

to take the overtime in money or extra time off if your children need it. That's the kind of America we're trying to build, stronger families for a brighter future working together.

Will you help us build that bridge to the 21st century?

Audience members. Yes!

The President. Will you say that in America, if you believe in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, if you're willing to work hard and play by the rules, we don't care what your race is, what your gender is, what your income is, where you're from or where you started, you're all going across that bridge together with us, we're going arm in arm, together and strong? Can we do that? Will you help us for 68 days, all the way to November?

Audience members. Yes!

The President. Thank you, and God bless you all. Thank you.

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Message on the Observance of Labor Day, 1996

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Warm greetings to all Americans as we commemorate our nation's 102nd Labor Day holiday.

Each Labor Day we celebrate the accomplishments of our working men and women. Jobs drive our economy and ensure that the blessings of freedom will benefit generations to come. Labor Day is an opportunity to recognize those who began the fight to improve working conditions and labor laws for Americans, as well as those who continue to ensure dignity in the workplace, integrity in our society, and honor in the global marketplace.

This Labor Day, we have much to cheer, including 10 million new jobs created in the past three and a half years and better and safer pensions for 40 million workers and retirees. The Family and Medical Leave Act has permitted countless workers to care for loved ones without fear of losing their jobs or their seniority. And employees are now guaranteed that when they change jobs, they

can take their health care coverage with them.

We observe this day knowing that the best is yet to come. Working together, management and labor can improve quality and efficiency, reduce production costs, promote new job opportunities, and ensure safe and healthy working conditions.

As we pause to reflect on the contributions of America's workers, we should remember those who seek a job—who seek a piece of the American Dream—and rededicate ourselves to making that dream possible for all Americans to achieve.

Best wishes to all for a memorable holiday.

Bill Clinton

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Interview With Tabitha Soren of MTV

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Ms. Soren. Welcome, Mr. President, to our Choose or Lose bus.

The President. Thank you.

Antidrug Efforts

Ms. Soren. Thank you very much for taking the time to do this on your bus tour.

In your speech last night you said that drugs were wrong and deadly. But on MTV a couple of years ago, someone asked you if you could inhale—if you could do it over again, would you inhale, and you said, "Yeah, I tried the first time."

The President. That was true.

Ms. Soren. Do you wish that you had answered differently? Because Republicans are planning on using this to attack you.

The President. Oh, they're using it, but all I said was—I was just trying to make the point that I had never—when I answered the question I told the truth. I just told the truth about the question.

Ms. Soren. It was a joke?

The President. Yes.

Ms. Soren. The question was, in context, it was a light-hearted—

The President. It was a light-hearted question, and it wasn't in the context of some