

Set 1: congress, night, littl, control, program, industri, interest, run

Set 2: gun, polic, crime, assault, law, ban, check, death

Set 3: bank, financi, crisi, mortgag, street, home, regul, wall

Set 4: busi, small, rate, percent, credit, tax, high, lawyer

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MODERATOR Mr. Perot, if you were sitting at home now and just heard this exchange about Arkansas, who would you believe?

ROSS PEROT I grew up 5 blocks from Arkansas. Lets put it in perspective. Its a beautiful state. Its a fairly rural state. It has a population less than Chicago or Los Angeles, about the size of Dallas and Forth Worth combined. So I think probably were making a mistake night after night after night to cast the nations future on a unit that small.

MODERATOR Why is that a mistake?

ROSS PEROT Its irrelevant. (Laughter)

MODERATOR What he did as governor of Arkansas is irrelevant?

ROSS PEROT No, no, no, but I could say, you know, that I ran a small grocery store on the corner, therefore I extrapolate that into the fact that I can run Wal- Mart. Thats not true. (Laughter) I cant protect an Arkansas company, you notice there, Governor.

MODERATOR Governor?

BILL CLINTON Mr. Perot, with all respect, I think it is highly relevant, and I think that a 4- billion dollar budget of state and federal funds is not all that small, and I think the fact that I took a state that was one of the poorest states in the country and had been for 153 years and tried my best to modernize its economy and to make the kind of changes that have generated support from people like the presidents of Apple Computer and Hewlett-Packard and some of the biggest companies in this country, 24 retired generals and admirals and hundreds of business executives, are highly relevant. And, you know, Im frankly amazed that since you grew up 5 blocks from there you would think that what goes on in that state is irrelevant. I think its been pretty impressive.

ROSS PEROT Its not —

BILL CLINTON And the people who have jobs — (APPLAUSE) The people who have jobs and educations and opportunities that didnt have them 10 years ago dont think its irrelevant at all; they think its highly relevant and they wish the rest of the country had them.

GEORGE H. W. BUSH I dont have a dog in this fight, but Id like to get in on this.

BILL CLINTON Well, you think its relevant. (Laughter)