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as this President does, that

~~IT'S~~ IT'S EASY TO SAY THINGS ARE GREAT. AND TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, I AGREE: THIS IS THE GREATEST, MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH. AND I'M PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN.

BUT ONE OF THE KEYS TO OUR GREATNESS IS THAT WE'RE A PEOPLE WHO FACE REALITY. THE PEOPLE OF ~~OREGON~~ OREGON DON'T DEAL WITH THEIR PROBLEMS BY BURYING THEIR HEADS IN THE SAND OR THROWING THEIR HANDS IN THE AIR.

YOU DON'T BRUSH ADVERSITY UNDER THE RUG: YOU FACE IT. YOU DON'T RUN FROM CHALLENGE. YOU MEET IT. AND YOU DON'T NEED

~~A PRESIDENT WHO DUCKS THE TOUGH ONES.~~ A PRESIDENT WHO DUCKS THE TOUGH ONES. YOU WANT A LEADER WHO ROLLS UP HIS SLEEVES, TELLS THE TRUTH, AND WORKS BY YOUR SIDE FOR A BETTER AMERICAN FUTURE. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL GET IN FRITZ MONDALE.

WALTER MONDALE AND I WILL TELL YOU THE UNVARNISHED TRUTH. AND HERE IT IS: IF DEFICITS ARE TO COME DOWN, THE NEXT PRESIDENT, NO MATTER WHO IS ELECTED, WILL HAVE TO SQUEEZE THE BUDGET AND ~~RAISE~~ RAISE TAXES. THE QUESTION IS, WHO DO YOU WANT TO DO THAT? ~~WE~~

NOW YOU'LL NEVER HEAR ~~IT~~ THAT STRAIGHT FROM THE REPUBLICANS. WHEN IT COMES TO DEFICITS, MR. REAGAN FIRST SAYS THEY DON'T MATTER. THEN HE BLAMES THE DEMOCRATS. AND THEN HE SAYS THE DEFICIT IS BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF ITSELF.

AND WHEN IT COMES TO TAXES, FIRST MR. REAGAN SAID HE WOULDN'T RAISE THEM. THEN MR. BUSH SAID THEY WOULD. THEN MR. REAGAN SAID MAYBE. AND NOW THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM SAYS THEY WON'T.

WHY ALL THE DANCING AROUND? IF ~~THE~~ DEFICITS ARE BAD -- AND THEY CERTAINLY ARE -- THEN LET'S REDUCE THEM. IF THE BUDGET MUST BE SQUEEZED AND TAXES MUST GO UP -- AND THEY MUST -- THEN LET'S SQUEEZE THE BUDGET AND RAISE TAXES FAIRLY. AND IF OUR LEADERS WONT LEVEL WITH US -- THEN LET'S REPLACE THEM.

spend some time with small business owners as seen here who were hurting

It's the same remark
Do they like the American people? People are stupid?
just ask farmers & small businessmen

~~THE~~ SECOND, WE WILL HAVE A STRONGER ECONOMY WHEN WE USE THE TALENTS OF ALL OUR PEOPLE.

WHEN WE LET YOUNG MINDS GO TO WASTE BECAUSE TEACHERS DON'T HAVE THE TOOLS TO DO THEIR JOBS, WE'RE NOT ONLY HURTING THOSE YOUNGSTERS: WE'RE WEAKENING OUR WHOLE COUNTRY. A MIND IS A TERRIBLE -- AND AN EXPENSIVE -- THING TO WASTE. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD STOP SPENDING SO MUCH ON THE ARMS RACE, AND START SPENDING MORE ON THE HUMAN RACE.

BUT WE SHOULDN'T DO THAT JUST BECAUSE IT'S SMART. IT'S ALSO RIGHT. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THIS CAMPAIGN PUTS TO ~~THE~~ *each of us* AMERICAN PEOPLE IS, WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE WE. IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS, SIX MILLION AMERICANS HAVE JOINED THE ~~XX~~ RANKS OF THE POOR. EIGHT AND A HALF MILLION ARE STILL OUT OF WORK ~~AND~~ AND ONE IN FOUR SMALL CHILDREN LIVES IN POVERTY. *and that doesn't include the discouraged or part time*

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS RESPONDED TO THIS HUMAN TRAGEDY BY CUTTING FOOD STAMPS, THROWING PEOPLE OFF SOCIAL SECURITY, AND REDUCING NEARLY EVERY PROGRAM THAT HELPS POOR MOTHERS AND INFANTS.

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DOES RONALD REAGAN THINK WE ARE?

I AM NOT SEEKING THE VICE PRESIDENCY TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR THE HUNGRY TO EAT, THE COLD TO KEEP WARM, OR THE HOMELESS TO FIND SHELTER. I ~~XX~~ GOT INTO POLITICS IN THE FIRST PLACE TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE, NOT HARM THEM. AND THE BEST WAY YOU AND I CAN HELP THEM IN 1984 IS BY DEFEATING RONALD REAGAN AND ELECTING WALTER MONDALE.

IN THESE WAYS -- BY ~~LE~~ *letting* WITH PEOPLE, BY BEING FAIR, BY MEETING, NOT DUCKING, THE CHALLENGES BEFORE US -- FRITZ MONDALE AND I WILL REBUILD OUR ECONOMY AND STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTRY.

AT THEIR CONVENTION, THE REPUBLICANS MADE MUCH OF THEIR PATRIOTISM. BUT I DON'T THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BUY THE SELF*

CONSCIOUS PATRIOTISM THAT'S MADE ON MADISON AVENUE. THEY FEEL THE SELFLESS, QUIET PATRIOTISM OF MAIN STREET AMERICA.

WHEN SOMEONE FINDS JOBS FOR THE 15,000 JOBLESS IN EUGENE -- THAT WILL BE A PATRIOTIC ACT.

WHEN WE ~~R~~ BETTER HELP TEACHERS EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN -- THAT WILL BE A PATRIOTIC ACT.

WHEN WE PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE TOXIC CHEMICALS THAT THREATEN OUR SAFETY -- THAT WILL BE A PATRIOTIC ACT.

WHEN WE FULLY ENFORCE OUR CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS, AND MAKE THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT A PART OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION -- THAT WILL BE A PATRIOTIC ACT.

WHEN WE FINALLY STOP THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE -- THAT WILL ~~BE~~ A PATRIOTIC ACT.

MR. REAGAN PREACHES LOVE OF COUNTRY, AND I AGREE. BUT I SAY, LET'S LOVE OUR COUNTRYMEN AND WOMEN, TOO. LET'S PUT PEOPLE TO WORK, ENFORCE THE LAWS, PROTECT ~~MMMMMM~~ THIS PLANET, AND KEEP THE PEACE -- THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO HONOR THE AMERICAN ~~MMMMMM~~ FLAG.

THE TIME TO ~~R~~ BEGIN THAT WORK IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

THE TIME TO REGISTER NEW VOTERS IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

THE TIME TO SEIZE OUR FUTURE IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

~~THE TIME TO STOP THE ARMS RACE IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.~~

THE TIME TO ELECT FRITZ MONDALE IS NOT LATER. IT'S NOW.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM RECEPTION. LET'S GO OUT AND WIN THIS ~~MMMMMM~~ X CAMPAIGN FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE -- NOT LATER, BUT NOW.

*I love you
thank for being here!*