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Topeka, Kansas....-....Speaking to the Topeka High Twelve Club at noon today, Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, said, "To be an American today is to face a tremendous challenge.

"As we look about us and see the world fallen into chaos and our own nation torn apart by the forces of ignorance, hatred and anarchy, the biggest contribution we can make," Dole said, "is the election of sound, responsible leadership."

Dole challenged all Americans, young and old, black and white, rich and poor, to play a more active role in government and politics.

"If the electorate is apathetic," he continued, "generally the elected official will reflect this in his actions and his thinking. If the electorate doesn't become more active soon, the federal government will become larger and larger and intervene more and more into everyday affairs of the individual.

"The election on November 5," he stated, "gives everyone an opportunity to take a stand. If we seize the opportunity, we can turn the tables on the forces of destruction. If we do not, if we allow ourselves to be lulled to sleep by the false promises and bum excuses of opportunistic, liberal politicians, or if we allow ourselves to be tempted into throwing our votes away in an empty gesture of protest, then we will have undermined the future of our country and that of our children."