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I'm writing regarding the recent C-SPAN coverage of the events of 1968. It was strikingly clear an essential component of 1968 was not explored. The campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination by Minnesota Senator Eugene J. McCarthy was much more than a "catalyst" for change. The campaign took the root of the Johnson administration's failure to co-operate with the United States Senate as the constitution requires foreign policy be established, and brought the issue to the American primary voter. The war in Vietnam was the policy. The LBJ administration had deliberatly avoided including the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in developing and defining the policy in SouthEast Asia. The authoritarian style of LBJ was also experienced in leadership positions within the Democratic Party.

Senator McCarthy conducted a campaign of integrity. Following the withdrawl of LBJ and the assassination of RFK, McCarthy filled sports arenas across America-including Boston's Fenway Park, Detroit's Tiger Stadium, and Madison Square Garden. The strength of the McCarthy summer campaign was completely missed in your programming, as was the fact McCarthy's Chicago convention headquarters was targeted and attacked by the Chicago police during their "riot". Chicago police, identifying badges removed, ransacked an entire floor of McCarthy's supporters in the Conrad Hilton Hotel The investigation which followed established the carthy supporters threw "filth and other objects" onto the police has been cited as justification of police misbehavior.

Senator McCarthy's campaign took on the political establishment within the Democratic Party. The campaign continued to build support in spite of RFK's entrance, LBJ's withdrawl, Kennedy's assassination, until the final vote doomed the party. It was a shame it was not mentioned Martin Luther King Jr. had endorsed McCarthy for President. It was a shame none of the McCarthy people were involved in your programming. It was absurd having Pat Buchanan, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, and so many others discuss the McCarthy candidacy without McCarthy involved. Especially since he is available for interviews. Especially since on Sept. 10th, at Georgetown a 25th anniversary symposium was conducted on the McCarthy campaign, and supporters from all across America attended, many available for interviews.

Bob Kennedy was murdered. Gene McCarthy lived. Would you have not attempted to include Kennedy in your report had he remained politically active? All the teary eyed what if? is just so much hype when people selectively re-write history. What about the nomination speeches for McCarthy by Harold Hughes, Julian Bond and John K. Galbraith?

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## RELEASE

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The NEW DEMOCRATS today endorsed measures that would encourage the creation of new jobs by redistributing the existing work. These measures have three components:

- 1. A shorter workweek. Businesses should be encouraged to hire more workers. By taking five hours from seven forty-hour-a-week workers, a business could provide a job to an unemployed worker. The result would be eight workers at 35 hours per week.
- 2. Longer working hours for businesses. Businesses should be encouraged to operate longer hours. By following the example of the retail industry, businesses could remain in operation for 12 hours per day (e.g., from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) Such businesses could operate two 6-hour shifts five days a week, for a total of 30 hours per person. (9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.). By being open more hours, companies would achieve more revenue, and would be able to hire more people. And if most companies kept longer hours, it would be to the benefit of more companies to remain open. For example, if banks were open in the evenings, people could do their banking during those hours.
- 3. A jobs tax credit -- for businesses that hire extra people.
  While longer working hours would be voluntary on the part of

businesses, the government could make this idea more attractive by giving incentives to companies to hire new workers. A jobs tax credit for companies that hire new workers would give companies an incentive to hire new people, and would help offset the additional expense of paying another person.

Jeffrey Platt, Issues Committee Chair for the NEW DEMOCRATS, called for a national debate on the issue of job creation. "It's time for a new look at alternative means of job creation." Platt cited benefits of work redistribution. Reducing worktime would create more time for the family, for community activities, and create an appreciation of nonwasteful consumption.

"With millions of additional working Americans receiving a paycheck, and more employees to work the available time, businesses could operate longer, more convenient hours. Fewer people would be on welfare and unemployment programs. Economic conversion would be more manageable. More revenues would be raised for national debt reduction and needed social programs. Businesses could be compensated with tax incentives," he concluded.

Former Minnesota Senator Eugene McCarthy (NEW DEMOCRATS'
Advisory Chair) has stated "A million jobs could be created by
eliminating overtime alone."

NEW DEMOCRATS Advisory Committee members former Senator Eugene McCarthy and former Irvine mayor Larry Agran ran in a number of Democratic primaries last year. Senator McCarthy will be made available for interviews on a limited basis.

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