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TODAY OUR POLITICAL PARTY FACES FEWER PROBLEMS THAN IT DID A YEAR AGO. WE HAVE MANY REASONS FOR BEING OPTIMISTIC.

BEFORE DETAILING THE REASONS FOR GROWING OPTIMISM, LET ME SAY THAT AS A MINORITY PARTY, IT IS OUR TASK TO CARRY THE TORCH OF DISSENT RESPONSIBLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY. IN DOING THIS. WE LOOK FORWARD. NOT BACKWARD.

OUR TASK DEMANDS FROM US ONLY THE STRENGTH WE POSSESS. REPUBLICANS ARE USING THAT STRENGTH-- REFUSING TO RUN AWAY FROM CHALLENGES----AND WE ARE GAINING GROUND ALL ACROSS THE NATION.

AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN A RESURGENCE OF STRENGTH, WE MUST CONTINUE TO EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL, SELF-RESTRAINT.....WE MUST DISCIPLINE OURSELVES TO BE TEAM PLAYERS--- REPUBLICAN TEAM PLAYERS WHO PUT OUR PARTY AND ITS PHILOSOPHIES FIRST.

THERE IS NO PLACE IN OUR RANKS FOR THOSE INSISTING ON PROMOTING THEIR OWN SELFISH IDEAS WITHOUT REGARD FOR REPUBLICAN PARTY IN ITS ENTIRITY.

IN APPROACHING THE JOBS OF THIS YEAR IN PARTICULAR, I BELIEVE WE CAN TAKE MANY OF OUR GUIDELINES FROM THE RESULTS OF A NATIONAL POLITICAL POLL RELEASED NOT SO LONG AGO.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT 57 PERCENT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THEIR OWN CONGRESSMAN. ONLY 19 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE KNEW HOW THEIR CONGRESSMAN STOOD ON MAJOR ISSUES.

OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE DANGERS IN THIS WIDESPREAD COMPLACENCY. FOR THE HOPES OF HAVING A BETTER AMERICA CAN BE DIMMED WHEN SO MANY OF OUR CITIZENS STAND ON THE SIDELINES WHILE THE REAL STRUGGLE IS FOUGHT IN THE CHAMBERS OF GOVERNMENT.

HOWEVER, THIS LACK OF POLITICAL AWARENESS AMONG SO MANY AMERICANS OFFERS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY.

THE CHALLENGE IS TO SHARPEN THE AWARENESS, TO REPLACE THE COMPLACENCY WITH AN INTENSE INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT.

THE OPPORTUNITY IS TO SELL THE IDEA THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HOLDS MORE PROMISE FOR A BETTER AMERICA, A BETTER SOCIETY, AND MORE INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM.

WHAT ARGUMENTS DO WE USE IN SELLING THE REPUBLICAN IDEA?

THEY ARE FOUND IN THE ALWAYS UNFINISHED TASK OF MAKING AMERICA UNITED, STRONG AND FREE.

THE THREE TYPES OF PROBLEMS IN DOMESTIC POLICY, WHICH ARE EITHER UNSOLVED OR IGNORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE PROBLEMS ARE.

ONE---INCREASING JOBS AND PRODUCTION
WITHOUT INFLATION.

TWO---MOVING AHEAD TOWARD EQUALITY
FOR ALL CITIZENS.

THREE--IMPROVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND
ITS SERVICES.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO WORK
TOWARD SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS. ONE COMMON
REMEDY AFFECTS ALL THREE.....THAT REMEDY
IS EDUCATION.

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT IS A
PROBLEM OF THE YOUNG, INEXPERIENCED, UNSKILLED
PERSON WITH INADEQUATE SCHOOLING.

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE MORE AND BETTER
SCHOOLING WILL CALM RACIAL TENSIONS AND
SPEED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS FOR ALL
AMERICANS.

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IMPROVED EDUCATION WILL
HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT BY
ENLIGHTENING THE ELECTORS---AND THE ELECTED.

EVERY YOUTH MUST BE ENCOURAGED TO PURSUE HIS EDUCATION AS FAR AS HIS TALENTS AND ABILITY WILL TAKE HIM----THATS WHAT REPUBLICANS BELIEVE!

DROP-OUTS MUST BE ENCOURAGED TO RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR AN EDUCATION OR TRAINING-----THATS WHAT REPUBLICANS BELIEVE!

PEOPLE ALREADY WORKING SHOULD BE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS OR TO LEARN NEW ONES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR EARNING POWER—THATS A REPUBLICAN IDEA!

THESE, AND OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CANNOT---AND CERTAINLY, SHOULD NOT---BE DONE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALONE.

HOWEVER, OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CAN PROMOTE THESE EFFORTS WITHOUT CLAMPING IRON-FIST CONTROL AROUND THE THROATS OF STATES. CITIES. COMMUNITIES---AND THE INDIVIDUALS OF AMERICA.

CONGRESS SHOULD FIND A WAY TO EASE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF GOING TO COLLEGE. REPUBLICANS HAVE THE ANSWER.

WE PROPOSE A FEDERAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS.

OUR HUMAN INVESTMENT ACT WOULD DO MUCH MORE THAN EASE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.

IT WOULD BRING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE MORE EFFECTIVELY TO BEAR ON THE PROBLEM OF CREATING PRODUCTIVE JOBS FOR THE POOR.

I WOULD LIKE TO INJECT A FOOTNOTE HERE.....

IN SELLING OUR REPUBLICAN PHILOSOPHY YOU CAN SHOW THAT WE BELIEVE IN LIBERATING THE WAR ON POVERTY FROM WASTE, CONTROVERSY AND THE TENNACLES OF POLITICAL BOSSISM.

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IN COMBINING COMPASSION WITH COMPETANCE. WE WILL NOT SACRIFICE POOR PEOPLE.

THE LESS FORTUNATE MUST BE HELPED TO HELP THEMSELVES...THEY MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT POLICY DECISIONS AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL.... THE STATES SHOULD BE PARTNERS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE WAR ON POVERTY, NOT PAWNS IN THE HANDS OF WASHINGTON CZARS AND GREEDY POLITICAL BOSSES.

TOO OFTEN UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION RULES IN WAGING A WAR ON POVERTY, STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FIND THEMSELVES HELPLESS TO OVERCOME THE OVERBEARANCE OF FEDERAL ADMINISTRATORS. LOCAL COMMUNITY VOICES AND OPINIONS ARE SMOTHERED BY ADMINISTRATION POWER..

IT IS TIME FEDERAL POVERTY FIGHTERS STOP FIGHTING EACH OTHER....IT IS TIME THE WAR ON POVERTY IS CONDUCTED MORE PROPERLY AND IN A MORE ORDERLY, RESPONSIBLE WAY.

WE CAN ASK HOW MANY OF THE POOR HAVE ~~RECEIVED~~ ACTUALLY RECEIVED ANY OF THE TWENTY-THREE HUNDRED MILLION TAXPAYER DOLLARS FROM THE PRESENT WAR ON POVERTY....TRAGICALLY. VERY FEW.

WE CAN ASK HOW MANY ADMINISTRATION BUREACRATIC CZARS AND POLITICAL BOSSES LINED UP AT THE PUBLIC TROUGH HAVE FATTENED THEIR INCOMES ON THE POVERTY WAR PAYROLLS.....TRAGICALLY, TOO MANY.

WE CAN ASK HOW MUCH OF THE WAR ON POVERTY EFFORT IS DIRECTED TOWARD WINNING VOTES FOR THE DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATION?.....I HAVE FAITH IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND IN THEIR ABILITY TO THROW OFF THE ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO BURY THEIR OPINIONS UNDER A WELTER OF POLITICAL GIMMICKS AND CATCHY SLOGANS&

WE CAN QUESTION THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR ON POVERTY UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS WHEN THE COMMANDERS ARE MIRED IN THE MUD OF POLITICAL BOSSISM.

REPUBLICANS WILL OFFER SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO REDIRECT THIS PROGRAM SO THAT ITS GOALS CAN BE REACHED WITHOUT SHAMEFUL WASTE, SCANDAL AND BUREAUCRATIC DONNYBROOKS.



IN THE AREA OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ~~REPUBLIC~~
REPUBLICANS-----UNLIKE THE DEMOCRATS---
KNOW THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH NEEDS
REFORM.

PLUGGING THE CRACKS WITH POLITICAL PUTTY
IS NOT THE ANSWER...NEITHER IS THE CREATION
OF NEW DEPARTMENTS THAT ONLY SWELL THE
WIDENING SEA OF BUREAUCRACY.

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAS BECOME A POLITICAL
JUNGLE. IT NEEDS TO BE CUT BACK AFTER
ITS WILD GROWTH IS CAREFULLY EXPLORED.

REPUBLICANS URGE A NEW AND INDEPENDENT
BIPARTISAN COMMISSION WITH THE JOB OF
RECOMMENDING SUBSTANTIAL. MEANINGFUL
REFORMS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF
GOVERNMENT.

LETS TURN TO ANOTHER AREA WHERE WE HAVE
AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THE FACTS IN FOCUS
FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.



AMONG MAJOR ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF REPUBLICAN STEWARDSHIP OF GOVERNMENT IS THE SHARPLY RISING COST OF LIVING UNDER THE DEMOCRATS.

IT COSTS 2 PERCENT MORE TO LIVE THAN IT DID A YEAR AGO. AMERICANS HAVE LESS TO SPEND ON NECESSITIES. WITH HIGHER LIVING COST COMES INFLATION, WHICH IS MAINLY THE RESULT OF A LEVIATHAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING BEYOND THE NATIONS MEANS.

THE ADMINISTRATIONS REQUEST FOR \$55 BILLION TO KEEP ITS ALLEGED GREAT SOCIETY SCHEME FROM FALLING APART COMPLETELY MUST BE CUT DOWN TO SENSIBLE SIZE. REPUBLICANS PLEDGE TO DO ALL WE CAN IN THIS EFFORT.

THE PRESIDENT---AS COMMANDER-CHIEF---IS RUNNING A WAR IN VIET NAM AT A FANTASTIC COST TO THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS. I EMPHASIZE THAT WHATEVER IS NEEDED---REALLY NEEDED---MUST BE PROVIDED IN MAINTAINING NATIONAL SECURITY.

BUT...WE MUST REDUCE NON-ESSENTIAL DOMESTIC SPENDING OR HAVE A GENERAL TAX INCREASE. REPUBLICANS SEE NO NEED FOR NEW TAXES AT THIS TIME.

IN OUR CRUSADE FOR REPUBLICANISM, WE SHOULD REMIND AMERICANS THAT LAWS PASSED LAST YEAR BY THE DEMOCRAT-DOMINATED CONGRESS ACTUALLY INCREASES TAXES....THE LAWS DO NOT---AS THE ADMINISTRATION ATTEMPTS TO CLAIM---REDUCE TAXES.

IN THIS CRUCIAL ELECTION YEAR, VOTERS SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT REPUBLICANS PROPOSE TO LEAD THE WAY IN THE REFORM OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS.

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE IN:

- GUARDING AGAINST ABUSES IN THE RAISING AND USE OF POLITICAL FUNDS
- RAISING THE CEILING ON POLITICAL SPENDING TO REALISTIC LEVELS
- EFFECTIVELY PROHIBITING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CORPORATIONS AND LABOR UNIONS
- MEANINGFUL REPORTING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

ANOTHER STRONG ARGUMENT ON THE SIDE OF REPUBLICANISM IS OUR PARTYS BELIEF IN A SYSTEM OF TAX SHARING. THIS WOULD RETURN TO THE STATES A PERCENTAGE OF PERSONAL INCOME TAX WITHOUT IRON-CLAD FEDERAL CONTROLS.

THE MONEY WOULD HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS IN THEIR OWN WAYS.

IN CONTRAST, THE ADMINISTRATION WANTS CENTRALIZED AUTHORITY. IT PREFERS TO IGNORE, BYPASS AND UNDERMINE STATE RESPONSIBILITIES BY CONCENTRATING THE BULK OF POWER AND CONTROL ~~IN~~ ^{IN} WASHINGTON.

IN THE AREA OF CIVIL RIGHTS, REPUBLICANS VIEW RECENT PROGRESS AS ENCOURAGING. IT IS NOT ENOUGH.

WE BELIEVE NO CITIZEN SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH ONLY PROMISES OF A BETTER TOMORROW.

EVERY CITIZEN HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPECT
THAT THE CONSTITUTION BE PUT IN EFFECT
EVERYWHERE...NOW. HESITANT ADMINISTRATION
OF EXISTING LAWS MAKES THEM LESS EFFECTIVE
THAN THEY SHOULD BE.

REPUBLICANS INSIST ON ONE KIND OF JUSTICE--
THERE SHOULD NOT BE TWO KINDS OF JUSTICE...
ONE FOR WHITES, ANOTHER FOR NON-WHITES.

FINALLY, REPUBLICANS WILL NOT SACRIFICE
OUR IDEALS. WE BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT
SHOULD SERVE THE PEOPLE.

I HAVE GIVEN YOU SOME SOUND ARGUMENTS IN
SUPPORT OF REPUBLICANISM. TOGETHER WE
SHOULD USE THEM IN SELLING AMERICA ON
RETURNING GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE BY
ELECTING MORE REPUBLICANS.

LETS APPROACH OUR JOB WITH OPTIMISM...
SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER. VICTORIES ARE
WITHIN REACH. AS WE WIN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
WIN&...SHOULD WE LOSE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
WOULD LOSE.....I PREDICT VICTORIES--THANKS
TO THE EFFORTS OF YOU AND ALL OTHER
REPUBLICANS.

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