³

SOURCES AND FURTHER READING

The statistics in “How your Band Can Fire Bush” come from a presentation called “The 2004 Election: The Lay of the Land” by Celinda Lake of Lake, Snell, Perry, and Associates. She is one of the country’s leading Democratic tacticians.

There is a lot of information and ways to help at these sites:

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<http://www.moveonPAC.org/>
<http://www.moveon.org/>
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<http://www.cnn.com/2004/EDUCATION/02/24/paige.terrorist.nea/>
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IMPORTANT ELECTIONS BY STATE

as of 07/04/04

State / 2000 election results		2004 Swing States / current predictions		Close Senate Races / current predictions		2004 Gubernatorial Races / current predictions	
Alabama	R						
Alaska	R			close Senate race	?		
Arizona	R	Presidential swing state	R				
Arkansas	R	Presidential swing state	R				
California	D			close Senate race	D		
Colorado	R			close Senate race	?		
Connecticut	D						
Delaware	D					Gubernatorial election	D
Florida	R	Presidential swing state	?	close Senate race	?		
Georgia	R			close Senate race	R		
Hawaii	D						
Idaho	R						
Illinois	D			close Senate race	D		
Indiana	R					Gubernatorial election	?
Iowa	D	Presidential swing state	D				
Kansas	R						
Kentucky	R						
Louisiana	R			close Senate race	R		
Maine	D	Presidential swing state	D				
Maryland	D						
Massachusetts	D						
Michigan	D	Presidential swing state	?				
Minnesota	D	Presidential swing state	D				
Mississippi	R						
Missouri	R	Presidential swing state	?			Gubernatorial election	?
Montana	R					Gubernatorial election	?
Nebraska	R						
Nevada	R	Presidential swing state	R				
New Hampshire	R	Presidential swing state	?			Gubernatorial election	R
New Jersey	D						
New Mexico	D	Presidential swing state	?				
New York	D						
North Carolina	R			close Senate race	D	Gubernatorial election	?/D
North Dakota	R					Gubernatorial election	R
Ohio	R	Presidential swing state	?				
Oklahoma	R			close Senate race	?		
Oregon	D	Presidential swing state	?				
Pennsylvania	D	Presidential swing state	?	close Senate race	R		
Rhode Island	D						
South Carolina	R			close Senate race	R		
South Dakota	R			close Senate race	?		
Tennessee	R						
Texas	R						
Utah	R					Gubernatorial election	?
Vermont	D					Gubernatorial election	?/R
Virginia	R						
Washington	D	Presidential swing state	D	close Senate race	D	Gubernatorial election	?/D
Washington D.C.	D						
West Virginia	R	Presidential swing state	?			Gubernatorial election	?/D
Wisconsin	D	Presidential swing state	D				
Wyoming	R						

Check <http://www.rasmussenreports.com/Electoral%20College%20Table.htm> for latest figures.

R = Republican, D = Democrat, ? = toss up