

**SPEECH TO VOLUNTEERS OF JOHN
EDWARDS, CANDIDATE FOR
PRESIDENT 1908. GIVEN ON
DECEMBER 1907**

**i AM GREATLY HONORED TO COME
HERE TODAY TO SPEAK TO YOU
BRAVE VOLU NTEERS AS YOU
HEAD OUT TO KNOCK ON DOORS
FOR THE JOHN EDWARDS ,
PRESIDENTIAL CAPAIGN FOR 2008.**

**WE MAY BE THE MOST PRIVILEGED
GENERATION TO EVER HAVE LIVED
UPON EARTH. I DON'T MEAN THAT
WE HAVE SOFT ADVANTAGES, BUT
THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN A
HEROIC IMPORTANCE TO THE
WORLD. THIS MAY SOUND ~~TO~~
OVERBLOWN. IT MAY MAKE NO
SENSE TO YOU FOR AN OLD**

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WOMAN TO STAND HERE AND TELL YOU THAT YOU, PERSONALLY, ARE THE HERO OR HEROINE WHOSE ACTIONS WILL DECIDE THINGS FOR A TROUBLED WORLD BUT I THINK THAT MAY INDEED BE THE CASE.

THE CRISIS WE FACE IN THIS CENTURY IS FAR MORE DIFFICULT THAN JUST OUR ABILITY TO PROSPER, ~~BUT~~ OUR ABILITY AND NATURE'S ABILITY TO SURVIVE ON THIS PLANET AT ALL.

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CONCERNS

ALASKA'S GLACIERS ARE MELTING. SEAS ARE RISING. DROUGHTS AND THEIR FIRES SWEEP ACROSS OUR PURPLE MOUNTAINS AND OUR FRUITED PLAINS. ANY MOUNTAIN WITH COAL UNDER IT IS BEING SHEARED OFF AND DUMPED IN THE NEXT VALLEY. WHY? SO WE CAN BURN MORE COAL IN AN ALREADY

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**CARBON-SATURATED
ENVIRONMENT. NO RESPECTED
SCIENTIST DOUBTS ANY LONGER
THAT WE ARE DESTROYING THE
PLANET RAPIDLY.**

**WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
THOSE COMING AFTER US. WE
WILL HAVE TO STAND IN FRONT OF
OUR MAKER - WILL WE NOT? - AND
EXPLAIN HOW WE PROPERLY
CARED FOR THE GREAT GIFT OF
LIFE WE WERE GI VEN - THE BIRDS,
THE FISH AND THE FLOWERS OF
THIS EDEN.**

**THE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT
STUDIES SAYS, 'pUBLIC FINANCING
OF ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS IS
PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT
REFORM TO EMERGE IN THE PAST
THIRTY YEARS. pUBLIC FUNDING
PROVIDES CANDIDATES FOR**

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PUBLIC OFFICE WITH MONEY AND OTHER RESOURCES TO CONDUUCT THEIR CAMPAIGN. IT MAKES CANDIDATES FREE OF LARGE OR SPECIAL INTEREST CONTRIBUTIONS, JOHN EDWARDS HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANY PACS, CORPORATIONS OR SPECIAL INTEREST MONIES IN HIS CAMPAIGN. HE IS THE ONLY CANDIDATE TO DO SO.

~~JOHN EDWARDS IS THE ONE FOR PUBLIC FUNDING OF ELECTIONS AND HAS BEEN MORE INVOLVED THAN ANY OTHER CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT.~~ AND THAT IS WHY I HAVE CHOSEN JOHN EDWARDS AS MY PRESIDENTAL CANDIDATE. BECAUSE HE WILL MAKE THE CHANGE^S IN THIS COUNTRY THAT NEEDS TO BE MADE.

**WE HAVE CHOSEN TO WORK FOR
JOHN EDWARDS BECAUSE WE
KNOW HE HAS THE ANSWERS,
THAT HE WILL MAKE THE CHANGES
NEEDED. JOHN EDWARDS WILL
STOP THIS SILLY "WAR ON
TERRORISM" USING FEAR TO
CONTROL US. HE WILL BRING OUR
BUSINESSES BACK TO OUR OWN
COUNTRY, AND PUT OUR
CONSTITUTION BACK TOGETHER.**

**IF YOU WANT TO STOP INSANE
ANGER IN THE WORLD, YOU HAVE
TO GET AT WORLD POVERTY AND
THE INJUSTICES THAT PEOPLE
SUFFER. JOHN EDWARDS' LIFE'S
WORK HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR
SUCH PEOPLE.**

**WE HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE OUR
FREEDOMS AND OUR NATURAL**



WORLD WITH TRUTH AND LOVE,
COURAGE AND ENERGY, AND A
GOOD MAN TO LEAD US. WE HAVE
THAT LEADER IN JOHN EDWARDS.
He IS THE LEADER WHO WILL MAKE
THE CHANGE THAT THIS COUNTRY
NEEDS.

PLEASE REMEMBER AS YOU GO
FROM DOOR TO DOOR THAT YOU
ARE WORKING FOR A MAN WHO
WILL MAKE THE CHANGE. YOU ARE
WALKING TODAY TO SAVE THE
WORLD. BECAUSE IF JOHN
EDWARDS IS ELECTED PRESIDENT
HE HAS THE COURAGE, THE
CREATIVENESS, THE DRIVE THAT
WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE. HE
UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEMS WE
FACE AND HE WILL LEAD US
THROUGH CAMPAIGN FINANCE
REFORM BACK TO A TRUE
DEMOCRACY. WE FIGHT FOR OUR

SURVIVAL. GOD BLESS US ALL.

INTHIS ENDEAVOR