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KANSAS CITY, Kans., Feb. 16 -- Congressman Bob Dole today urged adults to help renew a spirit of patriotism among the nation's youth.

"Our children," Dole said, "are being encouraged to tune in, turn on and drop out -- to abandon fundamental values for a merry-go-round of irresponsibility."

Dole spoke at a meeting of the Kansas City American War Mothers here.

"How many of our youth are taken in by the call to lawlessness depends on us adults," Dole added. "We must demonstrate that America's way of life and a patriotic belief in it are justified."

"Responsible dissent and freedom of speech are cornerstones of a democracy," the Kansas Congressman said, "and they should be nurtured and encouraged."

"But these same rights," he said, "are not a mandate to take the law into one's own hands, to engage in uncivil disobedience or obey only the law one may agree with."

"Adults must accelerate their efforts to guide our young people to choose personal and professional goals useful to our free society and then to pursue them with total ability and energy," Dole said.