

# Preface

This Ebook includes every public speech by George W. Bush and Al Gore delivered between June 1 and October 7, 2000 [*note: this document also includes post-production content, such as the second and third presidential debates*]. The speeches are presented in their entirety except for the candidates' opening greetings and other non-substantive references. The Ebook also features the television commercials aired by each candidate and their respective parties during the same period. For each chapter, we reverse the order in which readers encounter each candidate's materials. Finally, the sections of the party platform relevant to the chapter topics are included.

Why the need for such a compilation? Modern journalism dwells unrelentingly on the strategic or "horse race" aspects of elections. Actual news coverage of the campaign tends to feature pundits and experts as the major focus of attention, rather than the candidates themselves. Audiences are treated to an incessant chorus of interpretation, analysis and commentary, but little substantive content and direct access to the candidates' views.

This Ebook gives voters a unique and, we hope, most welcome opportunity to bypass the news media. It provides direct, "unmediated" exposure to the two candidates. There is no news coverage, analysis or commentary in the CD – just the candidates, in their own words.