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**JOINT STATEMENT OF**  
**SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE &**  
**HOUSE SPEAKER NEWT GINGRICH**

"It's clear the Democrats have waved the white flag of surrender. They have no solutions of their own, so they have resorted to personal attacks and distorted advertisements.

"To see how disgraceful these irresponsible attacks have gotten, look no further than today's statement by President Clinton's chief spokesman: 'So the reason they're trying to slow the rate of increase in the program, I suppose, is because eventually they'd like to see the program just die and go away. You know, that's probably what they'd like to see happen to seniors, too, if you think about it.'

"That the Clinton White House spokesman would suggest that the Republican Party, which represents tens of millions of Americans, would wish to see senior citizens die is reprehensible, divisive, un-American and deserving of condemnation. President Clinton should apologize to the American people, and he should relieve his spokesman of his duties."

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