

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
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A VISION FOR THE 80'S

SO I ASK YOU TO PONDER -- WHAT SHALL WE OFFER THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN 1980?

IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO SAY THAT JIMMY CARTER FAILED AND WE'RE AVAILABLE. IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO SAY THAT TED KENNEDY IS A LIBERAL BOGEYMAN WHO WOULD SPEND THIS COUNTRY INTO BANKRUPTCY. NO -- WE HAVE TO OFFER SOMETHING MORE POSITIVE THAN MERE PARTISANSHIP.

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WHAT KIND OF COUNTRY WILL WE GIVE THEM, MY FRIENDS? THAT'S WHAT THIS ELECTION IS ALL ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT YOU WILL INFLUENCE BY THE BALLOTS YOU CAST TODAY.

YOU AND I SHARE THE SAME VISION OF THE FUTURE. WE HAVE FOUGHT TOGETHER THE SAME BATTLES IN THE PAST. NOW WE ARE LAUNCHED ON A NEW STRUGGLE. IT WON'T BE EASY. BUT NOTHING GREAT IS EVER OBTAINED WITHOUT EXERTION. THIRTY FOUR YEARS AGO I STARTED MY ROAD TO RECOVERY HERE IN FLORIDA. TODAY, I START OUT ON ANOTHER ROAD, TO TRY AND HEAL AN ENTIRE NATION.

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THEY BELIEVE IN COMPETITION -- WHETHER IT PROMOTES NEW ENERGY SOURCES AT HOME OR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM ABROAD. THEY'RE NOT AFRAID TO COMPETE -- BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT AFRAID TO WIN. AND NEITHER ARE WE.

WE HAVE TO BE TOUGH, MY FRIENDS. WE LIVE IN A DANGEROUS AND UNCERTAIN WORLD. BUT WE HAVE TO BE COMPASSIONATE TOO. THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE WANT WHEN THEY CRY OUT FOR LEADERSHIP -- NOT A PRESIDENT LARGER THAN LIFE, BUT A PRESIDENT WHO CARES ABOUT AVERAGE LIVES, AND MAKING THEM BETTER WHILE PRESERVING THE FREEDOM THAT IS AMERICA'S GREAT HERITAGE.

A VISION FOR THE 80'S

SO I ASK YOU TO PONDER -- WHAT SHALL WE OFFER THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN 1980?

IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO SAY THAT JIMMY CARTER FAILED AND WE'RE AVAILABLE. IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO SAY THAT TED KENNEDY IS A LIBERAL BOGEYMAN WHO WOULD SPEND THIS COUNTRY INTO BANKRUPTCY. NO -- WE HAVE TO OFFER SOMETHING MORE POSITIVE THAN MERE PARTISANSHIP.

TO OUR ELDERLY, WE MUST GIVE SUPPORT THAT IS NOT GRUDGING, BUT LOVING - BECAUSE THEY'VE EARNED IT. TO THE HANDICAPPED, THE DISADVANTAGED, AND ALL THOSE LEFT OUT OF THE BOUNTIES OF FREE ENTERPRISE, WE MUST TAKE THEM OFF THE TREADMILL OF WELFARE AND STRENGTHEN THE MARKETPLACE TO GIVE THEM THEIR FAIR CHANCE. TO THE SMALL BUSINESSMAN, WE MUST MAKE OUR ECONOMY SAFE FOR INDIVIDUAL AMBITION. WE MUST CUT DOWN THE FOREST OF RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT DISCOURAGE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WANT NOTHING MORE THAN THE CHANCE TO EARN THEIR WAY IN THE WORLD, AND BUILD UP SOMETHING TO HAND ON TO THEIR CHILDREN.

TO THE MIDDLE CLASS, WE MUST RESTORE THE STRENGTH OF THE DOLLAR, AND CUT THE BUREAUCRATIC CHAINS THAT TELL ~~US~~<sup>US</sup> HOW TO LIVE OUR LIVES AND HOW TO SPEND ~~OUR~~ DOLLARS.

FINALLY -- AND MOST IMPORTANT -- TO OUR YOUNG, WE MUST PROVIDE A NATION THAT LIVES UP TO THEIR GRANDEST VISIONS. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, WE'VE ALL SEEN THE PICTURES OF COLLEGE KIDS HOLDING HIGH THE AMERICAN FLAG. WE'VE NEVER BEEN PROUDER OF OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS.

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WHAT KIND OF COUNTRY WILL WE GIVE THEM, MY FRIENDS? THAT'S  
WHAT THIS ELECTION IS ALL ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT YOU WILL  
INFLUENCE BY THE BALLOTS YOU CAST TODAY.

YOU AND I SHARE THE SAME VISION OF THE FUTURE. WE HAVE  
FOUGHT TOGETHER THE SAME BATTLES IN THE PAST. NOW WE ARE  
LAUNCHED ON A NEW STRUGGLE. IT WON'T BE EASY. BUT NOTHING GREAT  
IS EVER OBTAINED WITHOUT EXERTION. THIRTY FOUR YEARS AGO  
I STARTED MY ROAD TO RECOVERY HERE IN FLORIDA. TODAY, I  
START OUT ON ANOTHER ROAD, TO TRY AND HEAL AN ENTIRE NATION.

I ASK YOUR SUPPORT AND I PLEDGE YOU MY UNTIRING EFFORTS  
TO RESTORE STRENGTH AND COMPETENCE TO THE PRESIDENCY OF  
THE UNITED STATES. JOIN WITH ME, AND WE SHALL MAKE  
AMERICA ONCE AGAIN WHAT SHE WAS MEANT BY GOD TO BE -- THE  
LAST BEST HOPE OF FREEDOM ON THIS EARTH.

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REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

FLORIDA REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE CONFERENCE

Orlando, Florida  
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Many of you know me through my travels as National Chairman of our party, and as President Ford's running mate in 1976. At one time or another, you've probably seen me campaigning for Republican candidates in virtually every one of Florida's 67 counties. So, I'm delighted to be back. After all, this party is my home. And you also know I've tried to keep a sense of humor about politics, to take issues more seriously than I take myself.

But today is too serious for jokes. For me, this Convention represents in a sense the real beginning of my campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

I look forward to comparing my record with those of my fellow candidates. I think we need more attention focused on these records — and I hope we'll continue to debate the issues all the way to Detroit. What I want to give you today is not one more plea for leadership. I want to give you a plan to achieve it.

FACING FACTS ABROAD

Let's face facts. We have in the White House a decent man, who thinks that personal decency alone is enough to hold our own in the modern world. In the name of so-called decency, he has canceled the B-1 bomber, delayed the MX missile, cut back on reconnaissance flights over Cuba. He has broken relations unilaterally with Taiwan, signed away the Panama Canal, and turned his back on American allies spanning the globe.

Worst of all, he has accepted the dangerous and unjust assumption of the post-Vietnam era — that if only America will stop making trouble abroad, then we can all live peacefully in a perfect world. Well, that's hogwash. If the world is imperfect, it is because the Soviet Union and its hired allies insist on pursuing their age old vision of global domination.

To ignore that fact is not decency, my friends. It is wishful thinking. It is a blueprint for international disaster.

Then again, this Administration has conducted foreign affairs like some sort of deadly surprise party. They were surprised in Iran. They were surprised in Southeast Asia. They were surprised in Nicaragua. They were surprised in Afghanistan. They were surprised in Rhodesia.

After getting over their initial surprise, they have systematically thrown our friends to packs of anti-Americans wolves — then been surprised again when the wolves haven't expressed their gratitude for our generosity.

We don't have an administration in power in Washington: We have an Administration in paralysis.

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### PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

A President of the United States needs more than individual decency -- he needs a backbone.

I know something about backbone. When I was flown back from Italy after World War I, it was here to a Florida hospital. And I had 39 months to do some long, hard thinking about war and peace. Not many in this hall know more about war than I do. Not many here have had a more personal experience on the battlefield. And no one is a more passionate partisan for peace.

But how do you achieve peace? Peace is more than the mere absence of shooting. Peace is a fragile structure, based upon military strength and coherent diplomacy.

Only a nation willing to stand by its friends can hope to keep those friends. That means standing by our one historic unshakeable ally in the Middle East, the state of Israel. That means standing by our traditional allies in Europe, and providing the NATO alliance with something better than weapons twenty years out of date. That means standing up to the mobs -- and standing up for the ideals we have fought and bled and died for.

We're supposed to be a great nation -- well I say let's start acting like one. A great nation doesn't slash its Navy to less than 400 ships. A great nation doesn't turn it back on its POW's and MIA's. And a great nation doesn't give away the Canal it built and operated in Panama because a dictator and his carefully rehearsed mobs threaten us.

No -- these are tough times. And it's going to take a strong experienced man to reorder our priorities. The people of this country are willing to move forward. They don't want to hear doom and gloom -- they want solutions instead of slogans. That's what they mean when they insist on leadership for the 80's.

### EARNING THE RIGHT TO GOVERN

A political party exists to govern. But first it must earn the right to govern. I think I've earned that right.

As the Senior Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, I've fought to further the concept of home health care, and to safeguard the Social Security Trust Fund, so that you who have earned a decent retirement will actually receive it. I'm the only Republican candidate who has served in both the House and Senate -- and I'm the only one who has actually cast a vote against the multi-million dollar giveaway of our Canal in Panama.

I've gone toe to toe with Ted Kennedy on health insurance, national defense, excessive federal regulation and a bloated federal budget. We're on the same committee -- we even have our offices in the same corridor. Needless to say, his is 50 yards to the left of mine. I know how to debate Teddy: and how to win. What does he know about agriculture, a vital industry in Florida? Or about the struggling to make ends meet which so many of our retired citizens find themselves forced to do? What does he really know about what the average American wants in 1980?

### TAX RELIEF FOR THE 80'S

Americans want tax relief. Last year, 77% of all American taxpayers paid higher taxes just because inflation pushed them into higher brackets. The average Florida taxpayer was hit with a bill for \$ 111 solely because Washington could not restrain its natural inclination to spend all of us into the poorhouse. That's the biggest windfall tax of all -- and I want to stop it. That's why I've introduced legislation to index the tax system -- and thus protect the living standards of millions of middle income and retired people.

I think that's the best kind of tax reform we can have. But not Senator Kennedy.

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Americans want their economy productive once more, and competitive abroad as well as at home. So I'm working to reduce excessive federal regulation. Do you know that the federal rulemakers add two thousand dollars or more to the pricetag of a new house? Or \$666 to a new car?

It's to stop that kind of thing that I've introduced a bill in the Senate to require any federal agency from proving the need for any new rule before it can be enacted -- and giving the private sector a chance to disprove that need as well.

I think it's long overdue that we pass a series of tax cuts and credits, to provide incentive to business and individuals to invest. We can reverse the scandalous decline in national investment and productivity -- for instance by excluding some interest and dividend income from taxation. I'm working to restore the day when words like profit and incentive are no longer thought of as dirty words to be avoided in polite conversation. But not Senator Kennedy.

#### ATTACKING INFLATION AT ITS ROOTS

And it's time to stop merely talking about inflation. It's time to attack it at its roots. I'm pushing a constitutional amendment to place stiff limits on both federal taxation and federal spending. Only when Washington gets its house in order can you begin to breathe easy and know that your dollar will be worth more than the paper it's printed on.

I want to create new jobs and bring our cities back to life -- not by throwing billions of federal dollars at existing problems, but by luring billions of dollars of private investment. But not Senator Kennedy.

#### PRODUCING OUR WAY OUT OF THE ENERGY CRISIS

Finally, we've all heard about the energy crisis. But it doesn't have to be a crisis. It can be the first step toward getting this country off its knees to the blackmailers of OPEC. We're all for conservation -- but conservation alone isn't good enough.

We need to produce our way out of this crisis, just as we produced our way to victory in World War II. We need to mobilize all our talents and every ounce of experience possessed by private citizens and private industry. The Department of Energy won't produce the oil and gas we need. But the private sector can.

So let's give free enterprise the tools to do the job -- but never at the expense of the American consumer. I support a fair windfall profits tax. In fact, I've been unable to spend more time in Florida the last few weeks because I've been tied up in the debate going on in the Senate Finance Committee over what kind of tax we were going to pass, and what degree of incentive we were going to provide.

#### WHO SPEAKS FOR THE PEOPLE?

Senator Kennedy says he speaks for the people. He says the people want more bureaucracy, more red tape, more government intrusion in their lives. Well, I think I know a little more about the people than Senator Kennedy -- because I'm one of them.

I come from a small town in the heartland of America, where you don't need government to instill compassion for your neighbor.

My neighbors sustained me when I was hurt in war. They sent me to Washington to represent them for the last 19 years. And I've never forgotten what it is they believe in.

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When you ask why Bob Dole for President, I can respond by reciting my Kansas and Senate record, my national campaign experience, the confidence that Jerry Ford placed in me as his choice for Vice President in 1976. Or I could tell you about Russell, and what it is my neighbors instilled in me as a boy.

They taught me that America is the greatest country on the face of the earth - not because government made it so, but because government encouraged the natural genius of the American people. They taught me that we shall remain a great power -- just as long as we display guts instead of grits.

They believe in competition -- whether it promotes new energy sources at home or the cause of freedom abroad. They're not afraid to compete -- because they're not afraid to win. And neither are we.

We have to be tough, my friends. We live in a dangerous and uncertain world. But we have to be compassionate too. That's what people want when they cry out for leadership -- not a president larger than life, but a president who cares about average lives, and making them better while preserving the freedom that is America's great heritage.

#### A VISION FOR THE 80'S

So I ask you to ponder-- what shall we offer the American people in 1980?

It's not enough to say that Jimmy Carter failed and we're available. It's not enough to say that Ted Kennedy is a liberal bogeyman who would spend this country into bankruptcy. No -- we have to offer something more positive than mere partisanship.

To our elderly, we must give support that is not grudging, but loving - because they've earned it. To the handicapped, the disadvantaged, and all those left out of the bounties of free enterprise, we must take them off the treadmill of welfare and strengthen the marketplace to give them their fair chance. To the small businessman, we must make our economy safe for individual ambition. We must cut down the forest of rules and regulations that discourage men and women who want nothing more than the chance to earn their way in the world, and build up something to hand on to their children.

To the middle class, we must restore the strength of the dollar, and cut the bureaucratic chains that tell you how to live our lives and how to spend your dollars.

Finally -- and most important -- to our young, we must provide a nation that lives up to their grandest visions. In the last few days, we've all seen the pictures of college kids holding high the American flag. We've never been prouder of our sons and daughters.

What kind of country will we give them, my friends? That's what this election is all about. That's what you will influence by the ballots you cast today.

You and I share the same vision of the future. We have fought together the same battles in the past. Now we are launched on a new struggle. It won't be easy. But nothing great is ever obtained with exertion. Thirty four years ago I started my road to recovery here in Florida. Today, I start out on another road, to try and heal an entire nation.

I ask your support and I pledge you my untiring efforts to restore strength and competence to the presidency of the United States. Join with me, and we shall make America once again what she was meant by God to be -- the last best hope of freedom on this Earth.

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