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UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Guaranteeing coverage to all Americans will involve a mix of state and federal programs, as well as the existing private sector. Similar to our program in Vermont, states should be required to guarantee coverage for all children under age 23.

In return, the federal government should assume responsibility for drug and acute medical care for Americans over age 65. In addition, older Americans deserve a pharmacy benefit under Medicare - an affordable impossibility under the current fiscal policies of President Bush. With a pharmaceutical package, Medicare becomes a decent insurance program.

Finally, to cover those between the ages of 23 and 65, we should use the present employer-based system with refundable tax credits and federal subsidies to cover low and moderate-income Americans who lack insurance.

This plan is affordable and simple, relying on three existing systems - one for children, one for seniors, and one for those in between - which all Americans can understand.

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EDUCATION

The President's education bill is the second largest unfunded mandate (after special education) in the history of federal education legislation. It is the largest reduction of local school board decision-making power in history.

Vermont, like many other states, already has a strong testing and accountability program. By the President's own measure, Vermont's students collectively rank sixth in the country. Now our system is at risk because of a new federally dictated definition of quality. To add insult to injury, the President's bill mandates that schools certify that they allow "Constitutionally" defined school prayer, and that they send the name and address of every rising senior to colleges and to the military. These matters ought to be left up to the local school boards, not dictated by the

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

If you want real campaign finance reform, here's what you've got to do. You've got to do all three things at once - you've got to have public financing of campaigns, you've got to have instant runoff voting so Ralph Nader doesn't take the election away from Al Gore (though we know it was really the Supreme

"I AM HOWARD DEAN AND I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE DEMOCRATIC WING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY."

THE VERMONT RECORD

- Guaranteed health insurance for virtually all children under 18, and more than 90 percent of adults.
- Vermont led the nation in rate of fully immunized children.
- Reduced state debt by 23% in 7 years, established the best bond rating in New England.
- More than one third of Vermont's energy use is renewable.
- Child abuse cut in half.
- Preserved more than 400,000 acres of forest and farmland.
- Education funding has increased dramatically and has been distributed more fairly across the state.
- Vermont's unemployment rate remains well below the national average, and Vermont ranks 5th in economic competitiveness and 9th in high tech jobs.

THE VISION FOR AMERICA

- Guarantee health insurance availability and lower prescription costs for all Americans.
- Engage in nation-building by reversing isolationist and unilateralist foreign policy.
- Focus on building not just free trade, but also fair trade.
- Guarantee equal rights for all Americans.
- Eliminate the President's tax cut to:
 - Balance the federal budget.
 - Restore money to the Social Security Trust Fund.
 - Reduce the national debt.

FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE & SOCIALLY PROGRESSIVE

If you like what you read here, share it with someone. If you really like what you read, go to his website and send him some money. If you really, really like what you read, get involved.

IRAQ

I am not among those who say that America should never use its armed forces unilaterally. In some circumstances, we have no choice. In Iraq, I would be prepared to go ahead without further Security Council backing if it were clear the threat posed to us by Saddam Hussein was imminent, and could neither be contained nor deterred. However, that case has not been made, and I believe we should continue the hard work of diplomacy and inspection.

Foreign Policy Address (Feb 17, 2003)

"Those Americans who opposed our going to war with Iraq, who wanted the United Nations to remove those weapons without war, need not apologize for giving voice to their conscience, last year, this year or next year. In a country devoted to the freedom of debate and dissent, it is every citizen's patriotic duty to speak out, even as we wish our troops well and pray for their safe return. Congressman Abraham Lincoln did this in criticizing the Mexican War of 1846, as did Senator Robert F. Kennedy in calling the war in Vietnam 'unsuitable, immoral and intolerable.'"

deanforamerica.com (Mar 20, 2003)

President and Congress. The federal government must recognize that an enormous number of our teachers are retiring in the coming years and provide incentives to inspire a new generation of great teachers. In addition, Washington needs to provide a cost share to help local communities fix their most rundown schools - not only improving education, but providing construction jobs as well. We must involve parents again; we must insist that they participate in their children's education; and we must make schools and school boards responsive to parents. But we must under no circumstances abandon the public schools, as the Bush Administration seems bent on doing.

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Court that did that), and you've got to have either a constitutional amendment or a better Court that will say free speech and political contributions are not the same thing.

Linn County, IA Speech (Jan 18, 2003)
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NORTH KOREA

A serious policy toward North Korea would be based on four principles. First, it must result in a verifiably nuclear free Korean Peninsula. Second, it must be carried out in full coordination with our allies in Seoul and Tokyo and close cooperation with Moscow, Beijing and the European Union. Third, it must include a willingness to engage in direct talks with North Korea, not as some kind of reward to Pyongyang, but as a means of doing what is necessary to prevent proliferation and the risk of war. Finally, it must be implemented now.

It would be unfair for me to suggest that negotiating with North Korea is a simple matter. By all account, it is extremely difficult. No one can guarantee a successful outcome. But you can guarantee failure if you do not even try. And this administration has not tried. Instead of a serious policy, they have wasted time, alienated our allies and engaged in a pointless war of words with Pyongyang.

Foreign Policy Address (Feb 17,2003)

MIDDLE EAST

I do not differ with the President's stated policy; I just wish he would actually apply it. Since taking office, the Administration has been disengaged from the Middle East, then engaged and then disengaged once more.

When they have bothered to state them, the Administration's guiding principles in the Middle East are the right ones. Terrorism against Israel must end. A two-state solution is the only path to eventual peace, but Palestinian territory cannot have the capability of being used as a platform for attacking Israel. Some degree of separation between Israelis and Palestinians is probably necessary in light of the horrible bloodshed of the past two years. To be viable, the Palestinian Authority must become democratic and purged of corruption.

But none of this will happen naturally. The United States is the only country with the ability to give both sides the confidence to move toward a future of co-existence. Appearances matter, and if we are not engaged, it looks like we simply do not care and that we have condemned the entire Palestinian people because of their leadership. In my view, that hurts the United States, it hurts Israel, and it makes it less likely the violence and the terrorism will end.

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ON THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

I think our party is suffering because we keep nominating people who will say anything they have to say to get elected.

With me, what you see is what you get. And you're not going to like every bit of it, but you're always going to know where I stand and why I stand there.

Christian Science Monitor (Jan 24,2003)

HOMELAND SECURITY

We must do more—much more—to protect our water supplies, our buildings and monuments, our bridges and highways, our dams, and our nuclear power plants. It is not enough to search the handbag of every grandmother boarding every airplane. We must also search the huge cargo containers entering our ports from foreign countries. Today, we inspect just two percent before they are loaded onto trucks and driven away.

We must do more—much more—to train and equip the state and local police, fire, and public health services that will be our first responders in case of another terrorist attack.

Here, incomprehensibly, the Bush Administration stands in the way of what needs to be done. Our first responders still have not received the first dollar of the money they were promised one year ago. The President and the Republican Congress just agreed to spend \$1.3 billion more for homeland security. That is one-tenth of one percent of the cost of President Bush's first tax cut. Why not more for homeland security? Democrats in Congress tried to add \$5 billion for what the President's own Cabinet and security experts say is needed to meet urgent and compelling needs. The President blocked it. He says we can't afford it. For him, homeland security for all Americans must not be as important as tax cuts for the wealthy few.

Those may be his priorities, but they are not mine. Because I will have no higher priority than the

BALANCED BUDGET

Republicans always promise tax cuts and balanced budgets - but no Republican President has balanced the budget in the last 34 years. The first round of tax cuts (with some exceptions in the estate and retirement areas) should be repealed. A new round of tax cuts should be a non-starter. Ask most Americans if they would rather have a tax cut... or better health coverage, a strong Social Security program, improved roads and bridges, and decent schools for their children. They will choose health care, Social Security, education and infrastructure. They also understand - despite hollow Republican promises - that we cannot do both.

These are the types of societal investments

CIVIL UNIONS AND CIVIL RIGHTS

We passed the nation's first civil unions bill. It's not gay marriage; we leave who gets married to the churches in Vermont. But it's equal inheritance rights, it's equal hospital visitation rights, it's equal insurance rights; every single right that I have, anybody in Vermont can have, even if they're gay or lesbian.

I'm proud that Vermont is the only place in America where equal rights under the law means equal rights under the law for everybody, not just

security and safety of the American people.

That's why we must double our funding for keeping Americans safe at home, from police to firefighters, from port inspections to power-plant security.

That's why our armed forces must remain the finest in the world, equipped and trained to fight 21st Century battles and defeat 21st Century threats.

We must improve leadership within the CIA, FBI and other agencies to provide the level of communication and vigilance needed to prevent another September 11.

We must redouble our efforts through the Cooperative Threat Reduction program to prevent nuclear materials from Russia and other former Soviet Republics from falling into the wrong hands.

We must follow through on our commitments in Afghanistan to prevent that troubled land from ever again serving as a base for terrorism.

Around the world, we must show an unwavering dedication to the principles of democracy, tolerance, and human rights, including the rights of women to participate as full and equal citizens in every society, including those in the Middle East. Above all, we must be clear that no terrorist will ever intimidate the United States of America into withdrawing from the world or abandoning our allies, friends and ideals.

Foreign Policy Address (Feb 17,2003)

our nation desperately needs. But they can and must exist without the massive deficit spending that has defined the current administration's fiscal policy. Fiscal responsibility would be a hallmark of a Dean presidency, as it has been a guiding principal in my tenure as Governor. As Governor, I was able to cut the income tax twice, remove sales tax on most clothing, reduce the state's long-term debt and still maintain a balanced budget - all the while providing health insurance for everyone under 18, and increasing school funding. In a Dean Administration, the Democratic Party would reclaim the mantle of fiscal responsibility.

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Linn County, IA Speech (Jan18,2003)

In some ways, this was a defining moment in my political career. You can always compromise when you are fighting over money, but there can never be a compromise when it comes to basic human rights.

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IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT (AND FOREIGN POLICY)

I'm not asking anybody to get out of your SUVs and trucks. But I want mileage standards to be the same for SUVs and trucks as for the rest of the fleet.

And I'm not saying this because I'm in Iowa; I said it in Atlanta before I got here — I want ten percent ethanol in every gas tank in America. If you had ten percent ethanol in every gas tank in America you would reduce ...the amount of oil imported in this country in three years by 10%. That is an enormous amount of money. And then the president would be able to go to the Saudis and the Iranians and the Syrians and say "enough: stop funding terror; let us get back to peace in the Middle East."

If we continue to buy oil from Saudi Arabia, they will continue to send money to Hamas, which will blow up children in Israel and prevent us from ever getting peace in the Middle East.

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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The University of Michigan does not have a quota system, it never did have a quota system; the word "quota" is designed to foster racial divisiveness and to encourage other people to be fearful that folks are going to take their jobs. It is disgraceful for the President of United States to use that word.

Linn County, IA Speech (Jan18,2003)

ABORTION

People ask me, "What's your position on abortion?" It's very simple. It's a single sentence: the practice of medicine is none of the government's business and they ought to stay out of it.

Speech to NARAL (Dec 19,2002)

GUNS

If you say "gun control" in Vermont, Tennessee or Colorado, people think it means taking away their hunting rifle. If you say "gun control" in New York City or Los Angeles, people are relieved at the prospect of having Uzis or illegal handguns taken off the streets. I think Vermont ought to be able to have a different set of laws than California.

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We have national laws. I'm not in favor of repealing them, but I think additional gun control ought to be done on a state-by-state basis if the state wants it and we ought not to have a one-size-fits-all federal government approach.

Meet the Press (July 21,2002)