



- 1) **Fighting Terrorism while Protecting Civil Liberties:** I voted against the war in Iraq because of the Administrations' shifting justifications for going into Iraq and the lack of a connection between Saddam Hussein and 9/11. I have great concern that our actions in Iraq will distract us from the actual fight against international terrorists. I will continue to fight for a balanced policy to focus our fight on international terrorists to make America safe. I also believe that we can protect Americans from terrorism, while at the same time protecting our civil liberties. That's why I cast the lone vote against the USA PATRIOT Act and have introduced a bipartisan bill, the SAFE Act, to correct the very portions of the USA PATRIOT Act that I initially opposed. Along with conservative Senators, like Mike Crapo and Larry Craig of Idaho, who support this effort, I will continue to fight to protect Americans from terrorism while also protecting those very personal freedoms that make us Americans.
- 2) **Jobs and Trade:** I voted against NAFTA, GATT, Fast Track, and Most Favored Nation status for China, because I believed they would cause Americans to lose industrial jobs, manufacturing jobs, and family farms. I never thought it would get as bad as it has. In the past 2 ½ years, Wisconsin has lost over 77,000 manufacturing jobs because of unfair and unbalanced trade policies fueled by unregulated soft money donations. I will continue to fight against unbalanced trade policies and work to ensure that Americans get a better deal on future trade agreements.
- 3) **Universal Health Care Coverage:** I will work toward passing a bill that would provide all Americans health care coverage.
- 4) **A Real Prescription Drug Benefit:** When the Medicare reform bill passed the Senate in July, I supported it because it was a down payment, however modest, on adding a prescription-drug benefit to Medicare. But when the bill emerged from a partisan House-Senate conference committee, it was significantly altered. The prescription drug benefit was cut back, it expressly forbade the ability of the federal government to negotiate lower prices with drug manufacturers, and it included entirely new provisions that could fundamentally change Medicare itself for the worse. I voted against that conference report and will continue to fight to secure the future of Medicare and provide a meaningful prescription drug benefit guaranteed under Medicare.
- 5) **Fiscal Responsibility:** Fiscal responsibility is crucial if we are to eliminate our massive national debt, strengthen Social Security, and protect Medicare. The Bush Administration's largely irresponsible tax cuts destroyed the work that we did in the 90's to balance the budget, obstructing the long-term sustainability of significant economic growth. We must reestablish a surplus in the federal treasury by balancing the budget and cutting unwise spending.
- 6) **Campaign Finance Reform:** I am pleased to have worked for 7 years with Senator John McCain (R-AZ), and others, to pass the most sweeping change of the campaign finance system in a generation. This was an important step in the direction of returning democracy to

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Americans. I will continue to work to pass even broader reforms and ultimately a system of public funding so that we may some day have a campaign finance system that represents all Americans, a system that restores our citizenry's faith in the process and in their elected officials

- 7) **Protecting the Environment:** I am proud to have one of the best League of Conservation voting records of any US Senator, and believe very strongly in protecting our public lands, waters, and air. I realize the important role wetlands play in preventing flooding and alleviating pollution and have fought to correct a January 2001 Supreme Court decision, which destroyed protections for isolated wetlands that were in the original Clean Water Act of 1972. I introduced the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act of 2003 (S.473) in order to restore the original intent of the Clean Water Act of 1972 so that we can avoid the devastating affect that the loss of these waters would have on our environment. I have also fought to protect some of our nation's most glorious environmental treasures, like a 9 million-acre area of redrock wilderness in Utah as well as Wisconsin's cherished Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Legislation that I introduced authorized \$2.2 million in federal funding to protect the Apostle Islands by repairing erosion and conducting wildlife studies. I will continue to work for a reduction in pollution and am committed to keeping our national environmental treasures safe for generations to come.
- 8) **Improving Public Education:** I am dedicated to improving educational opportunities for every American at every level, from preschool and beyond. I strongly support maintaining local control over decisions that affect our children's day-to-day classroom experiences and I strongly oppose national mandatory testing. I am committed to ensuring that the federal dollars spent on education meet the needs of local school districts. I voted against the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 because I believed it did not bring us closer to these goals and am fighting to reverse some of the unfair policies that passed as part of that bill. I am also pleased to have fought for and passed the largest increase to the Pell Grant program in recent history, allowing more Americans the opportunity of a college education. Public education is a right of every individual and I will continue to fight for better schools and to make post-secondary education more affordable so that all Americans regardless of socioeconomic status can continue their education after high school if they wish to do so.
- 9) **Ending the Federal Death Penalty:** I oppose the death penalty in all cases. I am proud that the state of Wisconsin was the first in the country to abolish the death penalty, when it did so in 1853. In 1999, I introduced a bill to abolish the death penalty and called on all states to end the practice. It is time for America to leave the death penalty behind and take a hard look at its justice system, one that adds to a culture of violence and killing. I introduced legislation in the US Senate to ban the federal death penalty, and will fight to end this inhumane and mistake-laden practice.
- 10) **Protecting Women's Rights:** I believe that abortion should be rare, safe, and legal and will continue to fight for reproductive rights.