

**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 VOLUNTEERS AS YOU HEAD OUT IN THE COLD TO KNOCK ON DOORS FOR THE JOHN EDWARDS , PRESIDENTIAL CAPAIGN FOR 2008.**

**WE MAY BE THE MOST PRIVILEGED GENERATION TO EVER HAVE LIVED UPON THE 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 OVERBLOWN. IT MAY**

**MAKE NO SENSE TO YOU FOR AN OLD 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.**

① **THE CRISIS WE FACE IN THIS CENTURY IS FAR MORE DIFFICULT THAN JUST OUR ABILITY TO PROSPER, IT IS OUR ABILITY AND NATURE'S ABILITY TO SURVIVE ON THIS PLANET AT ALL.**

**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 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, AND TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT AND ARE STILL FIGHTING TODAY TO DIE FOR 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 GIVEN - THE BIRDS, THE FISH AND THE FLOWERS OF THIS EDEN.**

**THE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT STUDIES SAYS, 'PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS IS THE**

**MOST IMPORTANT REFORM TO EMERGE IN THE PAST THIRTY YEARS. PUBLIC FUNDING PROVIDES CANDIDATES FOR 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. THE ONE CNDIDATE WHO WILL SERVE THOSE WHO WILL HAVE ELECTED HIM, NOT THOSE WHO WERE HIS DONORS**

 **JOHN eDARDS 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 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.**

**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 AGAIN.**

**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**

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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

