

George McGovern for President

"Every Senator in the chamber is partly responsible for sending 50,000 young Americans to an early grave.

"This Chamber reeks of blood."

Every Senator here is partly responsible for that human wreckage at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval and all across our land—young boys without legs, or arms, or genitals or faces or hopes.

There aren't many of these blasted and broken boys who think this war is a glorious venture.

Don't talk to them about bugging out, or national honor, or courage.

It doesn't take any courage at all for a Congressman, or a Senator, or a President to wrap himself in the flag and say we are staying in Vietnam. Because it isn't our blood that is being shed.

But we are responsible for these young men and their lives and their hopes and if we don't end this foolish, damnable war, those men will someday curse us for our pitiful willingness to let the executive carry the burden the constitution places upon us.

Senator George McGovern
September 1, 1970
before the United States Senate



In 1963 McGovern called American policy in Vietnam a "policy of moral debacle and defeat." It was hard to oppose the war in 1963 when John Kennedy was still President, especially when you're a freshman Senator from South Dakota and a personal friend of the president's.

But in 1963 George McGovern stood on the floor of the Senate and demanded total withdrawal of American forces and aid from the corrupt South Vietnamese government.

If only America had listened to George McGovern in 1963.

Now more people are listening to McGovern. But we think we should do more than listen to him.

We think we should make him President of the United States.

The War, Military & Foreign Policy
Within 24 hours after his inauguration President McGovern will begin to bring every American home from Indochina.

Then our Prisoners of War will be released.

Next President McGovern would declare a general amnesty for all men who went abroad, underground or to jail rather than fight in this mindless war. An amnesty with no "bondages of servitude" such as two years of national service.

President McGovern would put an end to the draft, cut the wasteful military budget by 30 billion dollars and stop supporting dictatorships like those in Greece and Pakistan.

Our Task
"We have even a harder task: to challenge Americans to end the worship of more and more material goods, and begin to cherish the undeniable worth of our fellow human beings," McGovern says. He continues, "In our rush to build and conquer we have neglected our humanity. In our rush toward wealth and power we have forsaken our ideals."

Women

Women must not continue their traditional role in our society. America must step down off its male pedestal.

"One injustice which we have ignored too long is the role of women in our society," McGovern says.

Gloria Steinem is supporting George McGovern. She knows he really supports the equal rights amendment, the woman's right to choose in abortion and President McGovern will involve women in every branch of government at every level. The Supreme Court, the National Security Council and the Cabinet all need women.

Economics and Taxes

"The American gospel of wealth is painfully evident in the way we handle our money. We worship at the shrine of corporate capitalism. In General Motors do we trust. We have allowed corporations to destroy our environment, deceive our consumers, and reap billions in profit while the poor and working people pay the bill." So spoke McGovern.

McGovern says, as President "I would follow the precedent of Robin Hood in taking from the rich and giving to the poor... if I become President the party will be over for the big boys at Standard Oil and AT & T."

For one thing President McGovern will demand all defense contractors to set aside 12.5 per cent of their profits in reserve and use these profits to finance the contractors conversion to peace time production.

President McGovern will at least double the tax rates on huge corporations such as General Motors and Georgia-Pacific as well as increasing the tax rates on millionaires

McGovern Proposals and Positions

A new "super agency," a Pentagon for Ecology, to stop pollution in America. Proposed first year budget for the agency: \$3 billion.

McGovern is the only Senator who supports the Black Congressional Caucus Program. As President he will continue to support this program and similar programs to ensure justice for Americans of minority races.

200,000 scholarships for poor students instead of the SST.

An additional school and hospital in every county in the Country instead of \$30 billion in military excess.

Public Transit instead of ABM.

Low-income housing instead of 250,000 US troops in Europe.

Job training, adequate psychiatric help, probation and work release programs instead of the despair of Attica.

Food instead of hunger in America.

There is more

Beyond these reforms McGovern says, "We have a much greater need. For we have money and power, but ultimately those possessions do not make life worthwhile."

"What we need most of all is the assurance that we live in a nation where we care about each other."

George McGovern does not believe "that fear and hatred and death are the ultimate forces in the universe." We don't either.

We do not promise an easy campaign. We will have to fight for every vote. After all we are challenging the interests who have the money, and who have controlled this country for too long. They aren't going to give up without a fight for every vote.

We are willing to make that fight because it must be made. We are willing to make the fight because we believe that if enough people work we can make McGovern president and turn this country around before we end up a warring people, mired in a polluted nation or drowned in our own selfishness.

We need your help. We need your ideas, time, money and spirit.

Join us. George McGovern will make a great President for America because he will make great changes in America.

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