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Number of Bush White House officials who are authorized to discuss pending criminal cases with the Justice Department: 711

Number of Clinton officials who were: 4

Number of Bush appointees who regulate industries they used to represent as lobbyists: 85

Percentage of federal inspectors general appointed by Bush and Clinton, respectively, who had prior audit experience: 36, 66

Percentage who held some political position prior to their appointment: 45,22

Number of the five directors of a No Child Left Behind reading program who had financial ties to curricula they developed: 4

Average amount each of these directors has received from the publishers of reading materials sold to schools: \$727,000

Number of states where middle school reading scores have improved since 2002, as measured by the states' tests: 33

Number of these states where reading scores showed any improvement on a thirty-eight-year-old national test: 8

Portion of states where the projected climate in 2100 will not be able to sustain their official tree or flower: 3/5

Percentage of British children aged seven to eleven who say they "worry about global warming" : 34

Percentage who believe their own parents are to blame for the problem: 15

Chances that a European industrial plant emitted less CO<sub>2</sub> last year than its new EU quota allowed: 19 in 20

Portion of Indian companies that maintain gas-run generators and stores of gasoline to use during power outages: 1/2

Estimated amount of oil, in barrels, used to make the bottled-water containers sold in the U.S. last year: 16,000,000

Ratio of the amount of water used to make the containers to the amount of bottled water consumed: 2:1

Average number of liters of bottled water delivered to u.s. troops in Iraq each day: 1,400,000

Number of U.N. staffers in New York who still have full-time jobs monitoring Iraq for weapons of mass destruction: 34

Date on which the U.S. first proposed a Security Council resolution to disband the monitoring team: 6/8/07

Percentage of Marines stationed in Iraq who say they agree that "all non-combatants should be treated as insurgents": 16

Percentage who say they "neither agree nor disagree" : 39

Number of the 525 donors who raised at least \$100,000 for Bush in 2004 who have yet to support a 2008 candidate: 343

Amount the political action committee of 2008 hopeful Fred Thompson has given to Republican causes since 2003 : \$83,650

Amount the PAC has paid since then in consulting fees to Thompson's son: \$196,260

Percentage of conservative voters who said in May that they favor amnesty for illegal immigrants: 55

Percentage who said they would be less likely to vote for a presidential candidate who favored such a plan: 66

Number of the forty-seven Mexican consulates in cities across America that have opened since 1980: 42

Amount the consulates spent last year to repatriate the bodies of Mexicans who died here: \$3,800,000

Minimum number of U.S. colleges that now offer on-campus sites for the ashes of alumni: 9

Portion of Americans who believe there are circumstances in which a medical patient should be allowed to die: 7/10

Portion who say they would consider ending their own lives if ill with a terminal disease: 1/3

Chance that an inmate serving a life sentence in Italy signed a May letter asking to be sentenced to death: 1 in 4

Number of prisons in England that provide personal trainers for unfit inmates: 25

Minimum price for a Disney World "VIP" tour, which includes a personal guide to negotiate the lines at rides: \$750

Number of different nationalities represented among the staff at the headquarters of Coca-

Cola: 58

Number of words spoken by Clarence Thomas during Supreme Court oral arguments since February 2006 : 132

Number by Samuel Alito, the Justice who spoke the second-fewest words: 14,404

Weight, in ounces, of all the information that passed through the Internet last year: 0.00004

Cost per minute last spring for callers to the Vienna public library to have literary erotica read to them: 49¢

Average number of minutes callers listened: 4

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