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Set 3: gun, polic, crime, assault, law, ban, check, death

Set 4: school, teacher, parent, educ, public, children, choic, student

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BOB DOLE Thank you very much, Jim. Let me first give you a sports update. The Braves, one; the Cardinals, nothing, early on. I want to thank you and I want to thank everybody here tonight. I want to give a special thanks to my wife Elizabeth, my daughter Robin for their love and support, and thank the people who are listening and watching all over America. In 20 days, you will help decide who will lead this country into the next century. Its an awesome responsibility. And you must ask yourself, do you know enough about the candidates? You should know as much as possible about each of us. Sometimes the views have been distorted. Theres been millions and millions of dollars of negative advertising spent distorting my views. But I hope tonight you will get a better feel of who Bob Dole is and what hes all about. And I think first you should — I should understand that the question on your mind is do I understand your problem. Would I understand it if it occurred to me, and I might just say Im from a large family. I got lots of relatives and theyre good, average, middle-class, hardworking Americans. They live all across the country. Theyre not all Republicans. Maybe all but one. But in any event, I understand the problems. Whether its two parents working because one has to pay the taxes and one has to provide for the family, whether its a single parent who just barely pays the pressing bills or whether youre worried about an education for your children going to the best schools, or whether youre worried about safe playgrounds, drug- free schools, crime- free schools. This is what this election is all about. And hopefully tonight when we conclude this debate you will have a better understanding and the viewing and listening audience will have a better understanding. Thank you.

MODERATOR Mr. President, two minutes, opening statement.