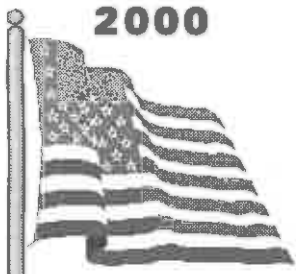


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# Election 2000: Our Members Can Make A Big Difference

**W**orking families can make a big difference in this year's election but only if they vote and get involved.

Whether you help with mailings, make phone calls, put up signs, go door-to-door with flyers, hand out bumper stickers or anything else to support a candidate, you are helping to shape the future of your community, state and nation.

Making a campaign contribution goes beyond your wallet. It means supporting the candidates who will work hard to serve the needs of working families.

Lonnie Long, president of Painters Local 1144 in Parkersburg, has been volunteering his time for local, state and federal

candidates.

He said people can make a big difference by participating in the political process.

"Involvement is the key to successfully electing the political leaders who support working families," Long said.

"Workers and their families need to attend rallies, put political signs in their yards and cars to show their support."

Long said word-of-mouth still is one of the most effective tools in political campaigns.

"Never underestimate the power of talking to those around you," Long said.

"Talk to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and fellow civic group members.

"In close elections like the

## Does Your Vote Really Count? How One Vote Can Make A Difference

**O**ne vote really can make the difference in an election. If you think your vote won't make a difference, think again.

In this year's primary, one House of Delegates candidate won his bid for re-election by five votes. In another race, a House of Delegates candidate lost his bid for re-election by 75 votes.

Could the election's outcome have been different if more voters went to the polls in May? Probably.

Working families need to go to the polls on Nov. 7 to vote for candidates who will support and protect their way of life.

In this issue, we will not tell you who to vote for.

However, we will tell you which candidates the State

Building Trades and the West Virginia AFL-CIO support because they support workers.

Our goal is to give you the information you need to make a sound decision. A decision to vote for the candidate who will work hard for our working families.

All working people have a right to a good job with benefits, a living wage that can support a family, retirement security, a safe workplace and education and training to help each worker reach his or her full potential.

Make your vote count for the candidates in national, state and local races, who support these "workers' rights".

Whatever your views, whom-ever you choose, don't waste your most precious American privilege. The right to vote.



Lonnie Long, Painters Local 1144 president, volunteers his time to candidates who support working families.

gubernatorial and presidential races, it is important to get the message out about all of the candidates' positions on working families issues."

He said the outcome of this

election will determine the future of workers and their families.

"Working families need to get involved in campaigns to ensure that the current prosperity will continue for the next four years."

## Humphreys and Capito Camps Fight For Votes

**A** seat in the 2nd Congressional District is open and two candidates are making strong bids to be West Virginia's newest representative.

Democrat Jim Humphreys and Republican Shelley Moore Capito are battling it out for a seat that some are dubbing one of the nation's closest races for Congress.

As election day draws closer, the campaigns are getting more intense and negative ads are taking stabs at each candidates' record and character.

Humphreys and Capito have been aided in their campaign efforts from important members of their respective parties.

Democratic Minority Leader, Richard Gephardt joined Humphreys for a recent rally.

Gephardt said Humphreys is earning his seat because "no one just walks into office."

Capito's campaign has been spearheaded by Newt Gingrich-styled tactics promoted by the National Republican Party.

Humphreys has promised to fight in Congress for working families and to make sure that West Virginia has a strong voice in Washington.

The partisan majority in Congress, currently held by the Republicans, could return to the Democrats in this election.

A pro-worker Congress will be crucial for the lives of working families across the nation.

Humphreys is endorsed by the West Virginia Building Trades, the West Virginia AFL-CIO and U.S. Senators Robert Byrd and Jay Rockefeller.

# West Virginia's Future Hinges On Governor Election Outcome

**How Wise And Underwood Compare On Important Working Family Issues**

**B**ob Wise and Cecil Underwood differ greatly on issues that concern West Virginia's working families.

But each wants to be the state's next governor.

Your vote will matter in this election. West Virginia needs a leader who will work hard for working families.

In his 1996 campaign, Underwood promised to continue the economic prosperity started during the Caperton administration.

Since that promise was made, West Virginians have seen few new jobs. While the rest of the country is enjoying the nation's current economic prosperity, Underwood has failed to bring that same prosperity to the people of West Virginia.

Recent criticism from former governor Gaston Caperton prompted Underwood to claim that he "inherited a mess" although he promised West Virginians he would build on Caperton's progress.

Underwood has not shown that he cares about construction workers and their families.

Underwood vetoed the West Virginia Jobs Act which would have supported local jobs for local workers.

West Virginia's working families need these jobs that are going to workers from distant states and even other countries.

During Underwood's watch, illegal workers have been em-

ployed at state-funded jobs paid for with taxpayer dollars.

West Virginians need a leader, like Bob Wise, who supports local jobs for local workers.

Wise understands the importance of giving West Virginia taxpayers these construction jobs so our economy can move in the right direction.

During his 18 years in Congress, Wise has been a progressive representative.

He constantly works for women's rights, human rights, education, healthcare and other social concerns.

While serving in Congress, Wise fought tirelessly against legislation that made it harder for workers to organize.

Wise also fought to defeat a measure aimed at taking away the unions' right to participate equally in the political system.

Working families deserve more than minimum wage telemarketing jobs. They deserve jobs paying wages that families can live on, as well as good healthcare and retirement benefits.

Our state needs a governor who will work well with the state legislature and our Congressional delegation.

West Virginia needs an energetic governor who will bring new ideas for the state's economy.

When you go to the polls on Nov. 7, make the *wise* choice for West Virginia's working families.



## The Candidates. The Issues.



Congressman Bob Wise

*"As governor, I will continue to fight for West Virginia's working families. They are the heart of West Virginia. I will protect their way of life and work hard to bring new jobs and prosperity to our state."*

Bob Wise

*"... Blackstone admitted the group (ACT) is right in saying the governor opposes the foundation's push to pass legislation restricting state-funded jobs to West Virginia workers."*

Charleston Daily Mail



Gov. Cecil Underwood

### Local Jobs For Local Workers

Bob Wise supports Local Jobs for Local Workers ensuring West Virginians jobs that pay living wages and benefits.

Bob Wise believes all companies should pay their fair share - no special treatment. Wise supports a Workers Compensation program that gives both injured workers and their companies a fair shake.

Bob Wise supports an economic development plan that will bring jobs and accountability to West Virginia. Read his plan at [BobWise2000.org](http://BobWise2000.org).

Underwood VETOED the Local Jobs for Local Workers legislation, giving our jobs to illegal aliens.

Underwood let Big Coal off the hook from a \$200 million workers compensation debt. The largest debtor was Island Creek Coal, former employer of Underwood and Workers Compensation Commissioner William Viewig.

The Corporation for Enterprise Development, a non-profit group, gave West Virginia an "F" in economic development during the Underwood administration.

### Workers Compensation

### Economic Development

# Close Presidential Race Important To West Virginia's Working Families

The 2000 General Election is just around the corner-- Nov. 7-- and the presidential race is so tight even the analysts aren't making predictions as to who will win.

Because this race is so tightly contested, the importance of this year's election to working families can not be overstated.

Our next President will determine the direction of our economy, the United States' role in foreign affairs, the appointment of possibly three Supreme Court Justices and will make decisions about many important labor issues.

Vice President Al Gore has fought for more than 20 years to

improve the standard of living of America's working families.

Al Gore has promised to support increases in minimum wage, to oppose dangerous cuts to worker safety and to ban companies from hiring permanent striker replacements.

Gore will support laws to help working families afford health care and save for their retirement.

Gore has promised that America's current prosperity will be broadened and that the benefits of a great economy will reach all working families.

His opponent, Texas Governor George W. Bush, plans to raise the retirement age for So-

cial Security and opposes efforts to increase the federal minimum wage.

Bush's record shows he has worked to silence working families and to restrict their support for pro-worker candidates and laws.

Bush also supports changing the law that requires workers to be paid time-and-a-half after working more than 40 hours on the job in one week.

Which candidate puts workers and their families first?

Go to their Web sites and you'll see that Al Gore lists working families as a priority.

George Bush doesn't even mention labor issues or working families.

Compare the two candidates by investigating Bush's Web site at [GeorgeWBush.com](http://GeorgeWBush.com).

How you cast your vote on election day is a personal decision. But before you go to the

polls, take a moment to carefully consider how your choice will affect working families in West Virginia.

Remember, you have great

power in your vote!

Encourage everyone you know to let their voice be heard on Nov. 7.

**"I WAS RAISED ON THIS BEDROCK PRINCIPLE: THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE IS A BASIC AMERICAN RIGHT. IT MUST NEVER BE STOPPED. IT MUST NEVER BE TAKEN AWAY."**

VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE

Find out more about Al Gore's support for working families on his campaign's Web site at [www.algore2000.com](http://www.algore2000.com).

## The Candidates. The Issues.

Gore supports Davis-Bacon. Gore has always fought to protect the federal Davis-Bacon law that protects a worker's right to a fair wage.

Gore opposes employer efforts to replace overtime pay with comp time. He believes that if overtime pay becomes voluntary for employers, it will mean significant cuts in take-home pay for millions of working families.

Gore opposes so called right-to-work laws because these laws are aimed at destroying unions and the lives of hard working Americans. Right-to-work does not help workers or their families.

### Prevailing Wage

Bush opposes Davis-Bacon and believes prevailing wage laws are fraudulent and wasteful. He opposes any expansion of Davis-Bacon law.

### 40-Hour Work Week

Bush is heavily favored by business groups, including the Association of Building Contractors or ABC, because he has promised to make overtime pay voluntary for employers. The ABC, a notorious anti-union group, heavily supports Bush.

### Right-to-Work

Bush supports "right-to-work". Bush believes union workers undermine the economy and proudly asserts, "Texas is a right-to-work state with low unionization of the workforce."



Vice President Al Gore

**"Let me tell you what I'll do as President: If a piece of anti-worker legislation ever comes near my desk, I'll reach over, ink up that veto pen, and strike it down in a heartbeat."**

Al Gore

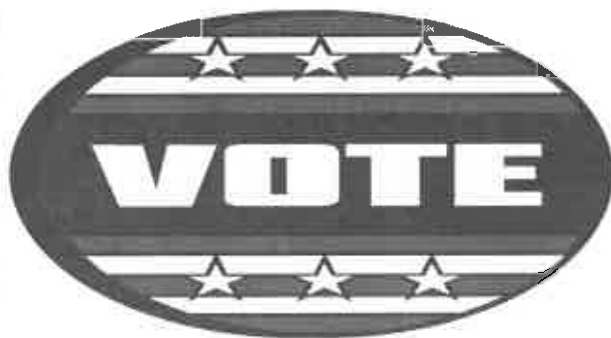


Gov. George W. Bush

**"I can tell you why Oklahoma is so poor. You don't have Right-to-Work and you have high workers comp."**

George Bush

# Cast Your Vote



# WV AFL - CIO 2000 Candidate Endorsements

## Federal

### President

*Al Gore - Tennessee*

### US Senate

*Robert C. Byrd*

### US House of Representatives

*1st District - Alan Mollohan*

*2nd District - Jim Humphreys*

*3rd District - Nick Joe Rahall*

## Statewide

### Governor

*Bob Wise*

### Attorney General

*Darrell McGraw*

### Supreme Court of Appeals

*Joe Albright*

*Robin Davis*

## West Virginia House of Delegates

### District

1st - Joe DeLong, Randy Swartzmiller

2nd - Roy Givens

3rd - Rick Altman, Jack Fahey

4th - Scott Varner, Ken Tucker

5th - Dave Pethtel

8th - Patrick Criss

9th - Kent Brown

10th - Larry Godfrey (D), Guy

Lowther (D), Rick Modesitt (R)

11th - Oscar Hines

12th - Michael Dunlap II

13th - Dale Martin, Brady Paxton

14th - Ted Boggess

15th - Margaret Leach, Arley  
Johnson

16th - Susan Hubbard, Dale  
Stephens

17th - Richard Thompson

18th - Don Perdue

19th - Steve Kominar, Harry  
Keith White

20th - Tracy Dempsey, Greg

Butcher, Lidella Wilson Hrutkay

21st - Earnie Kuhn

22nd - Emily Yeager, Lacy Wright

23rd - Rick Staton, Richard Browning

### District

24th - Dick Mitchum (R)

25th - Richard Flanigan, Mark Wills

26th - Mary Pearl Compton

27th - Virginia Mahan, Randolph

McGraw, Sally Susman

28th - Tom Campbell

29th - Tom Louissos

30th - Bonnie Brown, Ray Keener,

Bobbie Hatfield, Joe Smith, Sharon  
Spencer

31st - Carrie Webster

34th - Brent Boggs

35th - Bill Salomon (R)

36th - C. Randy White

39th - Bill Hamilton (R)

40th - Mary Poling

41st - Ron Fragale, Frank Angotti

43rd - Mike Caputo, Paul E. Prunty,  
A. James Manchin

44th - Barbara Fleischauer (D),  
Charlene Marshall (D), Cindy Frich

(R), Nancy Houston (D)

52nd - Vicky Douglas

53rd - Don Kawalek

54th - Laura Rose

56th - Dale Manual

## West Virginia State Senate

2nd District - Jeffrey Kessler

3rd District - Louis Flade

4th District - Bob Dittmar

6th District - John Pat Fanning

8th District - Mark Hunt

9th District - Billy Wayne Bailey

10th District - Anita Skeens Caldwell

11th District (unexp) - Mark Burnette

14th District - Jon Blair Hunter

16th District - Herb Snyder

17th District - Larry Rowe

Have to work out-of-town on Election Day?  
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Voter's Registration Office.  
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## The Power of a Single Vote

Exactly what made the difference?

1 more vote per precinct in Illinois.

3 more votes per precinct in Missouri.

3 more votes per precinct in New Jersey.

Think that your vote won't make a  
difference, that voter turnout doesn't  
matter?

In 1960, John F. Kennedy beat Richard  
Nixon by a national average of ONE vote  
per precinct.

**One Vote Does Matter.  
Yours.**