

# The Top Ten Reasons Why Swing State Voters Should Pair Their Votes

## VotePairing Helps Third Party Supporters Make Their Voices Heard

## George W. Bush Has Been a Terrible President

- 1 Many third-party supporters share **COMMON GOALS** regardless of whether they consider themselves Greens, Democrats, Libertarians, or Independents. Our flawed electoral system pits us against each other instead of facilitating coalition-building. Votepairing is a step toward building powerful coalitions for change. VotePair.org brings third-party messages to more people and makes more people open to hearing them.
- 2 If swing-state third-party supporters prefer Kerry to Bush (even a little), votepairing gives them a more effective way to vote. Votepairing mimics **INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING** by helping swing state voters express both their first and second choice preferences.
- 3 While the winner-take-all Electoral College still dominates, votepairing is a great way to ensure that the national election results more **ACCURATELY REFLECT THE TRUE PREFERENCES** of the nation's voters.
- 4 Votepairing gives third-party supporters a chance to talk to their pairing partner about the importance of their **KEY VALUES** and why they are critical of both of the major parties. Thousands of disenfranchised Kerry supporters in the most Republican states in the country are eager to pair with swing state voters to help promote third-party voices and defeat Bush. They want to hear your perspectives!
- 5 VotePair.org condemns efforts to keep third-party candidates off ballots and out of debates. Unfortunately, some write-in votes for Cobb and Nader may be discarded based on technicalities or may not be counted in a timely manner. Because of this VotePair.org is now **"UPGRADING" BALLOT STATUS** by pairing Cobb and Nader supporters in states where they would have to write-in their first choice candidate with partners in safe states where Cobb is on the official ballot.
- 6 Defeating Bush would help to maintain the **SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE** and would bring some level of sanity and truthfulness back to the White House. See "Without a Doubt" from the October 17 New York Times.
- 7 Another four years could give Bush a chance to nominate several radical conservative **SUPREME COURT JUSTICES** (like Scalia and Thomas) and many more **FEDERAL JUDGES** to lifetime appointments. This would have devastating consequences for social justice, civil rights, and environment. Chief Justice Rehnquist is ill; the next vacancy is imminent.
- 8 A Bush defeat would send powerful **SIGNAL TO THE WORLD** that the American public does not support the current administration's devastating aggressive unilateral **FOREIGN POLICY**.
- 9 Bush has been terrible for the **ENVIRONMENT**. Kerry has a 92% lifetime score from the League of Conservation Voters, while the Bush administration has worked to systematically undermine almost every major environmental protection and provided billions of dollars of giveaways to oil, gas, and chemical corporations. A Kerry administration would bring basic respect for **SCIENCE** back to our regulatory agencies.
- 10 The current administration has brought an unprecedented level of **SECRECY** to the White House. Bush has made numerous major policy decisions on a range of issues in secret without the participation of Congress and based on information that is not available to the public.



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