

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1989

QUOTES

On several occasions, President Bush has addressed policy questions relating to the goals and needs of disabled Americans. Provided below is a list of several key quotations taken from the President's remarks on the subject.

"I share your goals of integrating disabled Americans fully and equally into the mainstream of American life. . . . We are working to increase the economic and personal independence of disabled Americans." National Conference on Independent Living, June 20, 1986. Quoted in Building a Better America.

"My highest domestic priority as President will be to see that every American who wants a productive job in the private sector has one. And when I say ever American, I mean every American -- including those who happen to be disabled." Announcement of Bush-Quayle '88 Disability Coalition.

"We should not ignore the needs of the disabled, and must continue to develop . . . policies that promote independence, freedom of choice and productive involvement in the social and economic mainstream." Announcement of Bush-Quayle '88 Disability Coalition.

"I don't think it's unrealistic if we tap those Americans who've never before been tapped. Right now, there are five million disabled Americans ready to work, if we only give them the chance. That's why I want to do everything I can as President to bring disabled citizens into the economic mainstream." February 9, 1989, Budget Speech.

"Our society cannot ignore the needs of this excluded population. We must develop programs and policies that promote independence, freedom of choice and productive involvement in the social and economic mainstream. It also means access to the mainstream educational system, to public accommodations, to public transportation -- in other words, meaningful access to all aspects of society." March 31, 1988, Statement.

"I will . . . support initiatives to: . . . Work with Congress to eliminate disincentives that discourage disabled people who wish to work from working [and will] Improve transportation and work place accessibility for existing facilities and insist on accessibility for all new construction. . . ." March 31, 1988, Statement.