

Women's Voices, Women's Votes Make the Difference!

There's a good reason why women support John Kerry. Kerry has spent his career working to uphold the hard-fought victories of women. No other candidate can match his record on women's issues, or is better qualified to take on George W. Bush on matters of national and economic security. Finally, in addition to the large number of women working at every level of his campaign, no other candidate has two women leading their campaign.

You don't have to be a political expert or have lots of time to make an incredible impact on John's campaign. You just need to believe in the importance of bringing women's issues to the forefront of our national debate. The tools and information available on the website give you the power to add your voice to this important endeavor.

We want to hear your suggestions and comments about Women's Voices on the Trail, so please contact us at wwot@johnkerry.com. Women's Voices and Women's votes will make the difference in this election, make your's heard today!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Shaheen
Chair- National
Steering Committee

Mary Beth Cahill
Campaign Manager



"In case after case, President Bush's actions have made American women less safe and less secure - on the job and on the streets. As president, I will put American government and our legal system back on the side of women. I will stand up for their security, ensure their safety, support their rights, and guarantee their dignity. This nation can do no less."

- John Kerry, March 8, 2003

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John  Kerry
PRESIDENT

Women's Voices on the Trail

"Women's voices and women's votes will elect John Kerry! We have the power to end the era of Ashcroft and elect a President who will stand up for the values that we, as women, have fought for. Join *Women's Voices on the Trail* at www.johnkerry.com/wvot" ~ **Vanessa Kerry (daughter)**



Women Take the Lead

Women's Voices on the Trail will bring your ideas, concerns, and questions about women's issues directly to John Kerry. Our hard fought victories are on George W. Bush's chopping block and we must elect a President who will protect our rights and promote women's issues across the country. **Make your voice heard today!**



Make Your Voice Heard

Our voices can make or break the upcoming election. **We can change America in just a few minutes a day. Here are a few quick ideas on how you can use your voice to build support for John Kerry.**

1-5 Minutes per week:

Send an email to a friend letting them know why you support John Kerry. Encourage them to learn more about John at www.johnkerry.com.

1 Hour per week:

Write a 'Letter to the Editor' to your local newspaper in response to an article that is relevant to John's campaign. Find information on how to write an effective letter at:

<http://johnkerry.com/onlinehq/letter.html>

5 Hours per week:

Become a *Partner for Change*. Write letters to undecided voters. encourage others to support John Kerry in these key contests. Make your voice heard- send an email to Jessica at partnersforchange@johnkerry.com

Voting Information

Help John Kerry by registering to vote, and encouraging other women to register today. For more information on how to register to vote in your area, visit:

<http://www.johnkerry.com/register/>

Visit the League of Women Voters at:
<https://register.votenet.com/LWV/>



Hold Your Own Roundtable Discussion

Join with women across the country by hosting your own Roundtable Discussion. These discussions should focus on the important issues women face everyday; pay equity, child care, protecting reproductive health services, and highlighting the importance of the women's vote. Here are a few ideas on how to make your Roundtable more effective:

- Invite the women in your life to your favorite coffee house, restaurant or comfortable living room to talk about the issues that are important to you
- Print out information on women's issues at johnkerry.com and give to your attendees with their invitation
- Have a few key points or questions written down to pose to the group and start the discussion
- Email the issue or question that your group feels is the most important for the Democratic nominee to address in the upcoming election and share it with John Kerry at WVOT@johnkerry.com
- Check the website after January 21st to see John's answers to your questions.

About John Kerry



John Kerry was born on December 11, 1943 at Fitzsimmons Military Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Not long after his birth, his family returned home to Massachusetts.

A graduate of Yale University, John Kerry entered the Navy after graduation, becoming a Swift Boat officer, serving on a gunboat in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam.

He received a Silver Star, Bronze Star with Combat V, and three awards of the Purple Heart for his service in combat.

By the time John Kerry returned home from Vietnam, he felt compelled to question decisions he believed were being made to protect politicians in Washington at the expense of the soldiers fighting in Vietnam. Kerry was a co-founder of the Vietnam Veterans of America and became an articulate and highly-respected spokesperson for veterans opposed to the war.

In April 1971, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he asked the question of his fellow citizens, "How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?" Sen. Claiborne Pell, (D-R.I.) thanked Kerry, then 27, for testifying before the committee, expressing his hope that Kerry "might one day be a colleague of ours in this body." That same year, Kerry marched alongside his sister in New York City in support of the Equal Right Amendment, legislation he would cosponsor years later after joining Sen. Pell in the Senate.

As a top prosecutor in Middlesex County, Kerry took on organized crime and put the Number Two mob boss in New England behind bars. He modernized the District Attorney's office, tripling its size and creating one of the country's first rape crisis crime units.

In 1984, after winning election as Lieutenant Governor in 1982, Kerry took his pro-family, pro-woman record to the United States Senate, running and winning a successful PAC-free Senate race.

Like his predecessor, the irreplaceable Paul Tsongas, Kerry came to the Senate with a reputation for independence -- and reinforced it by making tough choices on difficult issues: breaking with many in his own party to support Gramm-Rudman Deficit Reduction; taking on corporate welfare and government waste; pushing for campaign finance reform; helping to shut down an illegal bank that held millions of dollars of Osama Bin Laden's blood money; working with John McCain in the search for the truth about Vietnam veterans declared POW/MIA; and insisting on accountability, investment, and excellence in public education.

In addition to co-sponsoring the ERA in every Congress since he came to Washington, Kerry wrote the law that created the Women's Business Center and was an original sponsor of the Violence Against Women Act, which has provided over \$1 billion for battered women's shelters, hotlines and other crucial resources. He is one of the Senate's most vigorous advocates for a women's right to choose and has vowed to filibuster any "anti-choice" Supreme Court nominee. In nearly 20 years in the Senate, Kerry has amassed a 95% career rating from NARAL, including 100% since 1995, and garnered a 100% rating from Planned Parenthood in the 107th Congress.

John Kerry was re-elected in 1990, again in 1996, defeating the popular Republican Governor William Weld in the most closely watched Senate race in the country, and in 2002. Now serving his fourth term, Kerry has worked to reform public education, address children's issues, strengthen the economy and encourage the growth of the high tech New Economy, protect the environment, and advance America's foreign policy interests around the globe. John Kerry is married to Teresa Heinz Kerry. He has two daughters, Alexandra and Vanessa. Teresa has three sons, John, Andre, and Christopher. John and Teresa live in Boston.

