

## **Weak Kerry Supporters (on Bush)**

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He seemed paranoid, has never accepted (or admitted to) any mistakes he has made. He seems removed from the reality of the War in Iraq.

Failed to address the hugh tax cuts to the top wealthiest citizens in relation to our hugh deficeits. Failed to admitt that he made any errors that the American people are now paying for (he alluded to maybe making some wrong appointment and didn't specify). Dishonest in these areas while maintaining that he is morally motivated in other decisions eg. abortion rights for women and stem cell research. A bit of a flip flopper himself.

He kept repeating himself on accusing Kerry of flip-flopping when he did a few flip-flops himself. He seemed angry and a little out of control at times.

In charge. Knows what he wants to do and how to get it done.  
cocky arrogance!

he says things that not the truth

liar, not smart, didn't answer what was asked but spun it to give answer he already memorized

He is a loose cannon!!

George Bush appeared much more confident than in his previous

debate. He also controlled his facial expressions very nicely.

he had a attitude and he lied

mr. bush was very defensive when ever john kerry had said something wrong about he he came back very strong

Bush seem to be personal and more direct with answering questions.

But he wasn't direct in answering what three mistakes.

unrelaxed,stuttering,nothing new,does not want to admitt he has been wrong about anything in his life, i get the impression he is arrgant and will not listen to anyone except for his daddy and the vice president,speaking of the latter i think mr. chenny runs this country more than mr. bush.

President Bush seemed to be on the defensive most of the time. He is still reluctant to admit that he ever made a mistake.

he is for big business

He seemed angry

rigid

He seemed frustrated at times and also repeated himself from the first debate wrong war wrong time wrong place. He also evaded the question on some of the three mistakes he made while in office. Some of his answer were very vague in my opinion.

I feel that he is trying very hard to justify the decisions he has made concerning Iraq and other decisions he has made.

he is staunch in his beleifs to the point of being stubborn r

He failed to directly address or answer any of the issued presented, but spent time trying to convince everyone he's doing a good job lost,trying to hold on.

He will always stand behind his beliefs and his decisions regardless of whether they were right or wrong. He is unchangable.

stuburn

he seems unsure of himself and i was not impressed

Leave me alone I know what I'm doing.

He will not admit that he made a mistake going into war with Iraq. He is a very stubborn man, which does not make for a good leader. more relaxed than last debate. didnt scowl. appeared to speak from a script, driving home the same message. a bit too combative.

Improved demeanor, more relaxes than previous debate, somewhat folksy at times, reiterated positions on issues.

Awkward, defensive

Bush, was noticeably shaken by some Kerry remarks and questions.

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I made popcorn .....as I watched him.

**A MAN TRYING TO DEFEND HIS DESISIONS AND NOT ADMITTING MISTAKES**

responses and arguements were emotional and not neccesary logical or factual.

I thought he was very sure of himself and emotional about the issues.

His answers to tough questions showed more emotion than reasoning.

Had a reason for every issue, and why he did it the way he did.

Bush seems angry and petulant when anyone questions him. Also, he doesn't seem to understand nuanced problems and questions, such as when he said about partial birth abortion, 'it's yes or no.' Not everything is black and white, and Bush doesn't seem to grasp that.

Still unsure of his decisons about Afganastan,still unclear as to what do we do and how can I cover up this mess

George Bush became more comfortable with the format after the first twenty minutes. He seemed less prepared, authoritative & convincing.

He did not seem 100% sure of himself.

President Bush performed better with this particular venue than the previous one. But he still has the problem of not specifically answering the posed questions as they were asked. He seemed to ignore those aspects of questions that he really couldn't answer with specifics. His rebuttals were definitely personal rather than substantive

and germane to the questions involved.

He remains steadfast in his view on the situation in Iraq in the face of overwhelming contrary information that is being made public.

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I see John Kerry as more presidential - he is very aware of all that is right and wrong in America and expresses himself very well. I think he is very forceful and will not allow anything or anyone to take advantage of this country.

He always said, 'lady's and gentleman' before each answer, always had many figures and names at hand, but are we sure all was correct? He was very caring and concerned, and looked at each person as they asked the question.

Very articulate in his responses, seems to really care about middle class people and their concerns and needs.

Leader that will not permit his personal religious beliefs to dictate constitutional issues, he will cut taxes for the middle class, cut the deficit and restore our respect in the world by including coalitions and utilizing the United Nations.

He's very calm, cool, and collected and was not afraid to bring out the truth of the situation of America. His plan for America sounds good, and I believe he's telling the truth about his plans for America.

Said what he thought people wanted to hear. No realistic chance of doing all the things he said he would do.

Strong, and clearly wants to do what is best for the majority of our country not just the wealthy 1%.

I believe he's out to help the low income people

honest, relaxed, secure, strong, good leader, honorable

A lot of statistics, but definitely more focused.

Appeared confident and able to answer questions intelligently.

some thing he did not explain fully  
he is not really have good answers to me when it came to answering  
question that I thought was important to me  
Kerry said he can reduce health care and increase home land security.  
He has a plan but he is not saying what that plan is. Most likely he  
will be increasing tax.  
calm, relaxed, presidential, has a new approach on many things to lead  
this country, for the poor and middle class, truthful, will listen, more  
likeable  
he seemed to have a wealth of knowledge at his fingertips. Evidently  
he was well briefed.  
he wants you to think he not for big business  
He was more clear about the issues he believes in.  
flexible  
He seemed to have better answers on health care and taxes also on  
stem cell research. Also President Bush seemed to be frustrated by  
Senator Kerry at times.  
I believe that he feels confident that he can lead the country in a better  
direction than President Bush.  
he has a plan to include the middle class in the economic recovery of  
the country - not another attempt at trickle down economics  
He presented himself in a clearer light  
presidential  
He supports the middle class man. He is by the people for the people  
and will do everything he can to live by that rule.  
thoughtful  
i see a change from where we are now  
Strong, decisive, has a plan.  
He calls things like he sees them. He is consistent with what he says,  
regardless of what the media has made us think. He wants other  
countries to like us again.

confidence. preparation. thorough knowledge of subjects. poised.  
relaxed.

Articulate, presidential, consistent positions on issues.

More articulate, armed with numbers concerning issues in Missouri  
(since the debate was being held in Missouri), sincere  
a more forceful determined candidate, who has obviously thought  
about what he needed to say to win votes.

Well informed, articulate, convincing, presidential

It was close I really thought he was going to get it but.....I think Bush  
snuck a few in winking and slamming Kerry. I feel that Kerry knows  
more facts and statistics, but when the commits on the war came about  
as Americans we don't want our boys being over there in Iraq as doing  
something not in honor. We are proud of them. Bush always hides  
behind false religion May God bless ..... as he does none Christian  
sneaky things. <o> <o> Oh yes I got my eyes on Bush now!!! If  
someone tell someone else, you can run but can not hide and he flip  
flops I start looking at who says this statement.

**VERY WELL SPOKEN AND WAS MORE PRESIDENTIAL  
MATERIAL.**

relaxed, confident, quick to recall facts and inject them into  
argument. Appeared more presidential than Bush. On offense not on  
defense.

I thought he approached the answers to the questions posed in a more  
thoughtful, intellectual way than Bush. I thought he was presidential  
and gave me the impression he would make a good president.

The way he deparingly questioned the president's major issues.

With each public debate, I become relieved about the Kerry I am  
watching. At first, I wasn't sure he would make a strong leader.

However, he has done such a great job with the two debates - he is  
intelligent, strong and grasps complexities.

Strong leadership material, less wishy-washy than he appeared in the

first debate seems to have a definite plan for the situation over seas  
the President still can't seem to understand that he should have  
resolved the issue with Afganistan and got that tended to first.

Kerry seemed more prepared and fluent. He answered all questions  
thoroughly and seemed more relaxed, although tired.

He was very articulate and composed.

Senator Kerry seemed to be consistent in his overall presentation. The  
format of this particular 'debate' didn't lend itself to demonstrate any  
overwhelming winner. His presentation was consistent with the  
previous encounter with President Bush. My overall impression of  
Senator Kerry is reinforced by this so-called debate.

He is very much concerned about his perceived flip-flop image.

Weak Bush Supporters on Bush

DEB2A\_George\_Bush

Determination to make known that his decisions during his first four  
years have been positive and for the good of the Nation.

he was better but still chasing Kerry.

he needs to learn how to address the American public more efficiently,  
as to be able to get his main points of view across  
much more relaxed tonight than in the previous debate. He controlled  
his expressions more and seemed to be more in control.

Very easily excitable, edgy+very defensive. Not a good debater, lacks  
polish.

The Value of Life.

If he picks a Justice it will be someone who is anti abortion. He has the  
right plan for the fight against terror

human, easily relaxed, good guy.

strong conviction sincerely believes he is doing the right thing

He remains steadfast.

i didnt watch the debate

HE SEEMS to be much more comfortable in this town all setting where he can move around and relate to his audience better. Very comfortable and full of information (if it is correct).

defensive, passionate, and stay the course

full of emotion determined that his direction is the right direction for the country a bit over dramatic

He was more knowledgeable about the issues and more experienced dealing with the demands of the presidency.

I FELT THAT BUSH WAS CLEAR IN HIS ANSWER AND STATED MORE DIRECT.

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good overall policies and a determined leader.

GEORGE BUSH APPEARS TO BE TRYING HIS LEVEL BEST TO TAKE CARE OF ALL CITIZENS IN USA. HIS RECORD IN OFFICE SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. BELIEVE LIKEABLE AND CAN BE TRUSTED.

very smart answers

the security of the united states comes first. the economy is strong and growing. we must finish the war as long as it takes.

He seemed to be less tense, he attempted to keep a balanced demeanor, and smiled more. On many occasions he seemed to be hesitant in his responses.

In control

Strong leader wanting to keep going with his plans to make America a safer place, provide better healthcare and strengthen the economy.

He did not explain the questions to full satisfaction. He tends to stick to his issues rather than lead us into the answers we want to hear. The war on terror is important but I want to know that our people in the USA will have jobs.

Strong, decisive, not going to take any BS. Smart, no tricks, protect

the US

forceful. determined. dynamic

He speaks his mind whether or not it is the popular opinion.

ideas are the same which he has had, lot of repetitive words and stammering in a sentence

he still feels strongly about the direction he is taking the country and the decisions he has made over the past four years.

That he is passionate about his views, and is willing to say he is wrong but not want to lose 'face' by admitting it

He knows what is going on, things are working, that he is being blamed for things that happened before he came into office and he is willing to do the right thing even if it isn't popular.

He is more of a people person, more likeable. He also seems more realistic in his approaches and realistic in answering tonight's questions.

Although, I was extremely disappointed that he skirted a couple of questions asked by the audience and Charles Gibson, like how exactly he was going to cut the deficit and what 3 decisions he made incorrectly and how he fixed them, he totally skirted those questions, and I didn't like that.

consistent

The president was clear on abortion but fails to be convincing on Iraq he cares about America

Bush was certainly more poised, comfortable with himself and seemed much more confident with himself and with his position.

He is steadfast in what he believes and will stand by what he says.

He is frustrated. Wanting to give the correct facts but limited by the time constraints imposed upon him. He tells his side of the story well.

I feel like he answered the questions. There were several questions that I feel Mr. Kerry just attacked the president and I still don't know how he feels about it. I was vague about the draft where are the 40,000 new troops coming from. I am concerned now that Mr. Kerry will

institute a draft.

confident, in control

President Bush seemed to be much more definite & strong. He was 'Presidential'!

He did a good job of answering the questions and didn't have the hesitation problems of last time. He stuck to the subjects addressed well and had clear ideas. I'd give him a slight edge for now, but things could change in the next 3 weeks.

He seemed compassionate about his plans,

he seemed flustered at times not in his element ie public speaking in a non-rehearsed situation he did seem to score points on Kerry's record in congress he does favor the rich and he's no environmentalist

He also seems to dodge some of the questions asked. He is more interested in telling what Kerry has done wrong than what he will do.

He has a good sense of humor. He is for the war and against abortion.

Similar to first debate for both. George Bush just comes across as being more trustworthy

more confident and much more prepared, His facial expression were much more positive.

He stated more true facts with conviction

He has strong convictions.

He has a presence, is not ashamed (or very defensive) of past decisions, and has firm convictions - and is willing to stand behind them.

George Bush is strongly in favor of restoring strength and morals into this country. He works to correct our errors by working from the 'inside out'. He VALUES life and is fighting to enforce that respect a born leader

Decisive, strong leader.

Also strong but sometimes flustered with his response.

he debated better this time than he did the last time. that he is agant

abortion. i was really impressed about that.  
Consistent and ethically driven  
He is consistent! I feel he knows what direction we need to go in!  
confident unrelenting  
I think he still will be president come November 2nd.  
invasive  
I think Bush seemed more stable and I liked his reasoning more than  
Kerry. Bush was secure in his past decisions, which I think is a trait of  
a strong leader.  
Also very intelligent!  
I feel he showed integrity in that sometimes you must make decisions  
based on what needs to be done, not what is popular.  
He appeared to be on the defensive and justify his actions during his  
presidency.  
He did much better and did not stagger and take so long of pauses  
when speaking.  
Forceful

### **WEAK BUSH SUPPORTERS (ON KERRY)**

Mr Kerry seems to have to gloss over his past record, and doesn't really explain how he's going to carry out the changes he proposes.  
thinks he can still change to the better.  
he is a very good public speaker but i don't believe he is a good ruler  
He still is too much on the attack and not enough substance to his 'I have a plan'. Hindsight is usually very good.  
He's very much in control of his emotions+is an excellent debater, always quick to make a defensive answer eloquently.  
Has so many plans but did not say how to execute the plans.  
I think he doesn't know what to do about Iraq I think he will have to raise taxes  
honest, forthright, in command of his emotions, good facts.  
good speaker same old rhetoric

He appears to be more confident and assertive.

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He seems to be very intelligent, knowledgeable, knows his facts (if they are correct).  
calm, collected and focused on change.

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He said 'I have a plan' so many times tonight I lost count of them (as did John Edwards the other night). The last thing we need in a time of national crisis is trying to implement a bunch of new plans.

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unfavorable tax cuts, improbable foreign policy, bigger government and medical liability issues.

HE HAS REPEATEDLY SAID HE HAS A PLAN TO CORRECT ALL MISTAKES OF CURRENT ADMINISTRATION BUT TO DATE HAVE NOT HEARD ANY DETAILS. ISN'T THE TIME TO GIVE SOME DETAIL OR HINT GROWING RATHER SHORT? PIPE DREAMS ARE EASY TO SPOUT BUT HIS PAST RECORD IN CONGRESS ISN'T THAT GREAT. IF HE WINS BECAUSE A BETTER PUBLIC SPEAKER, GOD HELP USA. IS HIS AND HIS VICE'S STRATEGY TO REPEAT SAME PHRASE OFTEN ENOUGH, MAKES IT TRUE?

very little different from last debate

he says he has a plan for this country, what is it? war was a mistake. did not understand some of his answers to some questions. very weak on economic and health care issues.

very direct and aggressive in his answers. He seemed to have done the better research..

Very informed

I think he had some strong arguments about the war on terror and healthcare, but I don't believe him when he says that he's not going to raise taxes.

He was very clear on not taxing those earning under 200,000 that means a lot to most of the people. I did appreciate the fact that he would go after terrorist if being President. That is important to our future.

slick, can't believe he'll do all that he says without increasing taxes

long winded rounded about answers that in the end didn't really answer the specific question that was asked

John Kerry doesn't like to answer the questions that are asked because he knows he has a 'wishy-washy' record. He likes to go off on the few tangents that he has a definite opinion about.

no innovative ideas, very boring

He still flip flops about his decisions. He has a lot of personal charisma...very engaging with his audience.

that he would skirt around a question and answer what he wanted to, whether it was answering the question or not. I came away with a feeling

of him be deceitful (sp)

That he doesn't really have a plan for anything that will work. Nad he will make decisions based on what is popular rather than what is right. He's too stiff, too uptight. He also has unrealistic ideas on how things should be done, alittle too utopian for a President. He also skirted the questions about how exactly to fix the deficit and how to answer for your mistakes.

still confusing person

He seems to have aplan for everything but fails to tell you where the money is coming from. The tax cut reform certainly will not cover everything.

he lie alot

I thought he was more in tune with the times than before.

I still feel he is indeseisive and never really talked about any of his plans.

He is smooth, suave, offensive to the President. He needs to spend more time talking about HIS personal issues and not attacking Bush's

I am concerned about the draft and Mr. Kerry, I also don't understand his plan for Iraq. He retated what the president said was in place. He was unclear about many issues.

he was in a hole and trying to dig out

Kerry keeps saying 'I have a plan' but he never told us what his plan was. This is no change from what has been.

I thought he was as good a speaker as ever, but tended to become oratorical. I could see the lawyer peeking through his attempt at 'folksy' speaking. That would make me tend to like the President's genuine folksiness better.

he seemed to want to win the debate, but he wants the government to support all of his plans but wants to lower taxes also, I don't believe that can happen

good speaker good debate skills some innovative ideas some decisions made in the past will continue to haunt him

he talks a lot about all theses things he is going to do, but not how he will do them he dodges the questions asked and focuses on what Bush is doing wrong rather than what he will do as president and where he stands on some issues

Flip Flop - not honest , doesn't come accross as honest, open.

Talks about plans but doesn't give a clue what they are or how they will totally be paid. President Bush is correct that taxes will have to increased. You can't increse the military by 40k plus without having some sort of draft.

Flip Flop again, lied a lot

He's still too evasive.

He feels his biggest advantage is condemning the past record of the president rather than presenting his own alternative. What he mostly said was, I have a plan where...without providing any type of specifics.

Senator Kerry (unfortunately) is too eager to point out what Pres. Bush is not doing, or reflect his decisions and policies in a negative way.

He needs to stand by his own positions more and win us over. I am disappointed to say he did not win me over tonight.

flip flop

Intelligent, but stumbled over the stem cell and abortion questions. He's a Catholic, but not really.

He was very direct in his approach on the issues.

i was impressed when he said that the president did not win the war. that the troops did. to me he looks at us like we are someone. not just a vote

Intellectual, elitest and methodical

He flip flops, and I don't trust him.

He seemed to be more at ease and more apt to explain himself.

I don't think he will impress anybody by attacking the President's position when asked what he would do if he was president.

positive

Kerry had a lot of statistics which made him look informed. He can't disagree with his own track record, which has a lot of negatives concerning his military ideas and personal values. Kerry made a lot of promises but I don't see how he can possibly keep all those promises.

He sounds good, but can he deliver? I don't think so.

Very intelligent!

I feel that Senator Kerry was pointing out the problems that we all are aware of, but I didn't feel any plans to go forward and resolve issues.

He is definitely seizing the opportunity to fix the mistakes of President Bush.

Non specific enough in 'his plan'. Too many generalizations on issues.

too slick

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He has strong convictions.

invasive

George Bush appeared much more confident than in his previous debate. He also controlled his facial expressions very nicely. Mr. Bush was very defensive whenever John Kerry had said something wrong about him; he came back very strong. Does not express himself as I think a President should. Confident and strong with his answers. Truthful. I think since he has been president for four years, he knows it's harder to get what everybody wants. Defensive, some inability to admit mistakes, good command of issue. I think he still holds on to his convictions and beliefs regarding the war and gave optimism regarding the economy... The health issue as well as the environment went his way in my opinion..I'm leaning more to him based on this debate. He is still being too secretive. He is the impeccable man with experience. I think maybe experience is now his advantage. He is the dealer in reality; Kerry deals in new ideas, which we don't know for certain will 'fly.' He did better than the first debate but still left me thinking he was wrong in regards to invading Iraq. Very confident in his answers. A president that is determined to continue doing the very best to defend our country. However I didn't agree to some of his answers concerning Health Ins. and environmental issues. I think he is doing a great job in defending our country. He's getting to be upset during the debate. He kind of backpedaled out of some key issues. He was more aggressive, more on the ball than last time. His frustration in addressing John Kerry's ascertions. Repetitious nervous behavior - red face - shakes his foot or leg - Came off better than 1st scripted performance. The Smirk while listening to Kerry was almost worse than the grimaces of #1. He said

nothing new. Again, adamant about not making any mistakes.  
Bush was much stronger tonight defending his position on many of the  
issues addressed.

Same old stuff, different day

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Uneasy, defensive, not as well-spoken and clear as Mr. Kerry.

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Seem very confident, prepared, well spoken.

With is lawyer background, he is good at debating.I didn't know what was true.

He a good talker. He says what he thinks Americans want to hear.

However, I doubt he will be able to do half of what he promises.

Promise the moon and see what you get!

rather rigid, doesn't elaborate on his plans

He keeps throwing in names and dates as references when he begins his statements and shortens his responses to the questions..

he has a plan but what is it.

He seems to be an excellent candidate and debater, full of lucid thoughts, but I question whether he will or can do what he says. He

seems excellent in every way, so maybe we have to choose between 'the devil we know and the devil we don't know', as the Israelis say in regard to Palestinian leaders. Of course, I am only using that phrase here as a metaphor.

I thought he did well and again raised issues about Iraq that President Bush did not answer to my satisfaction. I was glad that at least he put forth some plan to slow down the outsourcing of jobs.

He appears to be aggressive and confident in all of his answers. However, he didn't convince me that he could do a better job than the president is doing. Somehow I get the impression that he doesn't have what it takes to handle the job. He sounds good in all his answers and all the plans that he says he has.

he's still in the race and doing well and holding his own.

He's a good debator and has a lot of good points that were made tonight

he seems to have some misinformation on certain things and when Bush corrected him he had this look on his face that it said what an ass I am .

His direction for the country.

silver tongued

More knowledgeable than I expected. Patronizing at times.

Clarity on most issues. Answered Bush charges well. Gave good examples of B.'s 'errors in judgement'. Given the short time allotted for stating proposed policies, 'decently' concise.

Kerry gives the impression of a very confrontational person. Entirely, too many unnecessary personal attacks towards President Bush.

Sen Kerry had good delivery and facts as he knew them. He seemed to have a plan for the next 4 years and maybe more.

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Assured, smooth, clear on the facts.

### **BUSH TO KERRY SWITCHER (ON BUSH)**

DEB2A\_George\_Bush

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Also strong but sometimes flustered with his response.

He is a little man with a big army behind him.

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He has a better plan for the country

### **UNDECIDED TO KERRY SWITCHER (ON BUSH)**

DEB2A\_George\_Bush

No solution on making things better, no plan on fixing the economic deficit.

Very defensive and seemed to be angry and yelling at the town hall members.

more aggressive

He was Too arrogant and could not admit to making any mistakes!

confused tendency anger

Don't completely believe or trust him.

A little bit on the defensive side and not quite as punctual.

DEB2B\_John\_Kerry

His ideas are good, however I would have liked to hear more of his plans on strengthening the economy and solutions to lower the deficit.

Very sure of his plan with concrete ideas to get our country back on track.

doing about the same as in the last debate.

He made me feel very comfortable and I now feel that he would make a good president. Bush seems to be in bed with corporate america!

honest more caring about people

LOOKED & ACTED MORE PRESIDENTIAL.

Very precise and quick with his answers.

he talked about what he has done and what he is going to do. I really don't know what to do that he is trying to hang on 4 more years. He stood by his convictions, but he has been ill advised.

Kerry to Bush switcher

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He seemed angry

Undecided to Bush switcher

DEB2A\_George\_Bush

Because he talk really sincere. He look like he talk really open and honest. he even was joking with the comment about when Kerry said that he has a small wood business. He was less tired-looking and more forceful. He seemed to have answers right at hand most of the time, and became very forceful when Kerry said something that wasn't true.

Well-prepared, did his homework on Kerry.  
strong confident, good leader  
on his game

he talks a good game, but im not sure about him either.

that he has a plan not just talk  
He will be an intelligent, competent leader.

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Said what he thought people wanted to hear. No realistic chance of doing all the things he said he would do.  
He was more clear about the issues he believes in.

DEB2B\_John\_Kerry

He was more intense tonight than the other night.

When he was asked a question, he answered it with what Bush had not done rather than what he (Kerry) would like to do. He seemed at a loss for words a couple of times. He seemed less ready for the debate than Bush.

Did not refute statements regarding his voting record.  
good debater, not necessarily good leader, repetitive  
same ole

strong opinion, firm beliefs, concerned about america

sincere and has best interest of country in mind

Warm to cool on Bush

DEB2A\_George\_Bush

confused tendency anger

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He will not admit that he made a mistake going into war with Iraq. He is a very stubborn man, which does not make for a good leader.

same old thing for the next four years, the rich get richer and more lower paying jobs and less benefits.

he stumbled a lot. i hated his answers regarding stem-cell research and abortion. he's insensitive and unknowlegable on this subject and is letting his own personal beliefs dictate.

Good leader

Warm to cool on Kerry

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No solution on making things better, no plan on fixing the economic deficit.

unsure, finger pointing, unclear, changing the subject, not specifically answering the queations

insincere and will say anything to get elected

DEB2B\_John\_Kerry

honest more caring about people

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He calls things like he sees them. He is consistant with what he says, regardless of what the media has made us think. He wants other countries to like us again.

thoughtful, and seems to have a better plan for the future.

excellent speaker. loved his answers to incredibly hard questions. he answered clearly without wallowing.

Flip flops on issues

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His ideas are good, however I would have liked to hear more of his plans on strengthening the economy and solutions to lower the deficit.

Forcefull

someone trying to make the best decisions for this country  
I think that , as usual, he distorted the facts.

Folksy, rather charming. But he sidestepped issues and kept reiterating slogans. He seems utterly incapable of admitting any weakness or error.

funny, comfortable, clear

This is a man who truly believes that the course of action he took was correct and in the best interests of the Country. He is a man of firm conviction and even though I disagree with some of his stands I do admire that willingness to stand by his beliefs.

forceful, honest reliable

My impression of George Bush is taken our country out of the red back into the black by making irachinal decission that was not called for like going to war to soon. Knowing that that country did not have weapons. He may have done some good on health care and that's it. It seems that he want's to keep the rich people rich and the poor people poorer, so we need a break on tax reform and the right education for our kids. He is the one that is wishey washy, as he said Senior Kerry was. Thart is my opin of Bush, and I pray that he don't get elected again.Thank You.

Cool to warm on Bush

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Because he talk really sincere. He look like he talk really open and honest. he even was joking with the comment about when Kerry said that he has a small wood business.

strong confident, good leader

I never knew he was so smart. I honestly never saw him in such a

too slick

someone who will say one thing and do another

I think that he has a well prepared program as tpo the direction this country should take.

Reasonable, well informed, in control of his emotions.

democratic, complicated answers for the general public

He lacks the personal conviction that President Bush managed to demonstrate. Kerry gave answers that were succinct but almost seemed to come out of a textbook rather than from his heart.

lost flip flop, socialist

Senator Kerry was precise in everything that he said. He corrected President Bush every time he got up and said something about him. I trully believe that he is a man of his word and thathe will follow through with everything he said during the debate. He seems every concerned about our country and I think he will make a great President.Thank You

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He was more intense tonight then the other night.

good debater, not necessarily good leader, repetitive

He alway's said, 'lady's and gentleman' before each answer, alway's

forum, not having viewed the other debate. I, and friend's, always called him not really educated, got in only because people were paid of, and was a namby pamby. Well, tonight he spoke of things I never heard of. He doesn't have the charisma and finesse of Kerry, and I think I've changed my vote. Look's aren't everything!

He seemed to be less tense, he attempted to keep a balanced demeanor, and smiled more. On many occasions he seemed to be hesitant in his responses.

He appeared to be on the defensive and justify his actions during his presidency.

he feels genuine concern about the American people in the past I favored Kerry 53% and Bush 47%, if I had to change my thoughts towards these 2 gentlemen it would be Kerry 52% and Bush 48%..... resolve

Also authoritative, more determined than previous debate, but too presidential to admit errors of rushing to war, overtaxing the American public and not being responsible enough on the domestic front pertaining to jobs, energy control, education and healthcare.

He's more interested in turning America against Kerry than helping himself. His way to win isn't to focus on his ideas for the future but to knock Kerry's.

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He was too arrogant and could not admit to making any mistakes!

had many figures and names at hand, but are we sure all was correct? He was very caring and concerned, and looked at each person as they asked the question.

very direct and aggressive in his answers. He seemed to have done the better research..

He is definitely seizing the opportunity to fix the mistakes of President Bush.

Kerry sticks to his convictions..... speaks on what he will do for Americans....

new ideas clarity

Showed definite authority, sound

planning, emotional, compassionate yet opinionated on stem cell research and partial birth abortion. A positive approach to everything.

He's more determined to talk about his plans for the country and let the public know what he wants to do. Bush is focused on bashing Kerry. He has told us nothing new except words that bad-mouth Kerry.

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He made me feel very comfortable and I now feel that he would make

A little bit on the defensive side and not quite as punctual. President Bush performed better with this particular venue than the previous one. But he still has the problem of not specifically answering the posed questions as they were asked. He seemed to ignore those aspects of questions that he really couldn't answer with specifics. His rebuttals were definitely personal rather than substantive and germane to the questions involved.

He remains steadfast in his view on the situation in Iraq in the face of overwhelming contrary information that is being made public.  
none

I do not think Bush did anything to help himself. I he is not truthful I did not like the way he answered most of the questions.

He seemed cocky and arrogant.

not what i expected from a president of the united states.

Sincere, had strong convictions regarding abortion, stem cell, taxes, no draft, the environment. While I might disagree w/his stem cell and abortion stances I was interested to see why he had such strong convictions and could understand why. On healthcare it appeared that there are programs in place to offer seniors medications by 2006. For every item Sen. Kerry brought up that the Pres. was doing or doing poorly there was a reasonable answer that there were programs or policies in place.

I think George Bush was aggressive in answering the questions posed to him and in responding to John Kerry's answers or charges against the president.

I believe that President Bush is sincere in his beliefs and his efforts to do the best for the country.

A pathetic little man, who has lost touch with reality. An incompetent leader because he is incapable of admitting to himself or to anyone that he has made even a single mistake. The last question asked of him

a good president. Bush seems to be in bed with corporate america!  
Very precise and quick with his answers.

Senator Kerry seemed to be consistent in his overall presentation. The format of this particular 'debate' didn't lend itself to demonstrate any overwhelming winner. His presentation was consistent with the previous encounter with President Bush. My overall impression of Senator Kerry is reinforced by this so-called debate.

He is very much concerned about his perceived flip-flop image.

when he said he wouldnt raise taxes

I liked him and his responses.

He seemed secure, confident and informed  
he came on strong.

He is a good debater but didn't always answer the question directly. He would get out what he wanted the public to hear about what the Pres. was doing wrong and then would address the question asked.

I don't think he was able to answer many of the questions posed to him, so he brought up topics he felt he was strong on and discussed them instead.

John Kerry is an excellent speaker, however his rhetoric does not cancel his record.

Wow!

was to, state 3 mistaken decisions he had made while in office. Once again, he would not admit to even a single one. His juvenile behavior is simply appalling.

Much stronger and impressive than I thought he would be. Kerry held his own but I don't think he was as forceful as Bush.

more comfortable, confident with the answers to questions

Was trying to be too cutesy sometimes, didn't seem very presidential sometimes--did seem to have a bit more self-control than the previous debate. Also, seemed to answer very obscurely-- dodged some questions--particularly the one about mistakes.

He is very sarcastic, arrogant, and hostile in tone and presentation

A man that surrounded himself with yes men. unsure, frustrated, and not very convincing especially in regards to the patriot act and its serious ramifications.

He continues to appear defensive and non-Presidential. He has made so many decisions during his term that I disagree with or have been uncomfortable with; yet has not been able to justify or rationalize those decisions.

He comes across as polemical rather than thoughtful. He sounds more emotional than thoughtful.

He skirted the issues on domestic issues and only beat a dead horse on the war.

He wants to do more of the same. He's showing his stubbornness.

A bit on the defensive side. Impatient, a little hot-headed. Quick to lose temper. Even still, very resolute in all his convictions. Still strong and able.

Bush held himself very well in this debate. He proved his points thoroughly and defended his past decisions well. He definitely had his

Seemed to be a little more sure of himself.

i have no impression of Kerry, i don't believe anything he says and no trust in him

Seemed to have more specifics to offer, but sometimes the responses could have been clearer. He did seem to have an excellent grasp of facts and was honest about his proposed policies, including the fact that the deficit has to be addressed. He also was more straightforward in his responses.

He is very articulate and more professional in his responses and expressions

leadership, is not redundant, is decisive, is energetic, level-headed, sincere

He is well spoken and confident. He has a clear vision of the direction he wants our country to take, both domestically and in foreign affairs. I believe he speaks clearly, knowledgeably, and with conviction.

His answers seem more thoughtful than Bush's. He seemed able to see more sides to a question than Bush did.

He focused on domestic issues. My concern is on domestic issues.

I think that he answered a lot of questions that people had about him. Strong, confident, very clear-cut in his stance on all the issues, decisive.

The main thing I noticed about Kerry that he was more factual than in the first debate. I felt he proved his points better and had more of a

'game face' on. Yet, when he would start to talk slow I would find myself losing the point he was trying to make. The President had more of a chance to state his policies. A negative aspect I noticed was that he accused the President of name-calling frequently yet he was name-calling as well.