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Set 2: mistak, serious, tri, wrong, mayb, charact, seem, disagree

Set 3: invest, econom, economi, growth, grow, creat, unemploy, trickl

Set 4: administr, action, vice, discrimin, upon, subject, feel, strong

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BOB DOLE You may think the biggest employer in America is General Motors, but Ive got news for you. Its Manpower Services. Hiring people temporarily who have lost their jobs and they get to work for 30 days or 60 days. Thats a good economy? I dont think so. Theyre setting new records this year. We had the worst economy in a century. We had the slowest growth, about 2. 5 percent. The president inherited growth of over 5 percent. We dont have the S&L crisis anymore. Republicans have cut 53 billion dollars in spending, thats why the budget looked good. It didnt look good the first two years when we had a Democratic president and Â Democratic Congress.

MODERATOR Next question is for President Clinton. Yes, sir.

AUDIENCE Im Bob Goldfarb. Im a travel agent and can you please explain your policy on the Employment Nondiscrimination Act that would have prohibited discrimination, would have prohibited people from being fired from their jobs simply for being gay or lesbian.

BILL CLINTON Im for it. Thats my policy. Im for it. I believe that any law- abiding, tax-paying citizen who shows up in the morning and doesnt break the law and doesnt interfere with his or her neighbors ought to have the ability to work in our country and shouldnt be subject to unfair discrimination. Im for it. Now, I have a little time left so let me just say that I get attacked so many times on these questions; its hard to answer these things. Senator Dole just said we had the worst economy in the century. In February he said we had the best economy in Â 30 years, just February. And I dont want to respond in kind to all these things. I could. I could answer a lot of these things tit for tat. But I hope we can talk about what were going to do in the future. No attack ever created a job or educated a child, or helped a family make ends meet. No insult ever cleaned up a toxic waste dump or helped an elderly person. Now, for four years thats what I worked on. If you give me four years more I will work on it some more and I will try to answer these charges, but I prefer to emphasize direct answers to the future and I gave you a direct answer.

MODERATOR Senator Dole.

BOB DOLE Well, Im opposed to discrimination in any form but I dont favor creating special rights for any group. That would be my answer to this question. And Im, you know — there would be special rights for different groups in America. But Im totally opposed to discrimination. I dont have any policy against hiring anyone; whether its lifestyle or whatever, we dont have any policy of that kind, never have had in my office or will we have in the future. But as far as special rights, Im opposed to same- sex marriages, which the President signed well after midnight one morning in the dark of night. I opposed it. But I will get back to the economic package because, again, I think this is very important. If theres anything thats going to change America its get the economy growing. The President inherited a good economy, sure the S&L crisis then were selling assets. Got a Republican Congress cutting spending finally and he said its the best four years ever. Thats not true.

We had a 1. 2 million bankruptcy, set a new record. Credit card debt has never been higher. I just told you about this manufacturing job loss which is going to increase. We need a good strong economic package, let the private sector creates the jobs and they can do it.