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Remarks Clifford Park

THE CASE FOR THE PLP

Good evening brothers and sisters

I believe in The Bahamas

I believe in Bahamians first.

Tonight I wish to speak first to politics and then to some of the issues.

The FNM is playing an interesting game of reverse psychology. Their leader cannot get Perry Christie out of his head. He must dream of Perry Christie at night. Every word out of his mouth is Perry Christie, Perry Christie. This is a sign of a deep seated inferiority complex. I am sorry for

Mr. Ingraham. He will soon get over it. He will have plenty of time to enjoy his yacht and some brand new digs out west, just after the 7th May.

Try as he might though, this general election is about two issues: crime and economy. He cannot escape that. This is about the team of the PLP against the one man band.

I wonder sometimes, where the FNM and its leader live. People are marching on the streets because there has been a tide of murder since 2007: 460 of them with only 30 convictions. Some would argue that our streets are filled with blood. Some describe it as a red tide of death and destruction. And yet the FNM makes a political spectacle of itself by going to a public beach and talking

about a red splash. How insensitive can you get? Where are they living?

I speak tonight first to the young women of our country. You are the future mothers of the country and some of you are mothers. Yours is the hand that rocks the cradle and you rule our world.

The PLP has pledged itself to implement with dispatch National Health Insurance. Not some half hearted, copy cat, faux programme but full National Health Insurance.

Why is that important for young women?

We want the next generation of young mothers in this country to see the back of breast cancer. We are losing too many to breast cancer and we can save many lives if

there is the money to care for those who get the disease.

I know because three women under 40 in Fox Hill have suffered from this disease. One has sadly died. I am sure there are many more. Paying for cancer care is the issue. National Health Insurance will go a long way in helping to save women's lives from this disease.

In our pledge to double the investment in education, this will also ensure that women have the information they need to protect their health and to save their lives and those of their children.

That is one reason why women should vote for the PLP.

I now address the young men in our midst and I address them in particular in the Fox Hill constituency.

Brothers and sisters, while women in the main run our institutions and raise the children, men are still in the main the builders. They construct the homes and offices, fix the cars and the machines, dive in the waters for our food, run the tractors and collect the garbage, drive the taxis and the buses. They are often the breadwinners in the home.

Under this FNM administration, with unemployment at record highs, men have been stripped of their dignity and their pride, sitting around with nothing to do, often having to depend on their wife's sole

income for money to save their homes and to eat.

I saw firsthand how soul destroying this can be to a man when my own father was out of work for two years.

This evening I repeat publicly a pledge which I made to those in Fox Hill who support me.

The PLP if it wins will not be playing around this time. My colleagues and I are determined, God being our helper, to restore the dignity of work to the men and women of this country, to restore the pride of men as heads of families.

We intend through the use of the public funds to ensure not only that men and women have work, but that our people will

get the help to ensure that their small businesses succeed.

There are men in my constituency, each of them have crew of fellows that work for them. They have had no work for four years. This story is repeated around the country.

I pledge to you. This time the PLP is not playing: you and your crews will not only have work but will get the government assistance to support your businesses through the venture capital fund and the contracts from the government. No contracts to special interest but contracts to the Bahamian businesses and contractors so our people can get a real stake in this economy.

I thank all PLP supporters tonight for coming to Clifford Park. We have two more

weeks of this. It will take discipline and hard work. We must turn up to the polls. We must vote. We must win.

Thank you and good night.

PLP All the way!

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