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Excerpts from a speech  
Iowa City Oct. 19, 1965

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I believe we must all be just Republicans. Let's leave the squabbling, the back-stabbing, the selfish going-it-alone to the Democrats.

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Collectively and individually, Young Republicans know something can be done to win Republican victories.

You know that our Party has a good cause, can win, and must prevail for the preservation and expansion of those principles of government that have made America the symbol and leader in the cause of freedom.

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The Democrat Party's record is vulnerable. It has a four-year record of expediency rather than results. Despite the chest pounding about the Great Society achievements, the truth is that the Congress has adopted legislation long on quantity and short on quality. America is on thin ice.

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We believe much federal spending is mishandled. Along with this has come misleading information and suppression of what should be public records.

In Washington, the symbol for the Administration has become known as Uncle Sham. It is, indeed, government by sham.

More news releases, but fewer facts, are turned out by the Administration than ever before.

Republicans in Congress find it difficult to get straight information from federal agencies.

The news media also finds it difficult to fully report government operations.

And, in Congress the Democrats in control have let the investigative power of the House and Senate wither and die.

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Excerpts from a speech by Rep. Gerald R. Ford  
GOP

There are issues for the Republican Party. The Democrats help create them. For example, millions of Americans are learning that the Great Society means slimmer bank accounts, more taxes arbitrarily taken from their paychecks, and few dollars to spend on necessities.

They are discovering that a government big enough to give them everything they want is big enough to take from them everything they have.

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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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Our party must earn the respect of the American people. We must use our hands and our minds as did the hardy pioneers who built a strong America from sea to shining sea.

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

We must change the image of the Republican Party from that of persistent opposition to that of constructive alternatives. We must convince citizens in all segments of our society that we are concerned with their problems; that we care about them individually and collectively.

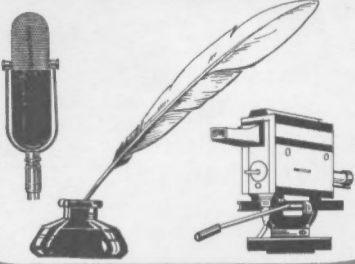
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We believe:

- \* An individual has a God-given dignity and government exists to serve each person.
- \* Each individual has the right and responsibility to govern himself within the framework of law and order.
- \* The basic function of government is to maintain an environment in which all individuals can freely develop.
- \* Government should act to help establish conditions of equal opportunity for all people.
- \* Private ownership and free enterprise best serve economic progress.

We know where we stand. We know what we must do. We realize the high stakes--- the survival of our Nation.

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