

**YOU
DECIDE
NOV.2**

THINK THIS OVER THEN **YOU** DECIDE HEALTH



MORE AMERICANS LACK ACCESS

49 people die each day because they lack health insurance; yet, **6.3 million fewer people are insured than when Bush took office – now 45 million.** About 1 in 3 of us under age 65 lacked insurance for some time in 2002-2003. We're the *only* industrialized country failing to cover all its citizens.



SPENDING ON HEALTH CARE SOARS

Under President Bush, health care spending has climbed 4 times faster than inflation. America spends far more per person on health care than *any* other nation, yet our medical system ranks 37th -- behind countries like Spain and Italy. Citizens of 23 countries live longer on average than Americans.



HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS RISE SHARPLY

Under Bush's watch, health insurance premiums have risen to their highest rate in 13 years. **American households will spend an average of \$15,000 on health care costs,** or almost one-fifth of their total income in 2004.



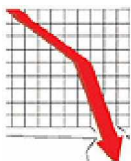
PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES CONTINUE TO RISE

Drug prices have risen nearly 3 times faster than inflation under President Bush, but **his Medicare plan bars the government from negotiating lower prices with drug companies.** The result? \$139 billion in new profits for drug companies over the next 8 years.



RECORD MEDICARE PREMIUM INCREASE

Medicare health insurance premiums will rise by 17.5% in 2005, amounting to **the largest Medicare premium increase in dollars in history.**



POOREST ELDERLY LOSE IMPORTANT COVERAGE

President Bush's new Medicare legislation strips the poorest 6 million elderly Americans of eligibility for joint coverage by Medicare and Medicaid.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2ND BASED ON THE FACTS
FOR SOURCES AND MORE FACTS: WWW.UDECIDE.ORG

