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No one knows this better than the people in this crowd. Earlier I met several families helped by Wisconsin's Children First program -- a project which lets a judge require parents to join the workfare program or be forced to pay child support.

I want to congratulate those of you here who have gone through this program -- and are making payments on time. You're getting to know your children better. You should be feeling better about yourselves. You're making your family proud -- your community proud -- and you're doing right by your kids.

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I mean to protect those who need it most. As you in Wisconsin are -- as the rest of America must. Thank you for your example to the Nation. Please join me with Project KIDS. And may God bless the United States of America.

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Today, I want to talk about winning the peace at home -- in our streets, and homes. It's a task crucial to the future of America: Defending civility through our system of law.

Twelve hundred and three days ago -- June 15, 1989 -- the same day Gorbachev first said the Berlin Wall might come down -- I sent a Comprehensive Crime Bill to Capital Hill. I offered the hand of partnership to Congress. I said: We must reject those who soft-pedal the need to be hard on crime. //

For twelve hundred and three days Congress has fiddled while violent crime burned. Here's what's happened while it slept like Rip Van Winkle. Across America: Almost 60,000 murders / 260,000 rapes / 1,700,000 robberies / and 2,700,000 assaults. Nearly 46,000 of these crimes occurred in Wisconsin since I sent our Comprehensive Bill to Congress -- 3__ in Fond du Lac alone.

People here are like the rest of American. They are tired of talk -- and sick of delay. They see kids scared to cross town and visit friends -- the elderly afraid to go out at night for food. They want a government that prevents and punishes crime - - and that helps the victim.

They want action -- and they want it now. //

Violent crime is defined as murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault. Yet violence can be mental, as well as physical: Witness our child support system that allows dead-beat parents to flee responsibility. / We don't often think of this as a crime -- but it is. It does violence to the innocent -
 (darn it.)
 - and it's got to stop. //

We need a child support system that helps kids develop -- not traps them in poverty. We also need to recognize that when the system allows parents to short-change their kids -- it's time to change the system. //

Consider the single mother here in Wisconsin struggling to keep the kids fed and clothed on her small salary. Meantime, her husband's over in Detroit, picking out a new Corvette with all the trimmings. He could be ~~a month~~ ^{a year (or 'way)} -- or a decade -- behind in

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child support. Doesn't matter. No one can touch him because he's over state lines.

That's wrong -- and I think it's time the long arm of the law reaches over that state line ... taps that deadbeat dad on the shoulder ... and says loud and clear: Time to pay up, buddy. Cough up the cash, or we'll throw you in the ^(fucking) slammer.

State, Federal, or local level -- our policies should first help families stick together. If that's not possible -- and today, sadly, it's often not -- our policies should at least make sure support payments stick around. //

That's why for the first time in history eight Cabinet members have joined to fight maltreatment of kids. Secretary Sullivan has reorganized HHS to improve child welfare and adoption. We have convinced Congress to pass the largest child care program ever, and \$18 billion in tax credits for low-income working families. And we've more than doubled funding for the Head Start program. //

These steps will aid both traditional and broken families -- no matter. Kids are kids: All are people to be loved -- not pawns to be discarded. // That's why we've also acted to make it easier for States with welfare reforms to get the Federal waivers they need. I am proud that Wisconsin was the first State to ask for such a waiver -- and that we quickly granted it. I'm even more pleased that Wisconsin's new plans --and new ideas -- have produced a new welfare result: Success. //

In 1990, Wisconsin was the only State to see its welfare caseload drop. Here's a statistic even Ripley ^(van Winkly?) would disbelieve. In the last four years, these programs have helped some 60,000 people leave welfare for work. A little while ago I met several families helped by your Children First program -- a pilot project which lets a judge require a dead-beat dad to join the unpaid workfare program or be forced to pay child support. //

Has Children First worked? Has it ever. In its first six months, child support support collection soared 28 and 145 percent in Fond du Lac and Racine Counties. (and 16 trillion percent in a parallel universe) I salute Governor Thompson -- a true reform pioneer -- and look forward to the program soon coming to seven other counties. For their part, I challenge other States to follow Wisconsin's lead.

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(the scuzzy bastards.)

Or, as our Parisian friends would say, Plus est plus. // // //

Dead-beat dads should know that they can run, but they can't hide. If they don't meet their responsibility to provide spousal and child support -- we'll make sure they do.

By 1996, Project KIDS aims to boost the percent of absent parents who pay child support from 50 to 75 / lift the percent of full collections from 50 to 75, and health coverage of absent parents from 1 in 8 to 1 in 2 / and at least double the (praternities) we establish for kids born to single mothers. //

These are ambitious goals -- but we have to reach them, and we will. / For only tough policies that defend children can make family values real. Child neglect / child abandonment / spousal nonpayment and support -- *(all these)* mock American families -- and maim the Family called America. *(turtle soup)*

Abandoned child or deserted mother. How different are they from those who are looted / assaulted / pillaged / burned? Each is a victim. Each stands vulnerable, and alone.

Yes, let's help kids from traditional families. Let's also remember that child support is crucial to help kids develop even in broken families. I mean to protect those who need it most. As you in Wisconsin are -- as the rest of America must. Thank you for your example to the Nation. Please join me with Project KIDS. And may ~~God~~ bless the United States of America.

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It involves two tasks crucial to my Agenda for America. The first is giving money to the taxpayer -- not government. / The second is upholding individual responsibility through our system of law. //

The first task -- like the second -- is as much philosophical as political. My opponent measures government

success by how much of your money he can take. I measure it by how much of your money you get to keep. //

Recently, I laid out a specific, comprehensive agenda for America, to create the world's first \$10 trillion economy. Its rests upon this firm belief: We must tax less / spend less / and regulate less. *tax less.* *and w/ taxes*

I believe higher taxes would be the Mount Vesuvius of the U.S. economy. Well, guess what? My opponent has a plan to stoke that volcano. //

Let's begin with his record. As Governor, Bill Clinton raised the gas tax, and even taxed mobile homes and cable TV. He raised and extended the sales tax, including a tax on baby formula, vegetables, and other groceries. / When you're deciding which candidate to support -- I think that's food for thought. //

This year, he's off again -- proposing at least \$150 billion in new ^{*federal*} taxes -- plus at least \$220 billion in new spending. / He says, "Don't worry -- I'll get it from the rich -- people who make over \$200,000 -- ^{*the*} top 2 percent." Well, we've heard this song before. Bill Clinton's definition of rich is anyone who works for a living. The truth is his plan is a Billy-club blow against working families everywhere. //

Let me quote from someone my opponent probably read about while studying Oxfordomics in England. Here's what John Adams said: "Facts can be stubborn things."

~~The fact is that to get the money he needs for his plan --~~ the \$150 billion he's promised in new taxes -- Governor Clinton

would have to get his money from individuals with taxable income over \$36,000. His message to working Americans would be a paraphrase of a famous TV commercial: For all you do, this tax increase is for you. //

And that's the just the start of his campaign to hurt the middle class. Governor Clinton hasn't said how he'd get the hundreds of billions of dollars more to pay for all his promises. / Well, remember the old saying. "When you hunt ducks, you go where the ducks are." ((By the way, Governor Clinton even raised hunting and fishing fees in Arkansas.)) He's hunting for ways to pay for all his promises -- and he's going to go after the middle class -- because that's where the money is. //

Don't take my word for it. Listen to the newspaper from his own back yard, The Pine Bluff Commercial. Here's what it says: "If Congress followed the example Bill Clinton has set as Governor of Arkansas, it would pass a tax program that would hit the middle-class hardest." End-quote.

I don't think that Pine Bluff paper is bluffing. Let me cite an example. Let's say you are a third-grade teacher -- making about \$22,000 a year in taxable income. Governor Clinton wants you to give another \$430 a year to the tax man. I say you ought to be able to use it to pay for your kid's education, or pay the mortgage on the house -- not send it back to the IRS. //

My opponent is addicted to taxes. I have a hunch on Election Day you're going to show him a cure. I think you'll support the man who says government must be responsible -- just

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Yet not everyone is as responsible.

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