

## Preface

This Ebook presents a compilation of representative news reports about the 2000 presidential campaign. The news sources encompass a wide range of U.S. newspapers and television news programs. The selections are limited to coverage of the Bush and Gore campaigns respectively. Most selections cover the period between May and the end of September. Others, such as those included in the candidate backgrounds and primary elections sections, go back further to ensure representative and balanced coverage.

In addition to newspaper articles, the Ebook features television news reports and excerpts from political talk shows. The video selections have been edited because of space constraints. For each chapter, we reverse the order in which readers encounter coverage of each candidate.

Why the need for such a compilation? Media organizations are increasing their presence on the Internet, and it is important for researchers to understand consumer demand for online news as well as the potential effects of these new forms of public communication on American society.

