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"It's going to come down to a series of debates next fall, in which the American people are going to try and figure out what's the truth, cause they're going to see all these negative ads and all this negative stuff and they're going to say, tell me what the truth is. And I think I am the one candidate that we have who can go head to head with Obama, can explain conservative philosophy, can apply it in a practical way, can explain American history, and can take Obama's ideas and his record, and convince the American people that he's hopeless. The fact is, if I become your nominee, we will make the key test very simple. Food stamps, versus pay checks. Obama is the best food stamp president in American history. More people are on food stamps today because of Obama's policies than ever in history. I would like to be the best paycheck president in American history. Now, there's no neighborhood I know of in America where if you went around and asked people would you your children have food stamps or pay checks, you wouldn't have a majority saying they'd rather have paychecks."

"And so, I'm prepared, if the NAACP invites me, I'll go to their convention to talk about why the African American community should demand pay checks and not be satisfied with food stamps. And I'll go to them and I'll explain a brand new social security opportunity for young people, which would be particularly good for African American males, because they're the group that gets the smallest return on social security because they have the shortest life span. And under social

security today, you don't build up an estate, but if you're allowed to build up an estate, if your tax money went into your savings and it was your money, if something happened to you, your family got you restate, the difference in transfer of wealth to the black community would be amazing."