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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) speaking at a meeting of Rotarians in Downs last night said non-voters are the most potent force in America today because they often allow unqualified men to be put into office by tightly organized minorities.

"Why have we become so indifferent that four out of ten of our people register no political opinion? Largely because of the concept I have mentioned before - a calculated campaign to make politics a dirty word. It's an old political saying that organized minorities win elections. Their work is made easier by stay-at homes who become their helpers through inaction," Dole said.

The 6th District Kansas Congressman told his bi-partisan audience, "It is becoming increasingly difficult to find qualified people to run for office, due to this apathy which bestirs itself to half an effort in election years and subsides into lethargy in the interim. It is hard to find workers to distribute material, to ring doorbells, to work at the polls on election day and to perform the many tasks which make a political party successful."

People can help, Dole said, by deciding that they are going to delve into the issues, into the background and qualifications of the candidates, and then doing something to help elect those they favor and defeat those they oppose.

"It has always seemed peculiar to me that a man who thinks nothing of charging into a wall of men on a football field, or even those who have performed bravely in battle can suddenly become reticent and incapable of making a decision when faced with the prospect of participating in a political campaign," Dole said.