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Excerpts from a speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich)  
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Subject: What a young Republican can for the the ~~Party~~ *Party.*

The first step is to study the history of the Republican Party, its basic philosophies and the relevancy of its principles to today's world. There is no substitute for this knowledge.

Secondly, I suggest volunteering to work for the Party at the local level in a dedicated way.

As a third step, I recommend discussing politics and government with other young people. Having become knowledgeable about the Party's history and background, the person taking part in discussions with others can explain the Republican philosophy.

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~~Taking an active part in a political party is patriotism~~ in action.  
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This is a share of duty to accept the responsibility involved in building a better, stronger America. In so doing, we will strengthen the free world.

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I urge Young Republicans to be fully aware that individual freedom of action and choice is the major motivating factor that built this Nation over nearly a 200-year period of time.

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There is a need for the imagination, talent and ~~the~~ will-to-work of young people. From your ranks will come the leaders, who will face mighty challenges, seek higher goals, assume greater duties and accept broader responsibilities.

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Republicans must have creative ideas and constructive proposals to solve admitted national problems. As a political party, we must earn the confidence and trust of the American people.

Republican task forces are currently developing ideas in many areas, including economic opportunity, Congressional reform and financing.

The goal is to get results with real meaning for every American by helping guide the Nation toward freedom, security, peace and well-being--- with fiscal responsibility.

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The Republican Party in 1966 can expect victories. We must meet difficulties head-on with energy and with unity.

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