

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
ARIZONA WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB

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WINSTON CHURCHILL WAS ONCE APPROACHED BY A HOSTILE REPORTER AFTER RETAINING HIS PARLIAMENTARY SEAT. THE REPORTER ASKED WITH A SNEER, "I PRESUME WE CAN EXPECT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBSERVIENT TO THE POWERFUL INTERESTS THAT CONTROL YOUR VOTE?" TO WHICH CHURCHILL REPLIED, "I'LL THANK YOU TO KEEP MY WIFE'S NAME OUT OF THIS."

THE TIME HAS LONG SINCE PASSED WHEN REPUBLICAN WOMEN INFLUENCED ONLY THEIR HUSBANDS. TODAY, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, REPUBLICAN WOMEN ARE MAKING POLICY WITHIN THEIR PARTY. I'M VERY PROUD TO SERVE ALONGSIDE MY NEW COLLEAGUE FROM KANSAS, NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM. WE'LL ALL BE HEARING GREAT THINGS FROM HER IN THE YEARS TO COME, AND I HOPE SHE'LL BE JOINED BY MANY MORE WOMEN WHO COMBINE COMPETENCE WITH COMPASSION, WHO KNOW HOW TO KEEP A BUDGET AND WHO UNDERSTAND THAT THE BEST WAY TO MAINTAIN PEACE, TO KEEP OUR SONS OFF FUTURE BATTLEFIELDS, IS TO MAINTAIN AMERICAN STRENGTH SECOND TO NONE.

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WE WOULD ALL BE BETTER OFF IF WOMEN WERE REPRESENTED IN GREATER NUMBERS IN WASHINGTON. I HOPE YOU'LL JOIN WITH ME IN BRINGING THIS ABOUT.

THE REPUBLICAN IDEA OF AMERICA

BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE A HISTORIC JOB TO DO. MODERN LIBERAL GOVERNMENT DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE IDEA OF AMERICA. IN THE WORDS OF KANSAS' GREAT EDITOR, WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, "MY HEARTBREAK AT LIBERALISM IS THAT IT HAS SOUNDED NO NOTE OF HOPE, MADE NO PLANS FOR THE FUTURE, OFFERED NO PROGRAM."

AND THAT'S JUST WHAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFERS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN 1979. MORE GOOD INTENTIONS, ATTACHED TO YOUR POCKETBOOK. MORE DISREGARD OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE. MORE RELIANCE ON GOVERNMENT AS THE ULTIMATE GUARDIAN OF SECURITY.

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I DON'T HAVE TO REMIND YOU ABOUT INFLATION. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW PAINFUL IT IS TO VISIT A SUPERMARKET OR A GAS STATION, ABOUT THE FRUSTRATIONS OF SENDING A CHILD TO THE COLLEGE OF HIS CHOICE, ABOUT PLANNING FOR A RETIREMENT UNHAUNTED BY THE SPECTRE OF AN EMPTY BANK ACCOUNT.

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS NO POLICY TO BEAT INFLATION. FROM A LEVEL OF LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT IN THE LAST YEAR OF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, PRICES UNDER JIMMY CARTER ARE NOW SKYROCKETING AT 12 PERCENT AND MORE. YET, THE PRESIDENT PATS HIMSELF ON THE BACK FOR SUBMITTING A FEDERAL BUDGET \$29 BILLION IN THE RED. LIVING A PERILOUS LIFE BENEATH TED KENNEDY'S SWORD OF DAMOCLES, THIS PRESIDENT PROMISES AMERICA A LITTLE MORE NEW DEAL, A LITTLE MORE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION, A LITTLE MORE REGULATION, A LITTLE MORE DISINCENTIVE TO PRODUCE OUR WAY OUT OF OUR PROBLEMS.

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ENOUGH ALREADY. REPUBLICANS CAN AND SHOULD OFFER A CLEAR ALTERNATIVE TO MORE OF THE SAME.

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WE MUST BE FOR A DRAMATIC REDUCTION OF GOVERNMENT REGULATION, RED TAPE AND JUST PLAIN GOBBLEDYGOOK WHICH NOW CRIPPLES INCENTIVE IN AMERICA. NINETY DIFFERENT AGENCIES EXIST SOLELY TO TELL YOU AND I WHAT GOVERNMENT SAYS WE CAN AND CANNOT DO. TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THIS COSTS UPWARDS OF \$100 BILLION A YEAR, AND WE, THE CONSUMERS, WIND UP FOOTING THE TAB.

DEMOCRATS SEEM TO THINK THAT WORDS LIKE INCENTIVE AND PROFIT ARE DIRTY WORDS, UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, UNWORTHY AS HUMAN ASPIRATION. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT MADE AMERICA GREAT. WE DIDN'T OPEN A CONTINENT OR DEVELOP AN ECONOMY THE ENVY OF THE WORLD BY RELYING ON GOVERNMENT'S GOOD INTENTIONS. WE DID IT BY UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF FREE ENTERPRISE, BY TAPPING THE GENIUS OF AMERICA.

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IF ANYTHING, WE OUGHT TO CONSIDER A TOUGHER TAX ON WINDFALL PROFITS. WE OUGHT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT ENERGY PRODUCERS WILL DO EXACTLY THAT--PRODUCE ENERGY--INSTEAD OF DIVERSIFYING THEIR REAL ESTATE AND OTHER HOLDINGS AT THE COST OF THE AMERICAN CONSUMER.

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WE WANT TO GET THEM OFF THAT TREADMILL. A RECENT STUDY REVEALED THAT LESS THAN 2 PERCENT OF ALL FEDERAL CONTRACTS NOW GO TO MINORITY FIRMS. 2 PERCENT. CAN YOU THINK OF ANY MORE SAVAGE INDICTMENT OF THE WAY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS APPROACHED THE ASPIRATIONS AND AMBITIONS OF BLACK AND HISPANIC PEOPLE?

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BUT NEITHER SHOULD WE SHY AWAY FROM PROPOSING POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES. APPLAUSE LINES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO WIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE'VE GOT TO DO MORE THAN SAY JIMMY CARTER'S FAILED AND WE'RE AVAILABLE. WE'VE GOT TO DEMONSTRATE A CAPACITY FOR MORE THAN OPPOSITION. WE'VE GOT TO ASK THE TOUGH QUESTIONS, AND THEN PROPOSE TOUGH ANSWERS.

I ASK YOU, IS IT JUST FOR GOVERNMENT TO TOLERATE DOUBLE DIGIT INFLATION WHILE REFUSING TO PUT ITS OWN FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER?

IS IT JUST TO WASTE TWO YEARS OF VALUABLE TIME ON AN ENERGY PROGRAM THAT SAYS NOTHING ABOUT PRODUCTION, THAT ISN'T AN ENERGY PROGRAM AT ALL, BUT ONLY A LIST OF NEW TAXES?

IS IT JUST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MIDDLE INCOME AMERICANS, TAXING THEM AT HIGHER RATES WHEN INFLATION ARTIFICIALLY RAISES THEIR INCOME?

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IS IT JUST FOR GOVERNMENT TO IGNORE THE ECONOMIC ASPIRATIONS OF MILLIONS OF BLACK AND HISPANIC AMERICANS, DOLING OUT A FEW BUDGETARY CRUMBS INSTEAD OF BRINGING THEM INTO THE ECONOMIC MAINSTREAM?

REPUBLICANS CAN DO BETTER. WE MUST DO BETTER. WHAT COUNTS NOW IS NOT WHAT WE ARE AGAINST, BUT WHAT WE ARE FOR.

WE MUST BE FOR A BALANCED BUDGET, WRITING INTO THE VERY FABRIC OF THE CONSTITUTION SAFEGUARDS AGAINST A GOVERNMENT THAT WILL NEVER LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS UNTIL IT HAS EXHAUSTED ALL OF OURS.

WE MUST BE FOR SUBSTANTIAL TAX REDUCTIONS, BOTH PERSONAL AND CORPORATE. WE MUST PERSUADE OUR FELLOW AMERICANS THAT OUR VERY LIVELIHOOD AS A NATION DEPENDS UPON OUR ABILITY TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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WE MUST BE FOR A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF TAX INDEXING, WHICH WOULD DO AWAY WITH GOVERNMENT'S INSIDIOUS HABIT OF RAISING REVENUE THROUGH INFLATION. AS IT IS, WHEN YOU GET KICKED UPSTAIRS INTO A HIGHER BRACKET BECAUSE INFLATION HAS PUSHED UP YOUR WAGES, THEN GOVERNMENT SLITHERS IN TO SNATCH A LARGER PART OF THAT INCOME. IT'S CALLED "BRACKET CREEP" AND IT'S AS DISHONEST A WAY OF RAISING TAXES AS GOVERNMENT HAS EVER DEvised.

INDEXING OUR TAX SYSTEM WOULD BE MUCH FAIRER. YOU'D KNOW WHAT YOU WERE PAYING, AND YOU'D BE LESS VULNERABLE TO INFLATIONARY PRESSURE. THAT'S MY IDEA OF TAX REFORM. IT'S TIME HAS COME, AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE A REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS TO ENACT IT INTO LAW.

THE FACT IS, THE AVERAGE AMERICAN HAS JUST ABOUT REACHED THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL WHEN IT COMES TO COPING WITH TAXES. I WANT TO ROLL BACK THE LATEST ROUND OF SOCIAL SECURITY TAX INCREASES-- WITHOUT IN THE SLIGHTEST WAY THREATENING THE CONTINUED SECURITY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND. AND WE OUGHT TO SUPPORT THIS TOO.

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THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF PRIVATE INITIATIVE. IT IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH WORDS LIKE PROFIT AND INCENTIVE. IT PREFERS TO PROMISE SECURITY INSTEAD OF STRUGGLE, WITHOUT TELLING THE TRUTH: SECURITY IS PURCHASED AT THE COST OF INITIATIVE, OF DRIVE, OF BECOMING ALL THAT ONE CAN BE.

YOU DON'T ACHIEVE JUSTICE BY PROSECUTING THE PRODUCTIVE. I DON'T WANT TO SEE AN AMERICA IN WHICH EVERYONE SHARES THE SAME GOAL--AN EQUAL SHARE OF MEDIOCRITY.

PRODUCING AN ENERGY SOLUTION

AS REPUBLICANS, WE BELIEVE IN FREE ENTERPRISE. WE BELIEVE IT HOLDS THE POTENTIAL TO MEET OUR UNMET NEEDS, AND RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING FOR MILLIONS WHO ARE NOW TAKEN FOR GRANTED BY A REMOTE AND UNCARING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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WE BELIEVE THAT THE ENERGY CRISIS CAN BE SOLVED, NOT SIMPLY BY RAISING TAXES OR CONSERVING WHAT OIL AND GAS SUPPLIES REMAIN IN THE GROUND, BUT BY VIGOROUSLY PROMOTING THE SEARCH FOR NEW OIL, NEW GAS, AND ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF HEATING OUR HOMES AND FACTORIES.

THERE'S A HUNDRED YEARS OF ENERGY IN AMERICA'S SHALE OIL DEPOSITS. THE EQUIVALENT OF BILLIONS OF BARRELS OF OIL IN OUR COAL DEPOSITS. A RECENT CONGRESSIONAL STUDY ESTIMATES AS MANY AS THREE MILLION NEW JOBS COULD BE CREATED BY 1990 IN THE SOLAR INDUSTRY ALONE.

I'M PUSHING THE PRODUCTION OF GASOHOL, AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL THAT BLENDS ALCOHOL WITH GASOLINE, AND PROVIDES A MAJOR SHOT IN THE ARM TO AGRICULTURE IN AMERICA. HYDROELECTRIC, GEOTHERMAL, EVEN THE WIND AND WAVES THEMSELVES: A PRESIDENT AND A PARTY THAT BELIEVED IN OUR FUTURE WOULD BE PRESSING FORWARD NOW WITH DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH BOLD NEW IDEAS.

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REPUBLICANS ARE CONSUMERS. WE DON'T WANT TO SEE OIL COMPANIES RIP US OFF ANY MORE THAN WE WANT TO SEE BIG GOVERNMENT OVERTAX OUR INCOME. THE PRESIDENT IS TALKING LOUDLY ABOUT HIS WINDFALL PROFITS TAX. BUT LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER, AND YOU'LL SEE THAT MOST OF HIS RHETORIC JUST WON'T HOLD UP TO SCRUTINY.

PRODUCTIVITY AND JUSTICE

THE PRODUCTIVE SOCIETY IS ALSO THE JUST SOCIETY. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NOT EVERYONE IN THIS COUNTRY HAS HAD A FAIR CHANCE TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS. INTOLERANCE AND OUTRIGHT PREJUDICE HAVE CONDEMNED MILLIONS OF AMERICANS TO DEPENDENCE ON A FEDERAL TREADMILL.

WE WANT TO GET THEM OFF THAT TREADMILL.

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I WANT TO SEE FREE ENTERPRISE OPENED UP, TO EXTEND ITS BENEFITS TO MILLIONS WHO UNTIL RECENTLY, HAVE KNOWN ONLY THE CRUMBS OF FEDERAL NEGLECT. I DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANY AMERICAN FOR GRANTED.

I WANT TO PASS A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN THAT WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE--WITHOUT BANKRUPTING OUR ECONOMY. I KNOW THAT CRADLE-TO-GRAVE HEALTH INSURANCE WON'T WORK. I KNOW IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE, TOO CLOSE TO SOCIALISM, TOO FARFETCHED TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF ADOPTION IN THIS OR ANY FORSEEABLE CONGRESS.

BUT THAT DOESN'T ABSOLVE US OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET UNMET NEEDS. THE FACT IS, LAST YEAR AN ESTIMATED SEVEN MILLION FAMILIES PAID 15% OR MORE OF THEIR INCOME ON HEALTH COSTS. CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS POSES AN ECONOMIC THREAT OF DEVASTATING DIMENSION, EVEN TO UPPER MIDDLE CLASS AMERICANS. WE CAN'T WISH IT AWAY; WE OUGHT TO ADDRESS IT WITH A FIRM PREFERENCE FOR THE PRIVATE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT, UNLESS WE PLUG THOSE GAPS NOW, FUTURE CONGRESSES ARE LIKELY TO APPROVE A FAR MORE RADICAL SYSTEM OF NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

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THAT'S WHY I'VE INTRODUCED A HEALTH INSURANCE PACKAGE OF MY OWN. I WANT TO END THE THREAT OF BANKRUPTCY THAT ACCOMPANIES CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN AMERICA, AND I WANT TO END IT THIS YEAR.

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AND I WANT ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, FRIEND AND FOE, TO KNOW THAT AMERICA HAS NOT LOST HER RESOLVE TO DEFEND FREEDOM WHEREVER IT IS UNDER ATTACK. I WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT ALL OF US SEEK ARMS CONTROL. ALL OF US DESIRE A WORLD AT PEACE.

BUT HOW CAN WE IN CONSCIENCE VOTE FOR A PEACE THAT IS FALSE, OR AN ARMS CONTROL PACKAGE THAT INSTALLS THE SOVIET UNION IN PERMANENT SUPREMACY?

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THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE: WE CANNOT. I VOTED FOR THE FIRST SALT TREATY. I WANT TO VOTE FOR SALT II. BUT I CANNOT AND WILL NOT UNTIL A NUMBER OF TOUGH QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED TO MY SATISFACTION. I WANT TO REVERSE THE SLIDE IN AMERICAN DEFENSE. I WANT TO SEE OUR NAVY BEEFED UP, OUR FORCES IN EUROPE PROVIDED WITH MODERN WEAPONRY, OUR BARGAINING CHIPS LIKE THE B-1 BOMBER AND THE MX MISSILE RETAINED FOR THEIR PEACEMAKING POTENTIAL.

REPUBLICANS OUGHT TO GO ON RAISING QUESTIONS. BECAUSE WE ARE THE PARTY OF POTENTIAL. WE BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE. WE WANT IT TO BE SECURE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. WE BELIEVE THAT WE HOLD THE POWER AND HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PRODUCE OUR WAY TO PROSPERITY AND ACHIEVE ENERGY SELF-RELIANCE.

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IT IS AN OLD DREAM, A DREAM AS OLD AS AMERICA ITSELF. BUT NOW IS NO TIME TO TURN AWAY. NOW IS NO TIME TO DISCARD INCENTIVE AND INITIATIVE FOR THE FALSE GOD OF GOVERNMENT AND THE SECURITY THAT COMES WITH DICTATION.

EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

THAT'S WHAT THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IS ALL ABOUT.

WILL WE ALLOW THE TREND TOWARD OMNIPOTENT GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE UNCHECKED? WILL WE GO ON MORTGAGING OUR FUTURE TO PAY FOR GOVERNMENT BY CREDIT CARD?

THE TIME HAS COME TO SAY ENOUGH, AND NO MORE. THE TIME IS RIPE FOR AN AMERICAN RENAISSANCE. IT'S TIME FOR AMERICA TO BE GREAT AGAIN.

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JOIN WITH ME IN PUTTING OUR BELIEFS INTO PRACTICE. TOGETHER,
WE CAN RETURN TO OUR BASIC FAITH IN PEOPLE INSTEAD OF
GOVERNMENT, IN PRODUCTION INSTEAD OF CONSUMPTION, IN ACCOMPLISHMENT
INSTEAD OF COMPLACENCY.

IT IS A TIME FOR FRESH BEGINNINGS. THE CHALLENGES ARE GREAT,
THE RISKS ARE REAL, THE OPPORTUNITIES PROFOUND. MAY GOD GRANT
US THE COURAGE OF OUR CONVICTIONS--TO SEE THEM THROUGH, AND
MAKE AMERICA ONCE AGAIN WHAT SHE WAS MEANT TO BE--THE LAST BEST
HOPE OF FREEDOM ON EARTH.