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LOS ANGELES, Calif. May 15 -- "The word heard most frequently in conversations with young people is 'change,'" U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said here today. Dole spoke at the American Youth at the Crossroads Conference.

"You young people want social justice and economic and educational opportunities for all Americans. You say they aren't available to all and so you work for change.

"Sometimes you may feel the deck is stacked against you, but the important thing is to keep trying.

"Before the end of this decade more than half of our population will be under 25 years of age. These numbers will invest you, our youth, with unprecedented power, influence and responsibility.

"By the time 1980 rolls around you will be the people who are making the laws, running the factories, producing the goods and services and, hopefully, doing a better job at it than your parents did.

"That is the challenge you face. You have a job to do. It is a bigger one than your parents had and more complicated, but you can do it."