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BOB DOLE Well, I think age is very — you know, wisdom comes from age, experience and intelligence. And if you have some of each — and I have some age, some experience and some intelligence — that adds up to wisdom. I think it also is a strength. Its an advantage. And I have a lot of young people work in my office, work in my campaign. This is about America. This is about, somebody said earlier, one of the first questions, were together. Its one America, one nation. Im looking at our economic plan because Im concerned about the future for young people. Im looking about drugs. The president has been AWOL for four years. Im looking about crime. Hell claim credit now for crime going down, but it happens because mayors and governors and others have brought crime down. Rudy Giuliani, Mayor of New York, brought crime down 25 percent just in New York City. Of course the president will take credit for that. My view is we want to find jobs and opportunities and education. This year the Republican Congress, as far as student loans went from 24 billion to 36 billion over the next six years. A 50 percent increase. The highest appropriation. 6 billion dollars for Pell Grants, very, very important. We also raised the amount of each Pell Grant. In our economic plan, the \$500 child credit can be used for young people, rolled over and over and over, you, of course not this age, but if you have a child two years old, 7 percent interest would be worth about \$18, 000 by the time that child was ready for college.

BILL CLINTON I can only tell you that I dont think Senator Dole is too old to be president. Its the age of his ideas that I question. Youre almost not old enough to remember this. But we tried this before, promising people an election year tax cut thats not paid for.

BOB DOLE You tried it last time you ran.

BILL CLINTON Tell him you can have everything you got. And so let me just say this. Did you hear him say that Congress just voted to increase student loans and scholarships? They did after he left. The last budget he led cut Pell Grants, cut student loans. I vetoed it when they shut the government down. My plan would give students a dollar- for- dollar reduction for the cost of a typical community college tuition. A \$10, 000 deduction a year for the cost of college tuition. We let families save in an IRA, withdraw tax free to pay for the cost of education and its all paid for. My whole administration is about your future. Its about what the 21st century is going to be like for you. I hope you will look at the ideas in it. Thank you.

BOB DOLE When you dont have any ideas, I guess you say the other persons ideas are old. As I said earlier, they dont have any ideas. Their ideas is to raise taxes and spend more money. Thats the liberal philosophy. Thats what you like, youve got a perfect candidate. President Clinton came to California in 1992. He said the centerpiece in my first four years is going to be a middle class tax cut. Now all you got that tax cut, congratulations. Because you got a big tax increase. You got a 265 billion dollar tax increase. And he stands here and says politicians who make promises like that ought to be ignored. Well he made the

promise. I keep my word, and you will have a tax cut. It will help you in whatever youre going to do in the next few years. Thank you.

MODERATOR Next question is for President Clinton and its from — yes, maam. Yes.

AUDIENCE Hello. My name is Tressia Sanders. And my question is, do you feel that America has grown enough and has educated itself enough to totally cut out Affirmative Action?

BILL CLINTON No, maam, I dont. I am against quotas. Im against giving anybody any kind of preference for something theyre not qualified for. But because I still believe that there is some discrimination and that not everybody has an opportunity to prove theyre qualified, I favor the right kind of Affirmative Action. Ive done more to eliminate Affirmative Action programs I didnt think were fair and tighten others up than my predecessors have, since affirmative actions been around. But I have also worked hard to give people a chance to prove that they are qualified. Let me just give you some examples. Weve doubled the number of loans from the small business administration, tripled the number of loans to women business people, no one unqualified, everybody had to meet the standards. Weve opened 260, 000 new jobs in the military to women since Ive been president. But the joint chiefs say were stronger and more confident and solid than ever. Let me give you another example of what I mean. To me, Affirmative Action is making that extra effort. Its sort of like what Senator Dole did when he sponsored the Americans with Disabilities Act and said to certain stores, okay, you have to make it accessible to people in wheelchairs. We werent guaranteeing anything, anybody anything except the chance to prove they were qualified, the chance to prove that they could do it. And thats why I must say I agree with General Colin Powell that were not there yet. We ought to keep making those extra effort Affirmative Action programs, the law and the policy of the land.

MODERATOR Senator Dole.

BOB DOLE Well, we may not be there yet but were not going to get there by giving preferences and quotas. I supported that route for some time and again I think it gets back to experience. A little experience, a little age, a little intelligence. And I noted that nobody was really benefitting except a very small group at the top. The average person wasnt benefitting. People who had the money were benefiting. People who got all the jobs were benefiting. It seems to me that we ought to support the California civil rights initiative. It ought to be not based on gender or ethnicity or color. Or disability. Im disabled. I shouldnt have a preference. I would like to have one in this race, come to think of it, but I dont get one. Maybe we can work that out. I get a 10- point spot. This is America. No discrimination. Discrimination ought to be punished but there ought to be equal opportunity. We ought to reach out, make certain everybody has a chance to participate. Equal opportunity. But we cannot guarantee equal results in America. Thats not how America became the greatest country on the face of the earth.

BILL CLINTON I have never supported quotas. Ive always been against them. I dont favor equal results, but I do favor making sure everybody has a chance to prove theyre competent. The reason I have opposed that initiative is because Im afraid it will end those extra effort programs. Again I say, think of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Make an effort to put a ramp up there so someone in a wheelchair can get up. You dont guarantee they get the job. You guarantee they have a chance to prove theyre competent. And as I said, this is not

a partisan thing with me. General Colin Powell said the same thing, he fears the initiative would take away the extra effort programs. No preferences to unqualified people, no quotas, but dont give up on making an extra effort until youre sure everybody has a chance to prove theyre qualified.

MODERATOR All right. The next question is for Senator Dole and it comes from this section right here. The back row there in the blue shirt Yes sir. .

AUDIENCE My names Tim David. Im a mechanical engineer. Senator Dole, how do you reduce taxes and balance the budget?

BOB DOLE Well Im glad you asked. Whats your first name?

AUDIENCE Tim.

BOB DOLE I first want to say the President didnt quite give you all of the stuff on the quotas, because the Justice Department had what we called the Piscataway case up in New Jersey. Its pretty clear that was a quota case, and just because one teacher was white and one black and they had the same qualifications, you know they decided who would stay there. It shouldnt be that way. Now, the President can say well he wants to mend it, not end it. There are 168 federal programs that allow quotas. He ended one. Now, this economic package, Tim, Im glad you asked, because you look like the type that might be able to benefit from a 15 percent across- the- board tax cut and \$500- per- child tax credit, or — you know, estate tax relief which youre not interested in right now, but capital gains rate reduction. If youre taking care of an elderly parent, you get a \$1, 000 deduction. We think thats very important because a lot of people take care of their parents. How do we pay for it? You can have a constitutional amendment to balance the budget, which the President opposed and defeated. He twisted arms and got six Democrats to vote with him and lost by one vote. Were going to balance the budget, by the year 2002. The President wants to spend 20 percent more in the next six years, and I want to spend 14 percent more and give that 6 percent back to the people. Remember, its your money; its not his money. And its not my money. Its your money. And you shouldnt have to apologize for wanting to keep all you can of it. But he ought to apologize for wanting to take more and more. He wants to give you sort of a government tax cut, which really doesnt mean anything.

BILL CLINTON You know, one of the responsibilities of growing older, it seems to me, is being able to tell people something they may not want to hear just because its true. When they had a 250 billion dollar tax scheme, that is half the size of this one. This one is 550. They passed the budget. They have 270 billion dollars in Medicare cuts the first education cuts in history, cut environmental enforcement by 25 percent, took away the guarantee of quality standards in nursing homes, took away the guarantee of health care for folks with disabilities. Dont take my word for this. The Economist magazine polled lots of economists, seven Nobel prize winners who said if this tax scheme passes, it will require huge cuts, 40 percent, in the environment and law enforcement and education. It will require bigger cuts in Medicare than I vetoed last time. My targeted tax cut is for child- rearing, buying a first-time home, paying for health care costs. And its paid for, and Ill tell you how Ill pay for it. He wont tell you because he cant.

BOB DOLE Your targeted tax cut, Mr. President, never hits anybody. Thats the problem with it. Nobody ever gets it. But I must say Im a little offended by this word “scheme.”

You talked about it last time, you talked about a risky scheme and Vice President Gore repeated it about ten times in St. Petersburg. If I have anything in politics, its my word. My colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, will tell you that Bob Dole kept his word. Im going to keep my word to you. Im going to keep my word to the American people. Were going to tax — cut taxes and balance the budget. Were not going to touch Medicare. Its going to grow 39 percent, and Social Security is going to grow 34 percent. The President doesnt have any ideas so hes out trashing ours. This isnt going to blow a hole in the deficit. He promised you a tax cut in 1992, and if you got one, you ought to vote for him.

MODERATOR The next question is for the President. Yes sir right there.