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I have come to realize that Jesse Helms stands for everything in politics that is anothema to me.

~William Weld

Before my tenure, people didn't seem to think that citizens had a right to limit the size of their government.

~William Weld

I think coercive taxation is theft, and government has a moral duty to keep it to a minimum.

~William Weld

People aren't stupid. I mean, people remember in 1990, the unemployment rate was 10 percent. Now it's 4 _ percent. We've got 1/4 million jobs that we've created.

~William Weld

If we have major geographic areas within our continent that have a tremendous lack of economic opportunity, we found that that is going to produce instability economic, political and social.

~William Weld

The best preparation for work is not thinking about work, talking about work, or studying for work: it is work.

~William Weld

Managing people's sex lives is something that I don't think is a good role for government.

~William Weld

My slogan when I ran was that there is no such thing as government money, there is only taxpayer's money, and that cut pretty deep.

Opposing the free flow of goods or people is a bad idea.

~William Weld

Much is forgiven anyone who relieves the desperate boredom of the working press.

~William Weld

Speaking of tax fairness, it was Senator Kerry who voted to increase the income tax on senior citizens on Social Security, earning as little as \$32,000 a year.

~William Weld

We need a complete ban on soft money, which is sort of an enveloping problem, and a ceiling on the amount of money that can be spent on a given race.

~William Weld

Natural resources are so vast that no single individual or business is going to protect them; they don't have an incentive to.

~William Weld

Micro managing anything is not a great role for government.

~William Weld

The courts are truly the least dangerous of the three branches of our government.

~William Weld

In the nineteenth century, slavery was the greatest wrong, and government never stood so tall as when it was redressing that wrong.

~William Weld

It's healthy for government to be a kind of moral catalyst, using the bully pulpit of high office.

~William Weld

Government can contribute to a shared sense of purpose on the part of the citizenry; that's its highest and best application.

~William Weld

There are several such issues where I have departed radically from the Republican orthodoxy.

~William Weld

I think the dignity of Congress and the dignity of the country demands something more than merely censure here.

~William Weld

The system that had grown up in most states is that wealthy districts with an affluent population can afford to spend a lot more on their public school systems than the poorer districts.

~William Weld

I think government has a major role to play in helping us with the pursuit of happiness.

~William Weld

I don't understand the Democrats' approach to Social Security in this country, and I'm not alone.

~William Weld

I suggest to you that increasing the size of America's economic pie - which can be achieved only if everybody has a seat at the table - is the most important challenge facing our country today.

~William Weld

I extend that to the abortion issue, I extend that to the so-called gay rights issue, I think this is a freedom principle and consistent with the

analysis in the economic area as well.

~William Weld

Government is never so noble as when it is addressing wrongs.

~William Weld

It's completely idiot proof." I told them they've got it all wrong. I want a machine that is "idiot friendly.

~William Weld

I mean that psychologically. I think [Donald Trump] showed in the debates when he encounters criticism or challenge he behaves the way a bully would. He just doesn't take it well.

~William Weld

I think transportation and corrections are not the first two areas that I would go looking for massive change.

~William Weld

There's no Walter Cronkite to give you the final word each evening.

~William Weld

One of the functions of government is to act as a safeguard not just of property but of our liberties.

~William Weld

Government has a role as well in what is referred to as redistributive justice.

~William Weld

It's not good for government to tell people that the world owes them a living and that things are free.

So government acts as a safeguard of our property.

~William Weld

The unemployment rate is still twice as high for blacks as for whites.

~William Weld

Liberals often don't see the problems, and conservatives don't see the promise, of government.

~William Weld

Donald Trump behaving like a wild man. I mean, I just can't imagine that people want a human tornado sitting in the oval office.

~William Weld

I think it would be a threat [Donald's Trump presidency] to the conduct of our foreign policy and our position in the world at large.

~William Weld

[Donald Trump] would be chaos for the country, I think.

~William Weld

[Donald Trump] just would not be in his element and I think he would wobble off course and I think the country just can't have that.

~William Weld

I talk with Gary [Johnson] every other day, we're on different coasts usually but we keep in touch and - yeah, no I do not agree with that release.

~William Weld

I think Gary Johnson would be capable of being a good chief executive and yes a commander in chief - Aleppo to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Gary Johnson was a strong governor.

~William Weld

I've been at some pains to say that I fear for the country if Mr.[DonALD] Trump should be elected. I think it's a candidacy without any parallel that I can recall.

~William Weld

I see a big difference between the Republican candidate and the Democratic candidate.

~William Weld

I think in the real world that's probably correct. That would give federal matching funds. It would mean no more ballot access woes.

~William Weld

Nobody can tell me that no changes are necessary in Washington.

~William Weld

I'm an old duck hunter. I like to go hunting where the ducks are. We're looking for votes. I think maybe poaching some of those soft Donald Trump Republican votes would be the place to go.

~William Weld

I think Hillary Clinton deserves to have people vouch for her other than members of the Democratic National Committee.

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