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Building for the GOP future

Subject: What a young Republican can do for the Party

First step is to study the history of the Republican Party, its basic philosophies and the relevancy of its principles to today's world.

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

Thirdly, I recommend discussing politics and government with other young people,.....in so doing, you can explain the Republican philosophy to others,



YOUNG GOP SCHOOL

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Taking an active part in a political party is patriotism in action. This is a share of duty to accept the responsibility involved in building a better, stronger America.

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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. ~~_____~~



There is a need for the imagination, talent and 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.

Republicans must have creative ideas and constructive proposals to solve admitted national problems. We must earn the trust and confidence of the American people.



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

(EXPAN D ON THE REPUBLICAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE...membership, goals, etc.)

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

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Before outlining a Republican "blueprint of action" ⁽³⁾
for the future - let's analyze the present.

1). Republican Party is at its lowest point,
numerically speaking since 1936.

NUMBERS
BAD

Rubber-stamps
Have no Rights - LAW
Voting Rights -
Nasser -
Education -
WORK
WILL

1). House - 284/141

2). Senate - 68/32

3). Governors - 2 to 1

14) State Legislatures.



2) On the other hand the Democratic Party ⁽⁴⁾
record is vulnerable - they have a 4 year
record of efficiency rather results. The truth
is America is skating on thin ice
A long list of indictments should be vigorously
presented to the American people:

An indictment
with a long list of
Bill of Particulars

1). Agriculture - their programs have not helped
farmer
consumer
taxpayer

2). Balance of Payments - each year our gold reserves dwindle
faith in America's currency is less & less.

3). Budget - In the first 5 yrs of this Democratic
Administration - ^{since 1961} accumulated deficits of \$34 billion, national
debt 325



4) Sponsors of an ever increasing & more powerful federal or central government. (42)

As they demand for the spending of more federal ^{spends} money, more employees & a bigger concentration of centralized POWER.

Do they ever tell the American people that a government big enough

Sometimes individuals don't know what is really happening to them. Rhinoceros story -

5) Viet Nam - \$3 billion

\$800 million per yr.

23000 military personnel.

Policies have produced no results - Communists have been encouraged & our South Viet Nam

10 yr. line
Red Sea

I often ask myself why I am concerned about the Republican Party (6)

The answer is simple - The Republican Party is the only vehicle by which millions of Americans can express their political philosophy. This philosophy, in my judgment, is the best for America.



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A friend of mine in ~~the~~ Michigan - a writer & philosopher - has described, ^{in the tradition of Abraham Lincoln} America, as a place - where a man can live deeper, reach higher, see farther, think bigger & grow greater than anywhere else on earth."

As I see it / It is the dedicated mission of the Republican Party to preserve these opportunities for future generations.

This means the Republican Party must EARN ⑧ the respect of the American people: We must use our hands & our brains as did ^{hardly} those pioneers who built a strong America from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

We must sell our story at every factory gate, to every dockside, to every farmhouse, to every home.



The Republican Program is sound, constructive, it is one of progress. (9)

1). We must be unified. Republican philosophy is broad enough to be inclusive, not exclusive.

a) ~~for action on~~ Ray Bliss will do an excellent job as National Chairman.

b). Republican Coordinating Committee.

c). ~~Recruit our youth~~
Build up our Teen age Republicans, Young Republicans
College Republicans, Women Republicans, Senior Citizens

2). We must be creative. We must generate ideas + translate these ideas into PROGRAMS. (10)
America does have problems at home & overseas.
Democrats have no monopoly on the solutions to these problems.

We must change the IMAGE of the Republican Party from that of persistent opposition to that of constructive alternatives.
Harris!

5) Finally we must be The Political Party deeply dedicated to the preservation of our American system of Government. (13)

Two questions which are easy to answer must be answered

- 1). Is it the best system?
- 2). Is it in jeopardy?

Is it the best? (14)

Almost 200 yrs - wise & gifted men

Separation of powers - checks & balances

Two party system - History reveals the strength of the two party system - 1 Party multiple Party

RESULT - from 13 colonies to 50 states

Is it in jeopardy?

Growing power - Executive / Judicial

Ever increasing strength of

Frankly ~~Will~~ not here to

- 1) condemn what or who caused the defeat Nov. 3
- 2). bemoan our fate or look fearfully at the future

We are here only because ~~We~~ firmly believe The Republican Party
Has - 1). a good cause
2). can WIN

- 3). Must prevail for the preservation +
expansion of those principles of
government that have made America
the symbol + the leader in the cause of Freedom



I end as I began

We know where we stand

We " what we must do

We realize the high stakes - the very
survival of our Nation

As individuals, as a political party we know
our duty to America. We must accept the

CHALLENGE.

We must move forward
We will

