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Why I Am A Democrat

The Democratic Party appeals to me because it promotes the philosophy that government exists for ALL the people and not just the privileged few. This philosophy has been handed down to us from our founding fathers and has been upheld by our leaders in every Democratic administration. Democratic legislation provides for the betterment of the working man's condition, and favors an economy which permits the small business man to compete fairly with big business. The party believes in equal opportunities for all, regardless of race or religion. It stresses conservation and development of our natural resources. It is a progressive party, and it is a liberal party. In his acceptance speech at the National Convention in Los Angeles Senator Kennedy echoed the aspirations of most Americans when he spoke of the challenges of the New Frontier of the Sixties. His call was similar in scope and theme to that voiced by Franklin D. Roosevelt when he called on Americans to sacrifice during the early days of his presidency following the bleak years of the Hoover administration. Roosevelt's faith in the people and his bold policies lifted our nation out of the most severe depression this country has ever known. None of us who lived in that era, with its great army of jobless people, can forget the encouragement that Roosevelt gave us in his "Fireside Chats." I believe that Kennedy has a similar spark of greatness. When he spoke to the Greater Houston (Texas) Ministerial Association on September 12 he made the following assertion: "While the so-called religious issue is necessarily and properly the chief

topic here tonight, I want to emphasize from the outset that we have far more critical issues to face in the 1960 election: The spread of Communist influence, until it now festers 90 miles off the coast of Florida—the humiliating treatment of our President and Vice President by those who no longer respect our power—the hungry children I saw in West Virginia, the old people who cannot pay their doctor bills, the families forced to give up their farms—an America with too many slums, with too few schools, and too late to the moon and outer space. These are the real issues which should decide this campaign. And they are not religious issues—for war and hunger and ignorance and despair know no religious barriers. But because I am a Catholic and no Catholic has ever been elected President, the real issues in this campaign have been obscured. So it is apparently necessary for me to state once again—not what kind of church I believe in, for that should be important only to me—but what kind of America I believe in. I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute—where no Catholic prelate would tell the President (should he be Catholic) how to act, and no Protestant minister would tell his parishioners for whom to vote—where no church or church school is granted any public funds or political preference—and where no man is denied public office merely because his religion differs from the President who might appoint him or the people who might elect him."

Kennedy favors aid to depress-

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Why I Will Vote For Nixon

It was George Orwell, I believe, who said that of all professions politics is the one profession amateurs know more about than the professionals. The truth of this statement I keep in mind as I present these generalizations and conclusions.

The Republican ticket offers me a chance to express approval of several important points. Vice President Nixon and Mr. Lodge with their unquestionable degree of executive and legislative experience are a distinct contrast to Senator Kennedy and Senator Johnson. In foreign affairs the Republicans already have proven their ability: Vice President Nixon in South America, for example, and Mr. Lodge in the United Nations. Despite the riots, Vice President Nixon is respected highly by the people of South America, a group whose respect will be needed acutely in all future relationships. As coordinator of the United States nonmilitary programs, which Vice President Nixon will organize if elected, Mr. Lodge will be an active leader in our "international programs, both governmental and private." Senator Kennedy's voting record in the Senate mirrors the Senator's lack of experience and interest. Senator Johnson, despite his past experience, seems to me to be on the ticket only to comfort the South on the segregation-intergration issue.

Senator Kennedy's national and international programs admittedly will be more costly than the ones advocated by Vice President Nixon. In his national reforms for the "little man" Senator Kennedy will be taking money directly from the pocket of the little man. Today one

does not get anything for nothing. To finance any program one must have money; the money must come from the tax payer. The larger, the more expansive the program, the higher will be the taxes. Higher taxes will be paid by everyone, but the wealthy will suffer less than the little man. At the moment the economy of the United States is in a precarious state, a condition not necessarily a direct result of the present administration. Can the present administration help it if more people are buying compact cars, purchases which in turn cut considerable the amount of steel produced and sold? With our shaky economy a conservative program is the only sane policy, as I understand the problem, for the next year or so; and conservatism is not associated with either the Democratic party or Senator Kennedy's reforms.

Senator Kennedy's stand on federal aid to education demands attention. Senator Kennedy approves of federal aid to supplement teachers' salaries; Vice President Nixon disapproves. If federal aid is once given to supplement salaries, I feel sure the aid will always be given. Control of what material is presented in class and what text books are selected can conceivably pass from the hands of the school or state to the hands of the government. If a school or state wishes to rip out a chapter on evolution or communism in a college textbook before issuing it to students, students of that particular school or state will remain ignorant on the subject. To be faced with the danger that all students will remain ignorant is vastly more frightening. Vice President Nixon's

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