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In America, in many elections, voters don't always vote on issues. In a republic such as ours, the people often vote on the personality of the candidate as well as on the specific stands that a candidate may have taken on issues.

↳ In a sense, this is proper. Elected officials must often vote on issues which were totally unanticipated at the time of election. ↳ Moreover, there are many issues upon which legislators are called upon to vote that are not strictly political or programatic. ↳ These are issues where the public has the right to inquire about the personality, the character, the values, and the most deeply held beliefs of their prospective candidates.

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↳ Such an issue - in its very broadest sense - is the one which has been called "law-and-order". ↳ Both Republicans and Democrats are for law and order. ↳ Both Republicans and Democrats are for programatic actions to bring about law and order - such as penal reform, and judicial reform, and help for policemen.

↳ But beyond this, the American people feel that this issue needs

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more than "programs" to solve it. Many Americans feel that this is an issue that touches on a man's life-style as much as his political credentials.

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And so, we have seen this year, some new words added to our political vocabulary: candidates are guaged as "soft" or "hard"; they are guaged as "permissive" or as "tough".

These words, in many campaigns, have assumed great importance. And accordingly, rather than tip-toe around this situation, I thought tonight I might address myself directly to it.

↳ I thought I might briefly tell you what my values are, what motivates me as an individual, what it is that propels me into this Senatorial race in Minnesota. This is the sort of statement every candidate should make at least once in a campaign.

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made in Norway

↳ I was born, as you know, not very many miles from here in ~~Deland~~, South Dakota. ↳ My family lived in a succession of small towns. We were never very well off and occasionally --- particularly during the Depression --- quite tight financially. ↳ But we had a strong and rich family life. ↳ My father was a druggist, an independent merchant, who worked long hours and had a deep compassion and respect for the men and women who were both his neighbors and his customers.

Growing up, I learned, ~~if nothing else~~, the value of hard work. I have seen in my life that you get nothing for nothing; and that if a man won't help himself, no one else will. I also learned that effective hard work involved personal discipline. ~~In this sense, I guess you might say that I am "non-permissive", or that I am "tough".~~

But I also learned something else when I grew up. I learned that there were many Americans who did work hard, who were ~~disciplined~~ ^{self} ~~disciplined~~ --- and who still ended up with the short end of the stick.

Even before the Depression came, I saw and knew farmers who worked from dawn to dusk, --- able hard-working men --- who were driven off the land by the relentless force of a national economy and a national government that was attuned to other people and other places.

Through no fault of their own, they were relegated to the slag heap of humanity --- uncared for, unrepresented, almost invisible.

When the Depression hit our area --- what had been an infection became a raging epidemic. Through no fault of their own, decent, hard-working people ended up living degraded lives.

After I graduated from college, I lived in Minneapolis. I saw there that what had happened to people in rural South Dakota also happened to people in urban Minneapolis; ^{and} through no fault

of their own decent Americans were forced into degrading circumstances. A farmer in a rural area who cannot get a decent price for his crop is as powerless and as angry as a black man in Minneapolis who could not get a decent job because of the color of his skin.

A feeling that I had had since my childhood grew within me: that the government must help people who want to help themselves but cannot because the deck was stacked against them. The cause of people who weren't getting a fair shake --- farmers, workers, small merchants --- became the cause of my life.

As a young man in Minneapolis, at the age of 34, I was honored to be elected mayor. What I saw, what I learned, added a new dimension to my concern. Decent Americans were victimized not only by an unfeeling government, but by arrogant criminals.

Minneapolis, when I became Mayor, was a major crime center in America. *suffering from serious crime wave.*

The situation in Minneapolis called for a two-pronged approach. First, the crime and the criminals had to be rooted out. This required not only some tough words and some committed action and some good policemen --- and we got all three, *then* and we got a city that was free from organized crime.

At the same time, we went to work on the other problems that afflicted

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all over the nation.

unemploy - Interest
inflation - 51 Billion
awake

(insert economic data)

I started out this evening to tell you about my values, my deepest beliefs. For this is an election where Americans want to know this of their candidates.

I believe in America where Americans are free from terror ^{of fear.}
Free from the terror of crime, of violence, of campus turbulence.
And free from the terror of unemployment, the terror of being forced off the land, and the terror of not being able to meet the bills because inflation is running rampant.

To combat both kinds of ^{you} terror requires firmness, toughness, action and commitment.

I believe that it is the Democratic party in America that can provide ~~both~~ ^{the action} the firmness and the commitment. I hope to help in the years to come.

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