

Selected Dole Quotations

CIVIL RIGHTS

Conservative Digest Interview

"I'm opposed to quotas. I don't think advocacy of quotas or preferences is going to solve the problem. Once you start down that road, you'll soon find yourself engaged in reverse discrimination. When you protect one group for some reason, that's affirmative action, but it's also reverse discrimination.

"I do think government has a responsibility, along with the private sector, to seek out people who have lacked the opportunities and advantages of others. All of us ought to be out there looking for qualified people. If you can find somebody in a minority group -- black, Hispanic, whatever -- and they're qualified, then go for it. We have that responsibility. But I stop short when you start talking about quotas and preferences."

Fall, On the Issue

"With the President's full support, I reintroduced... S 272, the 'Civil Rights Act Amendments of 1985.' The compromise amends all four civil rights laws to clarify that where an educational institution receives federal money, the institution itself is the covered program. The bill also contains a 'grandfather clause' designed to ensure that in non-education areas, the scope of these laws remains as broad as it was prior to Grove City."

Liberty Report Interview

"[Homosexuals] have the general protections available to all Americans and I don't know of any way protection should be extended. I haven't seen any specific civil rights legislation, and I don't see much of a push if someone did put a bill in Congress. I think we ought to deal with the critical issues, and that's not one of them right now.

Liberty Report Interview

"I am opposed to [comparable worth legislation]. The fact that the bill has not made it to the floor may be one indication of how I feel. My own view is that it's too complicated to work fairly."

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