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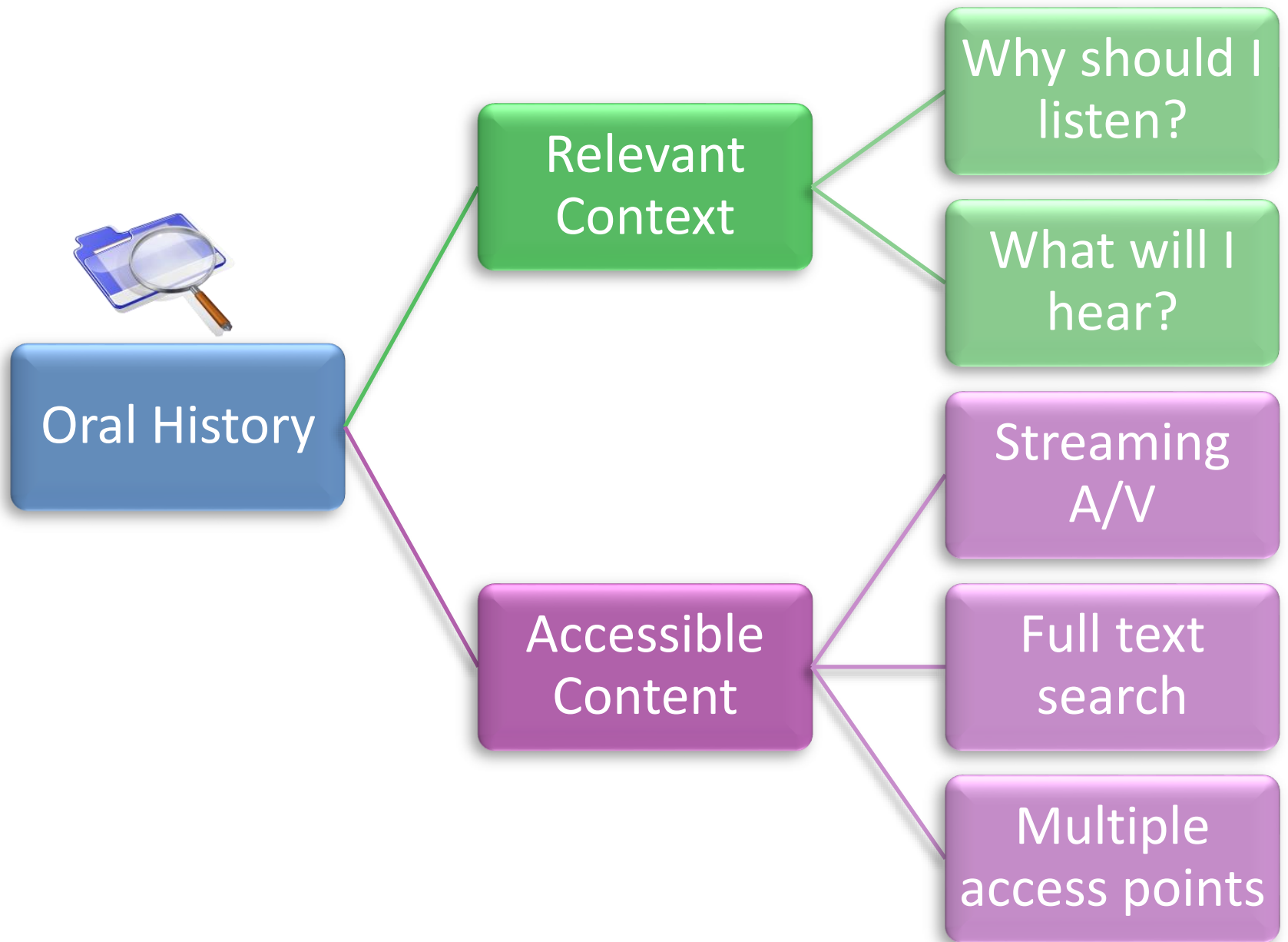
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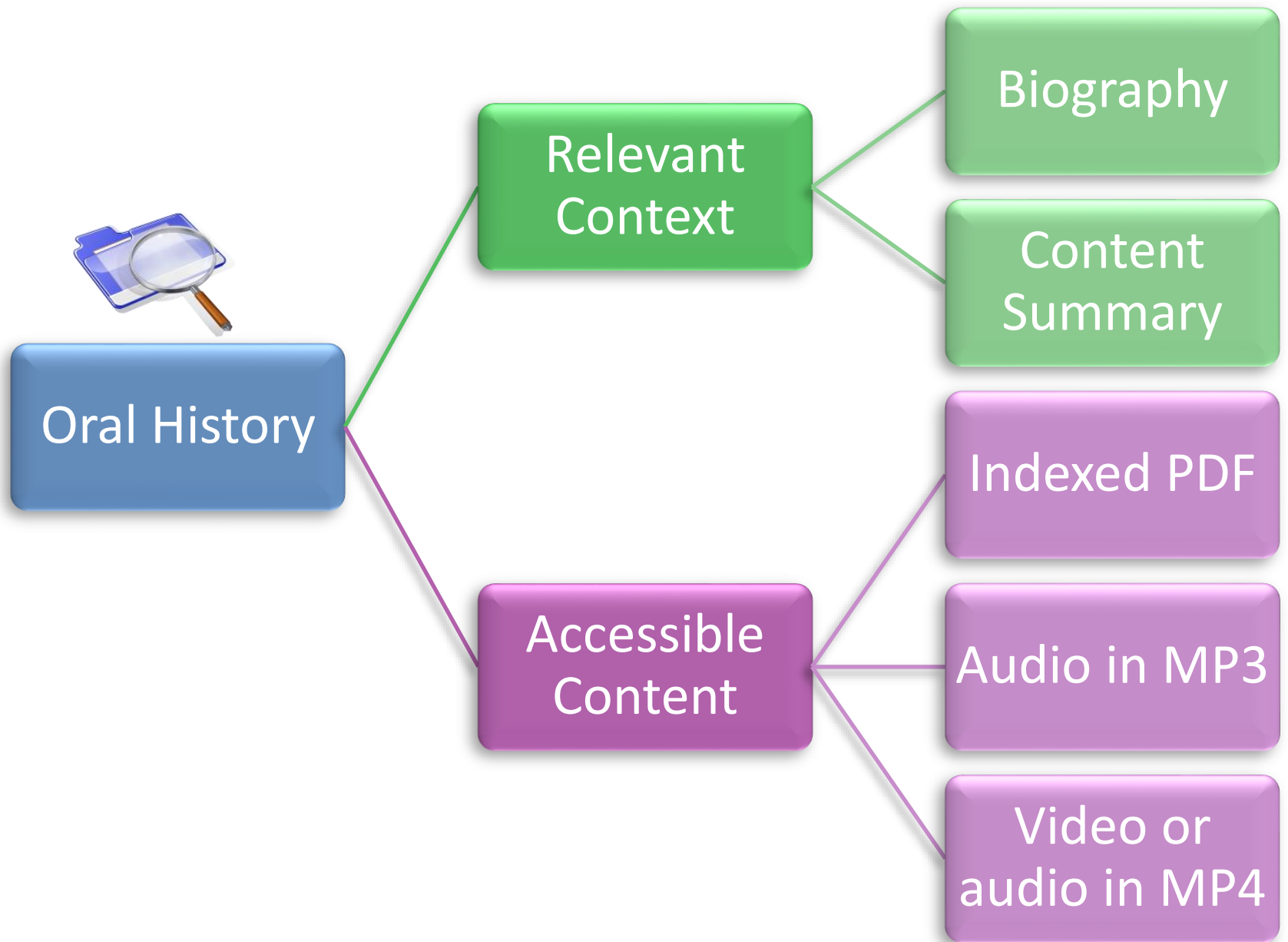
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Series 2: The Dole Legacy: Leadership in the U.S. Senate, 2007-2009

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Transcripts of the interviews are linked at the item level.

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Item 1: Armitage, Richard, 6/19/2007

Armitage has served in many governmental sectors including as Assistant Secretary of Defense for President Reagan and Deputy Secretary of State under President George W. Bush. He served as Administrative Assistant for Senator Dole (1978-1980).

Interview length: 0:54:14

In this 2007 oral history interview with Richard Norton Smith, Armitage talks about Senator Dole's personality, humor and governing style, including Dole's 1974 Senate campaign, changes in the Senate, Nancy Kassebaum and other topics.

PDF Transcript available: [armitage_richard_2007-06-19](#)

Item 2: Armstrong, Sen. William "Bill", 4/2/2007

Armstrong served as a U.S. Representative (1973-1979) and a U.S. Senator (1979-1991) from Colorado.

Interview length: 1:58:27

In this 2007 oral history interview with Brien R. Williams, Armstrong talks about the role of government, religion in the Senate and the House of Representatives, tax policy and other topics.

PDF Transcript available: [armstrong_william_2007-05-02](#)

Item 3: Bair, Sheila C., 12/17/2007

Bair served as the Chairperson of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) (2006-2011). Her many other governmental positions include Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions at the U.S. Treasury Department (2001-2002), Senior Vice President for Government Relations of the New York Stock Exchange (1995-2000), and commissioner and Acting Chair of the Commodity Futures Tradition Commission (1991-1995). She served as Senator Dole's Research Director and Counsel (1981-1988) and on his 1988 Presidential campaign.

Interview length: 1:05:32

In this 2007 oral history interview with Richard Norton Smith, Bair talks about the Voting Rights Act of 1982, Supreme Court nominations, 1988 Republican Primary and other topics.

PDF Transcript available: [bair_sheila_2007-12-17](#)

Item 4: Baker, Jr., Sen. Howard H., 5/21/2007

Baker's many positions included Senate Minority Leader (1977-1981), Senate Majority Leader (1981-1985), White House Chief of Staff (1987-1988), and Ambassador to Japan (2001-2005). He worked very closely with Senator Dole and was the recipient of the 2006 Dole Leadership Prize.

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The Dole Institute Oral History Project

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Senator Bob Dole served in the U.S. Congress for 35 years for the state of Kansas and is the longest serving Republican Leader in the history of the United States Senate. He was the 1996 Republican Nominee for President, and President Ford's Vice-Presidential candidate in 1976. He served in many roles throughout his career, including Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance (1981-1985) and 47th Chairman of the Republican National Committee (1971-1973).


Through a series of oral history interviews with a variety of people who knew and worked with Senator Dole in various capacities, this project provides the definitive oral research on both Dole's political life in Kansas and his long tenure in the Senate. Collectively, these interviews offer insight into Dole's leadership style, and they document the accomplishments and legacy of one of America's most respected leaders and statesmen.

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The Dole Institute Oral History Project was funded through generous support from the Andreas Family Foundation.


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7/13/2007 - Oral History Interview (0:55:14)




Betty Meyer
Meyer worked on Bob Dole's staff in the Senate.

11/25/2007 - Oral History Interview (2:03:40)




Representative Bob Michel
Michel served as a U.S. Representative (1975-1981) and House Minority Leader.

4/11/2007 - Oral History Interview (1:30:40)




Senator George Mitchell
Mitchell served as a U.S. Senator from Maine (2001-2009). He also served as U.S. Special Envoy for Northern Ireland and East Peace (2009-2011).

4/24/2007 - Oral History Interview (1:03:40)




Vice President Walter Mondale
Mondale was a U.S. Senator from Minnesota (1964-1976), Vice President of the United States (1977-1981), and the 1984 Democratic nominee for President. He also served as U.S. Ambassador to Japan (1993-1996).

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In this 2007 oral history interview with Richard Norton Smith, George McGovern talks about obstructionism in the Senate, his interactions with Bob Dole, and nutrition programs.

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ROBERT J. DOLE
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Interview with
WILLIAM L. ("BILL") ARMSTRONG

April 2, 2007

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Armstrong 4-2-07—p. 2

Williams: This is an oral history interview with former Senator Bill Armstrong for the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas. We're in the Washington [D.C.] office of the Investment Company Institute, where the senator is visiting as a member of the board, for a board meeting. Today is Wednesday, May 2, 2007, and I'm Brien Williams.

Let's start out with your recollection of your first encounter with Bob Dole.

Armstrong: I haven't the faintest idea, but I'm sure it was at some kind of political event. I suppose it was at a Lincoln Day Dinner or a fundraising event or something like that, because I knew Bob Dole. I'd met him. I didn't know him well, but I was aware of him and had shaken his hand long before I came to Washington, so I'm sure it's when I was in the state legislature in Colorado and he was coming to town for a Lincoln Day Dinner, a political event, campaigning for somebody. It was in that kind of a setting.

Williams: Do you remember his running for the vice presidency, and did he come to Colorado at all during that time?

Armstrong: I do remember his running for vice president, of course, but I don't recall specifically whether he did that or not, because my memory has failed completely, although it's failing, I guess, but because his visits to Colorado in that era were commonplace. I mean, he was in and out of Colorado all the time. In fact, one of the things that I'm sure will come out in your interviews is that he was every place all the time. I mean, he logged more miles in airplanes than airline pilots did. He was always going someplace. In fact, there was a time later than the period you're referring to, but there was a time I think when he was on a plane four or five nights a week. After the Senate was done, he'd jump on a plane and go to Cincinnati or Denver or New York or someplace for an event, and did that just week after week after week after week.

So I just don't remember when it was, because he was in Colorado a lot. He was an important figure in Colorado, not so much because he was a neighboring senator, although of course Kansas and Colorado are neighbor states, but because he was regarded, even before he was even really an official leader, he was regarded as a leader. He was a person that Republicans looked up to, looked to for hope. I mean, some of

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Scope and Contents of the Materials

The Dole Institute Oral History Project, which spans the years 2002-2009, contains audio, video, and transcribed oral history interviews with a variety of people who knew and worked with Senator Dole in various capacities, including friends, staffers, colleagues, journalists, members of Congress, and others. The project was completed in two separate phases, each with distinct characteristics and goals. Combined, they document the accomplishments and legacy of one of America's most respected leaders and statesmen, Senator Robert J. Dole.

The first phase was conducted from 2002-2004. It was primarily conceived of and implemented by then-Dole Institute Director Richard Norton Smith and long-time Dole staffer Lahoma Yates, who conducted the majority of the interviews. Interviewees include Kansas-based legislators, Dole volunteers, campaign workers, opposition candidates, and others who worked directly with Dole during his years in both the House of Representatives and in the Senate. The primary goal of this phase was to document personal memories, recollections, insights and stories in order to document what Bob Dole was like as a person, how he evolved over the years, and to convey a sense of American history and politics as experienced by Dole.

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Interviews for both phases were recorded on a variety of media, including compact cassette, micro cassette, MiniDV, DVCam, and BetaCamSP. Transcripts and indexing were done by third party vendors and are available for most interviews. A few of the first phase original media are missing. Digital copies are available for many interviews; availability is noted in the finding aid.

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