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1) Colorado River & Environment: How do you protect a river? Easy. You sell it. Sell the river. Sell any federal land adjacent to the river. Sell the dams. Private owners take care of their property, because it is their investment, and it is in their interest to see that their property increases in value, not degrades. If you want a resource to wither and die make it belong to the public, which is the same as belonging to no one. The property becomes subject to political whim, and common usage with no concern for impact on the resource, because the resource does not belong to the user. Polluters of private property can be dealt with in tort court.

2) Sewers & protecting the environment: Privatize all water supplies. Let the free market work. This will make water reflect its true cost. It will encourage people to conserve and recycle water, as well as encourage businesses to find or produce more water for sale. Owned water is a valuable asset. People take care of their assets to try to keep them as valuable as possible. Water owners can sue those who have contaminated their water supplies.

3) The President's tax cuts -- Who cares about a President who will grant you a meager portion of your stolen income back? Why beg or negotiate with, or tolerate thieves? I want to eliminate ALL taxes, and go back to the federal government living off of tariffs. They can do one other thing. They can return all BLM land to the States, and auction off all other federal lands that are unconstitutionally held. With the proceeds they must pay off all national debt, invest the remainder in stocks, NEVER being allowed to touch the principle, but allowed to spend the interest. With all Congressmen voting for a budget being held individually liable for any annual deficit exceeding \$300,000.

4) National debt -- Should we increase the debt ceiling? The government maw knows no satiation to its appetite for the taxpayer's wallet. Spending will not stop until voters send fiscally responsible representatives to Washington, or enough fed up taxpayers exercise their Declaration of Independence prerogative. The War in Iraq contributes only a small amount to the national debt. The vast bulk of the debt comes from interest owed on the debt, and so called entitlement programs like health care, Social Security, Medicare, welfare, education – none of which are authorized by the Constitution. Don't sweat it. I would zero budget every bit of government not specifically authorized by the Constitution. That should eliminate at least 95% of government. Then I will examine the other 5% for further reduction.

5) War on Terror – The “9/11 Commission” was just a bunch of Washington politicians providing cover for a bunch of Washington politicians. They have been having ‘cover my backside’ commissions since there was a Washington. And you suckers keep voting them back into office! Stopping most terrorism is easy: 1) Pull all of our troops out of the over 100 countries they are currently deployed. 2) Eliminate ALL taxpayer money going to foreign governments. 3) Impeach any protected officials currently serving in government who have been responsible for ANY foreign incursions. 4) Round up all civilian government officials responsible for any military incursions into foreign countries since 1946, and ship their sorry behinds to the respective countries they transgressed against, along with our apologies. Let them experience the liberated and grateful populaces of those war torn countries. 5) Get ready to pay out a lot of death, injury and damage claims from the populace of the world during that time. Our government has been busy sticking our noses where they did not belong for many decades. 6) Institute the Marks and Reprisals provisions of the Constitution to put bounties on the heads of any remaining al-Qiada we would like to capture or kill. Make this our future anti-terrorism policy. 7) Repeal all of the so called anti-terrorism legislation which promotes government terror on the American population.

6) Rebuilding Iraq -- I never pledged squat. Show me where the Founding Fathers wrote into the Constitution that the federal government can seize whatever property of mine they want to transfer it to anywhere on the planet they would like? Pull our beleaguered troops out immediately, the same way they invaded. Get ready to pay a lot of damages, but probably no more than the current Halliburton no-bid windfall is bilking us. Ship those civilians responsible for the unprovoked attack over to Iraq with our apologies. Let the Iraqis rebuild their own country. They are not children, and are just as capable of providing for themselves as anyone else.