

# LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

## “OILMEN” AD BACKUP

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<p>George Bush and Dick Cheney – two oilmen in the White House...</p>	<p><b>Bush Was In Oil Industry For Nearly 20 Years.</b> In 1975, Bush moved back to Midland after graduate school and entered the oil business. Bush's first company was called “Arbusto” and later changed to “Bush Exploration Co.” In 1984, Bush Exploration Co. merged with Spectrum 7 Exploration and Bush was named CEO. In 1986, Spectrum 7 was bought out by Harken Exploration and Bush got a seat on the board where he received annual consulting fees ranging from \$50,000 to \$120,000. During this time, Bush also joined the board of Tom Brown Inc, an oil company run by Don Evans, who later became his 2000 presidential campaign chair and went on to become Commerce Secretary. Bush served on the board of Tom Brown until 1994. [<i>Business Line</i>, 8/7/02; <i>Associated Press</i>, 8/2/99]</p> <p><b>Vice President Cheney Was Former CEO of Halliburton.</b> Prior to his candidacy for Vice President, Cheney was the CEO of Halliburton, the world's largest oil field services company. In August 2000, Cheney received compensation for his sale of a portion of his Halliburton stock and the Congressional Research Service found that under federal ethics laws, both Cheney's deferred compensation and his unexercised stock options as a lingering financial interest in the company. [<i>Washington Post</i>, 9/26/03]</p> <p><b>The Bush/Cheney Campaign Is The Largest Recipient Of Campaign Contributions From Oil And Gas Industry.</b> From 2000- 2004 the Bush/Cheney campaign received \$4,232,941 in campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry. [Center for Responsive Politics, Campaign Finance Data, 2000-2004]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2000-2004: 45 Pioneers From The Oil And Gas Industry.</b> From 2000-2004 45 Pioneers, who each pledged to raise at least \$100,000 for the 2000 and 2004 Bush/Cheney campaign were from the oil and gas industry. [White House For Sale, <a href="http://www.whitehouseforsale.org">www.whitehouseforsale.org</a>]</li> <li>• <b>2000-2004: 7 rangers From The Oil And Gas Industry:</b> From 2000-2004, 7 Rangers, who each pledged to raise at least \$200,000 for the 2000 and 2004 Bush/Cheney campaign were from the oil and gas industry. [White House For Sale, <a href="http://www.whitehouseforsale.org">www.whitehouseforsale.org</a>]</li> </ul>

<p>They gave Halliburton billions of our tax dollars in no bid contracts.</p>	<p><b>Halliburton No bid contract worth \$7 billion.</b> According to the <i>Associated Press</i>, "...Government work [was] granted without competition to a Halliburton Co. (HAL) subsidiary to fight oil well fires in Iraq could be worth as much as \$ 7 billion over two years, but just a fraction of that has been spent... The deal also allows Halliburton subsidiary KBR, an engineering and construction company, to earn another 7% in profit. But as of last week, only \$ 50.3 million had been spent. The \$7 billion value was based on a worst-case scenario that hasn't occurred." [<i>Associated Press</i>, 4/11/03]</p>
<p>They supported oil drilling off Florida's coast...threatening our beaches...and our economy.</p>	<p>1.) <b><u>Bush, Cheney Supported Drilling In Florida, 30 Miles From Pensacola.</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Miami Herald:</i></b> "Memo To George W. Bush: Call Off Your Interior Department Secretary's Plan To Auction 6 Million Acres...For Oil And Gas Exploration." On April 21, 2001 in an editorial the <i>Miami Herald</i> wrote, "Memo to President George W. Bush: Call off your Interior Department Secretary's plan to auction off six million acres of sea bottom for oil and gas exploration near Florida's coast in the Gulf of Mexico. It's a bad idea." [<i>Miami Herald</i>, 4/21/01]</p> <p><b><i>Miami Herald:</i></b> "Drilling would put at risk Florida's beaches, its tourism economy and its coastal and marine resources." On April 21, 2001 in an editorial the <i>Miami Herald</i> wrote, "Drilling would put at risk Florida's beaches, its tourism economy and its coastal and marine resources. If drilling is permitted, the question won't be if there will be spills, but rather when they will occur and how large they will be. The unpredictability of human activity and of oil rigs, ships and barges being at the mercy of natural disasters like hurricanes guarantee that spills will occur. A bad spill could be devastating to our state." [<i>Miami Herald</i>, 4/21/01]</p> <p><b><i>St. Petersburg Times:</i></b> "President Bush was aiming within 30 miles of the Florida Panhandle..." In an editorial entitled "The Bushes Oil Slick", the <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> wrote, "The governor must also have forgotten that his brother has wanted to drill much more. President Bush was aiming within 30 miles of the Florida Panhandle before ceding to an avalanche of criticism in 2002, the year Gov. Bush was seeking his own re-election." [<i>St Petersburg Times</i>, 4/27/04]</p> <p><b>In 2001 the Bush Interior Department Proposed Opening 6 Million Acres To Drilling Off The Coast Of Florida.</b> On April 9, 2001 Secretary of the Interior Gail Norton sent a letter to Florida Governor Jeb Bush notifying him that the Administration was moving ahead with plans to open an area off the coast of Pensacola for drilling. She said the L-shaped area, officially known as "Lease Sale 181," "can play an important role in our national energy strategy." [<i>UPI</i>, 4/19/01, <i>CNN</i>, 4/18/01, U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Press Release, 7/2/01]</p>

	<p><b>The Drilling Area Was 30 Miles From Pensacola.</b> Part of Lease Sale 181 was only 30 miles from Pensacola, Florida within sight of the beaches. [<i>St Petersburg Times</i>, 4/19/01]</p> <p><b>2.) <u>One Accident Would Threaten Our Beaches</u></b></p> <p><b>MMS Report On Area 181 Said There Would be Spills and They Would Affect Florida Beaches.</b> A July 2001 MMS (Mineral Management Services) report on Area 181 said of opening up the coast to drilling, "The proposed action is expected to result in small pollution events that could temporarily affect the enjoyment or use of some beach segments in Alabama or Florida." In 2001 the Department of Interior Mineral Management Service estimated that over the next 40 years there could be up to 870 spills of 2,000 gallons or less in Area 181. [<i>St. Petersburg Times</i>, 8/12/01]</p> <p><b>3.) <u>Offshore Drilling Is A Dirty Business</u></b></p> <p><b>Rigs In The Gulf Have Experienced "Major Accidents" Resulting in 19 Deaths.</b> Between 1956 and 1990, Chevron's rigs in the Gulf experienced 40 "major accidents" as defined by the federal government, experienced 14 gas or oil and gas blowouts, and experienced 65 fires and explosions. In fact, Chevron experienced one blowout that took over 40 days to bring under control and which released 30,000 barrels of oil into the Gulf. The accidents resulted in 19 fatalities. [Florida PIRG, Florida's Shores At Risk]</p> <p><b>Production Platforms Can Discharge Thousands Of Fluid and Metal Cuttings Into The Ocean.</b> A single production platform, which can drill 50-100 wells, discharges over 90,000 metric tons of drilling fluid and metal cuttings into the ocean. A single exploratory rig dumps approximately 25,000 pounds of toxic metals into the ocean and a single offshore rig emits as much air pollution as 7,000 cars driving 50 miles per day. [Florida PIRG, Florida's Shores At Risk]</p>
<p>And Dick Cheney's secret Energy Task Force met privately with Big Oil executives – who then got leases to drill.</p>	<p><b>Washington Post: "Oil Executives Lobbied on Drilling; Two Went to Cheney Task Force to Push for Gulf of Mexico Sale."</b> According to the <i>Washington Post</i> two executives from Anadarko and Shell met privately with Cheney's Energy Task Force to push for drilling off Florida's coast. The paper wrote, "Shortly after Vice President Cheney launched a task force on energy policy last year, he met with two top executives from the oil and gas industry. The men from Shell Oil Co. and Anadarko Petroleum Corp. pressed the new administration to stick to a long-standing plan to open a huge tract in the eastern Gulf of Mexico to oil and gas exploration." [Washington Post, 2/27/02]</p> <p><b>Oil Companies Who Met With Cheney's Task Force Got Leases To Drill.</b> Anadarko Petroleum and</p>

	<p>Shell Oil received the most leases in lease sale 181 totaling 54 bids at a cost of \$245.6 million. [Washington Post, 2/27/02, U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Press Release, 1/29/02, St. Petersburg Times, 3/3/02]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Head Of Shell Oil Was 2000 Bush/Cheney Pioneer.</b> Jack Little, President and CEO of Shell Oil was a 2000 Bush Pioneer who committed to raise at least \$100,000 for the campaign. [Public Citizen, Texans for Public Justice, Bush Pioneers and Rangers]</li><li>• <b>Anadarko Gave Hundreds Of Thousands To Republican Party.</b> From 1998-2002 Anadarko Petroleum gave \$969,177 in soft money campaign donations to the Republican Party. [Center for Responsive Politics, Campaign Finance Data, 1998-2002]</li></ul>
<p>On November 2 Florida has the power to toss Bush, Cheney, and Big Oil out of the White House...Use it.</p> <p>The League of Conservation Voters is responsible for the content of this advertising.</p>	