

REMARKS  
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY  
HOUSEWIVES Q & A  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
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I want to visit with you only briefly today. Most of all, I want to hear what is on your minds.

I want to talk with you for just a moment about what is at stake in the decision the American people face less than three weeks from now.

↳ We are not just choosing a President of this country -- or even our Senators, Congressmen and other elected officials.

↳ What we are choosing is the future of our children.

Will our children grow up in a country where one race is pitted against another ... where violence and tension and fear are part of every-day life?

*Trust  
Humphrey*

Will our children grow up in a world bent on burying  
itself beneath mountains of nuclear weapons? *or debris?*

↳ Or, will they grow up in a free and open country where  
people are able to live together peacefully... and where their children  
will have an even better chance than they had.

These are the choices we face as a free people.

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I know you are concerned about what is happening in  
America. So am I.

↳ You are concerned about the safety of your children when  
they come home from school.

↳ You are concerned about the quality of the education they  
receive inside their school.

↳ You are concerned about the breakdown of family values  
which we see all around us.

↳ When we grew up, narcotics were something that existed in Grade-B movies or were grown somewhere in Asia.

↳ Today we find they may have something to do with our teenage neighbor down the street.

↳ We have to stop the vicious traffic of narcotics and what it is doing to our young people.

↳ I know, too, that you are deeply concerned about the health and welfare of your parents.

↳ Are they to live out their lives in empty, lonely rooms -- or as a heavy financial burden to you and your family?

↳ Or are they going to have the chance to live with enough income for decent health care and, above all, self-respect?

And is the life we lead going to be one just of electric tooth-brushes... country club memberships... accumulation of more material things?

Or is this rich country finally going to break through and make human, individual values the most important things of all?

↳ In short, can we build an America not just concerned with the quantity of its things, but with the quality of its people?

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↳ These are the stakes in 1968.

↳ I know that all of you <sup>of course</sup> are going to vote. But I hope you will do more than that.

↳ I hope you will look at these things very carefully -- and study the statements made by Mr. Nixon, Mr. Wallace, and myself.

↳ I hope you will talk these things over with your neighbors and your friends.

↳ And then, I hope you will not only vote -- but that you will get out and work in these next few weeks for the man you feel best fits the future. (Needless to say, I hope you will give extra consideration to Hubert Humphrey).

↳ But whatever you do, I want you to become involved, and take a first-hand role in building the future of this country.

We are not talking politics here. We are talking about your children and mine.

Now I'd like to hear from you.

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HARTFORD  
A SPECIAL STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF BRIDGEPORT

Every American must have the right to as much education as his abilities ~~permits~~, not his parents' income, permits. Higher Education is more than a personal luxury. It is a social necessity.

But college costs ~~can~~ place an impossible financial burden on many families. Too often they mean an early end to any plans for higher education.

The situation is improving. As a result of the legislation passed during the last four years there are well over a million young ~~men~~ people in college with federal grants, loans and scholarships who might not otherwise have been able to attend. In Connecticut alone, college enrollment ~~has~~ increased by over forty percent ~~during the Democratic years.~~

The Humphrey-Muskie Administration will go further:

---We will seek to guarantee every person the chance to attend ~~college~~ college, whatever his family background, through a system of loans repayable out of future earnings, through work-  
~~study~~ study programs and education grants.

*Further*  
--- ~~To help provide these funds,~~ I propose that we establish a trust fund for education financed with revenues from federally-owned oil shale deposits potentially worth several trillion dollars.

The cost of full education for every American must be recognized as an investment that will be fully repaid. It is a cost far less than we now pay for incompetence, frustration and alienation. It is a price that we cannot afford not to pay.

*--- We will seek to new programs to provide colleges + universities with the tools for education*

*--- We will seriously consider a program of tax credits for education expenses.*



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