My Story

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“Left a good job in the city,
Working for The Man every night and day,
And I never lost one minute of sleeping,
Worrying 'bout the way things might have been.”
“I have a profound need...”
“My dad’s cancer...”
[We] lost five great governors and some senators in the last three years because our campaign was, “I voted with the president 85 percent of the time.” If you’re a Democrat and your campaign is that you voted 85 percent of the time with the president, who is the most conservative [...president...] we’ve had in my lifetime, then of course the people are going to say “let’s vote for the guy that’s going to be with the president 100 percent of the time!”
How to get a job in politics?
The December Visit
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January I move to Vermont. So what’s that like?
But what it’s like to be on a campaign?
A campaign is just one big database application
Internal Applications

• Supporter Database
• Voter Identification Database
• Simple LAN with file sharing
• RT3 to handle flood of email (www.bestpractical.com)
• Custom Poster Printer
• Tivo, Tivo, Tivo!
• Meetup organizing app
World’s tallest FEC report
Why Dean’s campaign faltered?
Why Bush won?
How to get involved?
How to get involved

• Vote!!!
• **Run for office**, even local Dem. Committee seats
  - They often go empty
  - They pick who really runs for office
  - Small time commitment, big impact
• **Volunteer with a local campaign**
  - They really need technical people
• **Volunteer with open-source political projects**
  - [www.CivicSpaceLabs.org](http://www.CivicSpaceLabs.org) (based on Drupal)
  - [www.BlackBoxVoting.org](http://www.BlackBoxVoting.org)
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My only regret is that I didn’t quit my job and join sooner.
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