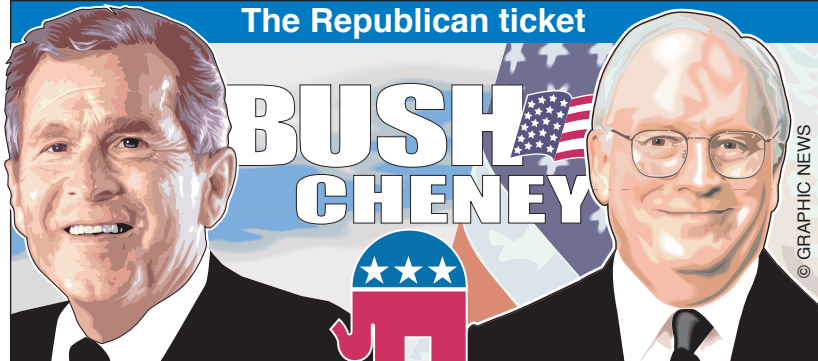


The Republican ticket



George W. Bush

Born: July 6, 1946 – Age 54

Education: B.A. Yale University (1968); M.B.A. Harvard University (1975)

Experience: Businessman in various industries, primarily oil (1968-89); General Manager of Texas Rangers baseball team (1989-94), Texas governor (1995-present)

Family: Wife *Laura*, twin daughters

Where they stand...

FOREIGN POLICY: Support one-China policy. Support closer security ties with Taiwan. Against Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Believe U.S. embassy in Israel should move to Jerusalem

DEFENCE: Support national missile defence, increase in defence budget with \$1bn extra for military pay

ABORTION: Against – except in cases of rape, incest or to save mother's life. Against late-term and Medicaid-funded abortions

HEALTH: Let states control CHIP (children's health insurance). Medical savings accounts for all Americans. Support prescription drug subsidies for low-income seniors

SOCIAL SECURITY: Partial privatization, will allow participants to invest 2% payroll tax in stock market

Dick Cheney

Born: January 30, 1941 – Age 59

Education: B.A. University of Wyoming

Experience: Deputy Assistant to President Ford (1974-75); White House Chief of Staff (1975-77); Secretary of Defence (1989-93) CEO Halliburton Co. (1995-2000)

Family: Wife *Lynne*, two daughters

CIVIL RIGHTS: Oppose quotas and Employee Non-Discrimination Act. Oppose same-sex marriage, gay adoptions and more hate crime laws

AGRICULTURE: Support permanent normal trade relations status with China to open Chinese markets to U.S. farm products. Support ethanol subsidies

ENVIRONMENT: Oppose Kyoto global warming agreement but support cutting sulphur content in motor fuel

ECONOMY: \$2.3 trillion for Social Security over ten years. Cut "marriage penalty" tax of two-earner families. Double child tax credit to \$1,000

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM: Against public financing of congressional and presidential campaigns. For ban on all "soft money" donations from unions and corporations, but not individuals

Sources: Associated Press, Reuters, UPI, CNN