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MODERATOR: . . . kinds of group discussions are held all over the country on everything from politics to consumer products like Coke and Pepsi. As you've probably figured out from some of the questions that that asked you when they called you and then again a little bit before the group, tonight we're going to be talking about politics. So I'll get right to it, but let me just explain how things work tonight.

First of all, as you can see from the camera, this is being taped. That's for my benefit. I do these all over the country on all sorts of different topics. Later this week, I'll be in Ohio, then I'll be in Massachusetts, and then I'll be next week in, well, it doesn't matter. Anyhow, I'll be all over the place. So don't take it personally, but in a couple of weeks when I go to write up my report, I won't really remember what was said here tonight. If I refer to anything that you say, it will be a man or a woman in Pittsburgh. There will be no names or anything like that. So the transcript is for my benefit.

Also that's a camera that is connected to a TV in another room. One of my colleagues is also watching to make sure everything is going okay. Two observations about that is one is it would be awkward if there were two of us sitting up here. We'd be fighting over who would ask the questions and, you know, be body checking him, that kind of thing. And also, from time to time, I am allowed to have my cell phone on, although I have the ringer off, and he may text me a question saying asking, oh, can you ask about this or ask about that. It's only, he can only do it like a couple of times, so it's not like he's going to be, he better not. You'd better not text me a whole bunch.

Look, we're paying you tonight because we're interested in your opinion and your time. There are no right or wrong answers. It's what you think. A couple of things. One is when I ask a question, feel free to jump in and start talking. I ask that people talk one at a time. If somebody else is talking, and you want to add something, it's not school. You don't have to raise your hand. But do kind of catch my eye, or make it clear, and I'll be sure to get to you.

Part of my job is to make sure we get out of here on time. And even though we're starting five minutes late, we're not going to end five minutes late, because, you know, they told you we'd be done at 8:30, that's when, that's when we're going to be done, so you have my word on that. So let me, feel free to speak up, share your opinion. If you've been talking a lot, I may ask you to hold off. If you haven't said much in a while, I may call on you directly by name. But, again, you know, kind of feel free. You don't have to answer every question. You know, I might hear from a couple of people. Every so often I'll say, oh, I want to hear from everybody on this. I'm just going to go around the room and ask you that question.

I'm trying to think of what else. Oh, if you have an opinion that's different than every, anybody, everybody else in the room, feel free to speak up. You know, we're not here for everybody to necessarily agree with each other. And from time-to-time, I may play devil's advocate, where I throw out a different perspective just to see how you'll react to it. I might not. It just depends on if it occurs to me at the time.

Don't feel like you have to agree with me just to make me feel better about myself. My wife will tell you I've got too much self-esteem, so don't worry about that. But if you say, oh, yeah, that's a good point, I didn't think about that, you know, go ahead and talk about that as well. If you need to use the restroom, that's fine. There's a couple of things that I'm going to ask on that. One is that only one person leave the room at a time. If you have too many people leaving, it's too much of a distraction.

And secondly, there will be a couple of times where I'll be passing, I'll pass out, at a certain point, some what I call workbooks. I think they should be called fun books, because that sounds more fun, where you're writing down an answer to something. Because sometimes people's opinions are affected by what other people are saying, so sometimes I just want to, you know, have everybody's reactions written down. So if you're writing, you know, once you finish answering that question, it's not a lot of them, but then you can, obviously, use the restroom. But don't, you know, please wait at least to get that down.

I'm trying to think if there's, oh, I also ask that there be no side conversations. You know, sometimes the person sitting next to you says something, and you want to whisper I agree with that, or that reminds me of a great story. I'm all for great stories and everything, but just try not to have those side conversations, because it is distracting to the group as a whole.

I'm sure I've forgotten something. If, oh, I told you I would. I do have a bunch of questions for you tonight. So if I've asked the question, and then I move onto the next one, and you still wanted to talk, don't take it personally. Part of my job is, as I mentioned, is to make sure you get out of here on time. Does anybody have any questions about how things work tonight? No. Okay. Let me do this. Let me ask you to use a one word or short phrase to describe how you think things are going in the country these days. I just want to hear them shouted out. I'll jot them down, but word or short phrase on how things are going in the country.

MAN: Terrible.

MODERATOR: Terrible. Okay.

WOMAN: Disaster.

MODERATOR: Disaster. This one, I do want to hear from everybody.

MAN: Unstable.

MODERATOR: Unstable, but only once, so . . .

WOMAN: Apathy.

MODERATOR: Apathy.

MAN: It's going downhill.

MODERATOR: Downhill.

WOMAN: Sabotage.

MODERATOR: Sabotage.

WOMAN: Backstabbing.

MODERATOR: Backstab. Next?

MAN: Different than when we were growing up.

MODERATOR: Anybody else? I'm missing one or two.

MAN: Complicated.

MODERATOR: Complicated. Okay.

WOMAN: Slowing going to turn around.

MODERATOR: Slowly going to turn around. Okay. The first one I heard was terrible. Who said that, and what, why is it terrible, man? Thomas, do you go by man or Thomas?

MAN: I go by man.

MODERATOR: man. Okay. man?

MAN: Well, you know, there's just so much going on between the parties, between the liberals and the Democrats or the liberals and the conservatives. Everything is a battle these days. Somebody goes on campus, they want to talk about, and there's no free speech. The students are liberals. They get up. They make a fuss over so the speaker can't be heard. That situation, I think, was in California on the campus was unbelievable where they were breaking, setting things on fire. And then ISIS, something that, you know, it's just terrible. Everything is falling apart.

MODERATOR: Okay. I heard disaster. Who said disaster?

WOMAN: I did.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I'm thinking about healthcare, mainly. I'm thinking about it's just everything, we're on our own. I mean, we're self-employed, so we have to take care of ourselves. And I, it just, everything costs so much. Our taxes are high. And I agree with man what he's saying about the just the rioting is ridiculous. It just, freedom of speech is one thing, but they're just really pushing it too far. And I think it's just the young generation, and then the older generation is just, they have nothing better to do, or they're getting paid to do it. I don't know. I just can't understand why so much chaos.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody said unstable.

MAN: That was me.

MODERATOR: Okay. And, Man, Man or Man?

MAN: Man.

MODERATOR: Man. Okay. Man?

MAN: Well, not only to touch on the Bible is there, but, you know, our economics are skewed. We don't have trustful resources that we can get relatively informed. You have to look at everything, because the truth lays somewhere in the middle. You have people that are elected to be our representatives, that have their own political agenda that, you know, we don't have our representation like we used to. Healthcare is a mess. That's been going downhill for years, and we're only finally starting to see how, just how bad it is.

We have more people on welfare than we've ever had before. We have the lowest workforce participation we've ever had. I think we're on a great tipping point. I think when our

former President said he wanted to fundamentally change this country, I think he did. I think he destabilized it and moved closer to socialist.

MODERATOR: Okay. And somebody said apathy.

WOMAN: I did.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: I just think it's, a lot of the kids, like their favorite word now is whatever. They, a lot of them don't have, I think it starts with disrespect for, I mean, God and the church. They're robbing churches, so they don't have that fear of God. It used to be the safe place, which you used to go, and you could hide there. Even the bad guys, they had that code. But that's not there anymore. They don't care whether you're, you know, church or no church or whatever. They have apathy. They just say whatever.

But then, all of a sudden, you're going to take, they think you're going to take something away, because that's what they've been told, then they all get in an uproar and all this kind of stuff. But a lot of them just don't care. You can ask some of the young kids, and they go I don't know. I don't care. Whatever. Just, whatever. But they just don't care one way or the other.

MODERATOR: Okay. Someone said downhill. Man?

MAN: That was me. I just feel like, you know, more and more blue collar jobs are being lost, and not really my age, but younger kids, everyone feels like they are entitled to something. There's way too many handouts and people getting stuff for just sitting at home. I think that needs to stop.

MODERATOR: Sabotage.

WOMAN: That was me.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: Well, sabotage, I think people under the Obama regime are preventing Trump from getting things done, some of the liberals, anybody that's in Congress to lead. I want, just look at the justice right now. They're just anything that Trump wants to do is no good for some people, and I think there's a plan to actually sabotage his power.

MODERATOR: Okay. Backstabbing.

WOMAN: That was me.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I just think if you have your own opinion, or you say you're going to do something, they hold you to it. But if you don't do it exactly the way that they want it to be, they comprehend it a different way, and then they just go after you and everyone that it belonged or agreed with you. It's like you can't have your own opinion, because they're just going to throw it back at your face.

MODERATOR: Okay. Different than when you were growing up, I think, Man or Man?

MAN: Man is fine.

MODERATOR: Man. Okay.

MAN: I think it's some of the things that everybody has said from the standpoint of where you're trying to crush religion in the United States, and they're attacking that. But I'm just saying the expectation somebody said with the jobs that you came out of high school, and you kind of knew you were going to go to the steel mill, or you're going to go to college or something like that. And that's it. People are going on. People are starting tech companies, and they're able to do things, and that's good, but then there's all the people that are sitting on the sideline.

But on some of the other things with it being terrible and that, I'd like to maybe challenge some of that and say that the economy, the stock market is up over 40%, I believe, since election day. That's a big number. I mean, I know PNC stock, locally, is at \$40 or \$50, okay, a 40% or 50% gain. For those people that hold that, those are big numbers, you know, that for something to occur in a four- or five-month period like that.

But I think the other thing is new jobs. I think Trump has got so many people to sign up for new jobs, okay, and providing new jobs, and doing this, and I think today he had an infrastructure meeting, I believe, that's going to create blue-collar jobs in, you know, for building roads and highways and that. So, yeah, we're about 100 days into a new presidency, but I think we can see some things are changing. Some things are being road-blocked too.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody said complicated.

MAN: I said that.

MODERATOR: man?

MAN: I don't have job statistics or anything. You know, I'm not an economist. But I don't ever, I'll be 40, I don't ever remember the situation where I feel like regular people

were so disconnected from elected officials who we watch on television, what we read in the newspaper. I think regular people are kind of disregarded. I think that people probably feel resentful that they're told what they should think as opposed to what they actually do think.

I think, you know, I'm not sure if it's a tangible issue, but I think over the last eight years, the biggest change, it was like a cultural change. I think there was like a kind of like a lack of where people thought of in terms of patriotism. I think you have like a shift from nontraditional values and things like family and probably like religion towards kind of things that are closer to the other end of the spectrum. So I think it's kind of like, I think this country has like an identity crisis.

I think that you probably saw, in my opinion, I think that you saw Donald Trump elected because people were tired of being told or led down the path that they thought that they were being taken down over the last eight years, especially over the last four years, because the first four years, I think, probably, the past administration, there had to be some type of caution. But once you're, once Obama was reelected, there's nothing to worry about, and in terms of, you know, fulfilling whatever agenda that he had. But, you know, I don't know. It's complicated. I think it's like a cultural thing, and it's just regular people, I think, felt, I think ignored and frustrated.

MODERATOR: Okay. And I heard slowly going to turn around. And, Woman, I'm guessing that's you.

WOMAN: Yes, I think when Obama was in, he really tried his best to divide this country culturally. And I'm hoping that, in many ways, as we've seen since January 1, he's doing his best in every way, when he's not stonewalled to help in the job market. I mean, I think with, you know, all the immigration stuff too, like we need to help our own here. And with, you know, building the wall. And, I mean, I just agree, that he's trying his best to do what's best for this country.

MODERATOR: A couple of people mentioned, did mention jobs, specifically. And so when you think about the economy overall, not just jobs, but the economy, obviously, jobs is a big part of that, would you say, and I'm going to ask just for a show of hands, and let me give you three options, would you say that the national economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same? How many people think, feel like the economy is getting better, a show of hands? Okay. That's everybody. I don't need to ask the next two then. Putting aside

economy and jobs, what domestic issue, in other words, not foreign issue, what domestic issue concerns you most right now?

WOMAN: Fake news.

MODERATOR: Fake news. Okay. man?

MAN: Sanctuary cities.

MODERATOR: Sanctuary cities. Okay.

MAN: And now California is a sanctuary state. Unbelievable.

WOMAN: Did they pass that? Did they pass it? Oh, they did pass it?

MAN: Yeah, it was passed.

MODERATOR: What else?

WOMAN: National security.

MODERATOR: National security. Okay. When you say, Woman, sorry, when you say national security, what specifically are you thinking about?

WOMAN: Homegrown terrorism.

MODERATOR: Oh, and, Joan, when you say fake news, what comes to mind when you hear fake news? Or when you say fake news, what are you thinking about?

WOMAN: I'm thinking about turning on the TV at night, and as a matter of fact, yesterday, I saw a report. There was only 45 seconds on CBS that reported some issue. ABC and NBC reported nothing about it. And so I don't think we're getting all of the news. We're not getting all the truth that we need. It's, stories are twisted, and there's always an opinion. Instead of just stating the facts, they come out and say Trump today did this, or, you know, they're always stating some opinion rather than just give us the facts.

WOMAN: Which was never the case when Obama was . . .

WOMAN: No, absolutely. You would never see.

WOMAN: They never, no, they never talked down about Obama.

WOMAN: And even in, go ahead.

WOMAN: And since it's a, you know, conservative, or it's Republican, it's always negative. You know, even when you watch *Inside Edition*, they try to destroy him. It's just, it's disgusting. Like I can't even watch it.

MODERATOR: Sorry. I'm going to ask about the media some more a little later on. So let's go back to one more domestic U.S. issue that concerns you.

MAN: I'm concerned about individual rights and all of the, you know, just because you identify with a certain group, it seems like they feel they're entitled to more protection under the law than ours. And that bothers me quite a bit. If I identify with the gay, lesbian, and transsexual community, I'm supposed to be protected status. I've got a problem with that.

MODERATOR: Okay. How about internationally? What international or foreign policy issue are you most concerned about these days?

MAN: ISIS . . .

WOMAN: . . .

WOMAN: Terrorism.

WOMAN: Well, we hear Russia every day, even though I don't know that there's anything to it, but . . .

MAN: But that may be an interesting point that we've all been talking about things that affect us in the United States and haven't really gone to the worldview of things. And it just kind of maybe even tells you what the result of the news media is driving you in certain, you know, direction, talking healthcare every day, talking about this, talking about Supreme Court Justice and whatever that we've been driven away from, ISIS, terrorism has been taken off the front pages.

MODERATOR: Okay. Is there any, one more international or, man?

MAN: I think like diplomatic relations with other countries is probably at a low point, because unfortunately, most of those other countries, for the past eight years, or even to this point, have experienced what this country probably just ended with the change in the president, with the presidential election.

So with Trump, I probably don't think that there's very good relationships between places like Germany. Maybe Great Britain, that's a bit different, because I think Theresa May is probably closer to a Donald Trump type of a political figure. But, I mean, there's a complete divide between liberal world leaders. I think what you're seeing is the pendulum swinging, hopefully, towards more conservative, practical world leaders. But I think at this point, it's completely, there's no, it doesn't seem like there's any dialogue about anything.

MODERATOR: Okay. Most of what we're going to talk about tonight, you may have already kind of figured this out, is most of the discussion is going to focus on our new

President, Donald Trump. And what I'm going to do now is hand out those workbooks, again, I think it needs to be rebranded as fun books that I had mentioned, along with some pens. And we're not going to do it all at once, but pass those down. Let me know, by the way, if when you start working your pen doesn't work. Or did people bring pens in?

WOMAN: I, we got them at the front desk.

MODERATOR: Some have them, and some don't.

MAN: Do you guys all have them?

MODERATOR: All right. Let me get these passed around.

WOMAN: Do you mean . . .

WOMAN: Oh, I have one. Thank you.

MODERATOR: And you'll see on the front page here . . . five . . . it asks you to put your first name and last initial in the box below. It's actually really not your last initial, if you think about it. I never remember to change that, the initial of your last name, the first initial of your last name. And then go to page two, and just wait there. This way, I'll know when everybody's done. So go ahead and write your name in the box on page one. Okay. It says, it looks like everybody is there, almost. On page two, it says please do not turn the page until you are told to do so.

Okay. Go ahead, and turn the page. And here's the first question. And I want, this is like you got to think a little creatively here. If Donald Trump were an animal, what kind of animal would he be, and why? And then you don't have to write a lot. You can just jot down a couple of notes as to why. And then I'm just going to go around and ask everybody to share what they wrote. Okay. Take another moment . . . not take a long time.

You can go ahead and put your pen down when you're done, so I'll know where folks are. Okay. I'm just going to go around the room and ask everybody to tell us the animal and, you know, a couple of things of why that jumped to mind. Man, I'll start with you. I won't pick on you first every time, but I'll start this way.

MAN: I had down he was a lion, because he's the king of the jungle and survival of the fittest, protector of his pride, the United States, and he was a hunter versus being hunted.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I had the lion also, because he commands respect and that, like a predator, he studies the situation and waits for an opportune moment to . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I had a lion too, but he's not going to let anyone stop him. He'll do what he wants to do. He'll take charge.

MODERATOR: Okay. man?

MAN: I worked as a volunteer at the aviary, so I said he was a bald eagle, the strength of America, make America great again. He represents America's true values, and nothing to me represents America's true values like the bald eagle.

MODERATOR: I will say it's a good thing Franklin lost on that one.

MAN: True.

MODERATOR: man?

MAN: I have lion. I have he's assertive. He's kind of like the alpha. He's masculine, authoritative, powerful, capable, and then, you know, kind of like a predator. But I think like in a good way, predator.

MODERATOR: Man?

MAN: I also said lion. I just said he worked his way to the top, and now he's superior and above everybody else and that people look up to him.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: It's funny. I said the same thing, but we all have different ideas. It says, I said he walks around with authority, makes a loud noise, and he has his dinner brought to him, because the lionesses hunt. But he shows the other lions how to do things, and he has the hair.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: I also said a lion. He will not be silent. He's very outspoken regarding his views, and he does not hold back.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: I said the same thing, king lion. He's a leader. He's a delegator. Never gives up and keeps focused. He's always protecting his kind, and he gets respect.

WOMAN: And I had the same thing, and everybody said it all.

MODERATOR: Wow, that's the first time I've ever had that. You know, when I realized, by the way, the first time in 2016, last year, after the nominations, I was doing some focus group for the swing women, and I asked that same question. And I was stunned at how the

negative answer that the comments were about Hillary Clinton and just not nice. But, you know, not positive animals, not lion. Let's go on. I'll leave it at that. So don't turn the page yet. The next thing we're going to do is some creative thinking. It's called in, I want to give you an example of it, in focus group parlance, it's called a mind map.

And what I did was, as I was setting up, I wrote down a, I made a circle in the middle, and I wrote down one word. And the word was Pittsburgh. That's not going to be your word, by the way, but everything that came to mind about Pittsburgh. I'm from Virginia, so, you know, when I come to the city, I start thinking about it. So, first, one of the first things I think of are the Steelers, and, of course, the famous Franco Harris catch. I remember being a little kid, watching that game, and my father had like a meeting at the house over something. And I was so excited that I ran in there and broke up the meeting when Franco Harris made that catch.

And then, of course, the Pirates and Penguins, Willie Stargell and Roberto Clemente. They weren't my favorite team, but I really liked those guys. Of course, the Penguins win a lot of Stanley Cups. I'm a Washington Capitals fan. I don't want to talk about that, but I'm just going to move on. Steel City, a lot of hills, and, of course, the three rivers, so stuff that comes off of it. You'll see it's not just that. And food, I can't tell you the Pittsburgh specialties, but I know you guys do like a lot of interesting sausage stuff, and you put stuff on top of stuff, and it all looks pretty good.

WOMAN: . . . the pierogies.

MODERATOR: I know I'm right. I mean, I . . .

WOMAN: . . . and pierogies.

MODERATOR: . . . you know, and then your weather. It always seems a lot overcast and cold here, and I'm not quite sure why that is. You know, it's a beautiful town and city and all that, and, of course, Yinzers.

WOMAN: Yeah . . .

MODERATOR: And I knew a guy years ago who introduced me to the word yinz. So I know Pittsburghers are called Yinzers. So go ahead and turn to page four. Okay. And now go to page five, and guess what your mind map is. Yours is Donald Trump. So I want you to do the same sort of thing. You know, what first comes to mind, different things, positives, some, could be some negatives, could be some positives, whatever comes to mind about Donald Trump.

And just take a couple of minutes, real quick. Take another 30 seconds or so. All right. I'm going to go around the room and ask each of you to share one thing you had on your page. Try to make it something different than what you've already heard, although I know that's sometimes harder on the people going last. Woman, I, this time I'll going to start with you.

WOMAN: Tweets.

MODERATOR: Tweets. Oh, okay. And, Woman?

WOMAN: Intelligent.

MODERATOR: Intelligent. And, Woman?

WOMAN: Will change ObamaCare.

MODERATOR: Pardon? Oh, change ObamaCare.

WOMAN: Outspoken.

MODERATOR: I'm almost connecting that to tweets, but it's more than just the tweets.

MAN: I said businessman.

MAN: Fearless.

MAN: Taxes.

MODERATOR: When you say taxes . . .

MAN: Tax breaks for business.

MODERATOR: Woman . . .

WOMAN: Doesn't care if he hurts people's feelings.

MODERATOR: Okay. I want to connect that with both outspoken and tweets.

WOMAN: Okay. That was all . . .

MODERATOR: I'm not going to write the whole thing down

WOMAN: Because that's feelings. And, Man?

MAN: Patriarch.

WOMAN: That's good.

MAN: It's nice to have a President that loves his country.

WOMAN: Yes.

MODERATOR: And, Man?

MAN: Strong leader.

MODERATOR: Which is somewhat tied to fearless, as well. Okay. Now I'm not going to, you know, each, I can probably tell you're most of the way done with the workbook anyhow. Not all of . . . there's going to be more discussion. But this does get you thinking and gets people to put stuff down where they're not reacting to what other people are saying. So I'm going to ask you to flip to page six. Okay. Now go to page seven . . . with that.

And I want you to just fill in the blank of these two questions. The thing that, you know, finish the sentence. The thing that President Trump has done so far that makes me feel most proud about my vote for him is, and then the second thing is the thing that President Trump has done so far that makes me feel most unsure about my vote for him is. Take another 30 seconds or so, and if you haven't jumped to the second one, please do so. And again, if you're done, go ahead and put your pen down. Okay. All right, Man, I'm going to start at this end with you this time.

MAN: All right. I said sticking to his word and taking action right away. I'm just kind of tired of broken promises.

MODERATOR: And what are you most concerned or unsure about?

MAN: I didn't really have anything for that.

MODERATOR: Okay. man?

MAN: I put I, it hasn't been long, but I feel like the cultural vibe is changing. You actually earn, you know, you can see people who probably thought, well, who think the things that you thought that you weren't sure how many of them were out there six months ago. And if I, the thing that I'm most unsure about, it's not that I'm unsure, but I think the ObamaCare repeal, I guess, if you would consider that to be like a setback.

MODERATOR: Okay. And then we have, man?

MAN: I have withhold federal funds from sanctuary cities.

MODERATOR: Okay. And unsure about?

MAN: And the failure of Obama, to dump ObamaCare and replace it.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: Donating his pay that he did this week, so that it's not about the money. He cares more about the people than anything.

MODERATOR: And then . . .

WOMAN: And the unsure thing is the whole selling that you're able to buy your Internet browsing history thing that they just passed.

MODERATOR: Okay. And then we've got Man . . .

MAN: I said about immediate action on his campaign promises. He didn't waste any time. That makes me the most proud that I elected somebody that truly stands for what I want. The thing that makes me most unsure about his vote is the communication of his team to the public. I know the media does some, skew that somewhat, but you want to look at his press conferences, and you just kind of cringe on Sean Spicer, and then you've got Kelly Anne Conway. I just kind of cringe. They're not as polished as, you know, we're maybe accustomed to. Maybe that's a good thing.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I had the Supreme Court appointee was the most thing I was proud of. And unsure of is his softening on immigration.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: My most proud, I'm proud about him standing up for police and veterans.

MODERATOR: And unsure?

WOMAN: His ability to overcome Washington, D.C. bureaucracy.

MODERATOR: By the way, as you can tell, I did not get good grades on penmanship in school, but I'm not talented enough to be a doctor. Woman?

WOMAN: I put signed executive orders immediately, the first day he was in office, and he hasn't stopped working since. I don't believe I've heard of him golfing or doing anything other than working, and I like that about him. And I can't say anything that I'm unsure about at all. I feel positive, 100%.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: His attempts to build a wall.

MODERATOR: You're proud of that?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: And unsure?

WOMAN: Not that I'm unsure, I just think that sometimes he needs to tone it down a bit.

MODERATOR: And then finally, Woman.

WOMAN: I said just getting elected made me very proud to be American again, but that he had cancelled two of the balls that day just to save money already. And that he was, the unsure was that he was, I really felt he was pressured to send the healthcare reform in too early just to appease everybody, and it wasn't finished.

MODERATOR: Okay. Great. Let me ask this, and you don't have to write this down. In fact, if you want to go ahead and close up the books for a little bit, I'm pretty sure we're not going to get back to it for a little while. And that is if you could pick one personal quality, not any issue, but a personal quality about Donald Trump, what personal quality do you like most about him? And again, I don't hear, need to hear from everybody, but I do want to hear from some folks. Woman?

WOMAN: He's a family man. He stands with his family.

WOMAN: That's just the way I thought.

WOMAN: He's a Christian.

MODERATOR: Okay. What else, personal quality, two or three more?

MAN: I just think he has integrity. He says what he's going to do, and the follows through.

MAN: I think his ability to bring people together. You know, he's able to identify what needs to be done and bring the right people into the room.

WOMAN: That's . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else? One last thing somebody wants to? man?

MAN: I think he's candid. He's not politically correct, and I think people are so tired of hearing all like the elected officials. It's so much baloney. I think that he's very candid in articulating what he thinks and what he feels, and I think people like that.

MODERATOR: Okay. How about is there a personal quality about Don, that Donald Trump has? I'm sorry. Is there a personal quality that Donald Trump has that concerns you that you're like, oh, he's a little too, or, you know, not so much issues but qualities?

WOMAN: Yeah, I just think sometimes he just, before he, you know, blurts something out . . .

WOMAN: Yeah, that's a . . .

WOMAN: . . . he needs to just, you know, not that I wouldn't have voted for him. He's just, yeah, just like take a deep breath before you, yeah. He's a little overzealous sometimes.

WOMAN: That's true. That's it, yeah . . .

MAN: And I would agree with that. Tweets, this thing with the tweets, you know, he just shoots from the hip, and then he has to back up from it. And he's just got to get away from those Quickdraw McGraw efforts.

WOMAN: Hopefully, some of his advisors just can get through to him. He's got his own mind.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other personal qualities, personal characteristics or qualities that you think, eh, it's a little weakness or, you know, I have a concern about?

MAN: I don't know if this is an extension, but just in policy . . . I don't think that there is, you know, sometimes, it's the same thing that you guys said. It's just you wish that there was a little bit more think time before he responded to something. And, you know, I don't think that he's ever been in a situation where he's had to kind of answer or face like the firing squad in terms of people who critique what he has to say as he does at this point.

MODERATOR: Okay. Thinking back to when he first, or, no, thinking back to when you first thought about Donald, about voting for Donald Trump, and did you think that he was going to be a, make a good President before he became a presidential candidate, or did you think that it was after he started running for office, and you said, oh, yeah, he could be a good President, or he would be?

WOMAN: I thought it from day one, as soon as I heard he was running. I mean, the way he runs a business, I wanted somebody who could run this country that way.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others?

WOMAN: I first thought it was a, just a . . .

WOMAN: Joke.

WOMAN: . . . premier, you know, like a stunt, like saying something. But then I thought, well, he's made really good business decisions, and I said I think he could do it, because he just says what he wants to, you know, same thing.

MODERATOR: Did he win you over like the day he announced, or was it like several months later or . . .

WOMAN: Oh, it was just, I mean . . .

MODERATOR: . . . more in the debates or something?

WOMAN: . . . yeah, I was won over before the debates. I just, I only, you only had so many, yeah.

MODERATOR: And . . . for the debates, I mean, the Republican debates . . .

WOMAN: Oh, yeah. Okay. Yeah, I think, I don't know. It was kind of before that. But I just knew he, how well he ran a business, and I said I'd be part of that, so . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I liked him because, I just lost the train of thought.

MODERATOR: From the get-go, or did he win you over during the campaign?

MAN: Yeah, we'll have to go to someone else. I just drew a blank.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: From day one, when he announced, just because we needed someone that wasn't in politics, wasn't being bought by everyone else. He knew. He had a plan set, I thought, and no one was paying him to say his own opinion.

MODERATOR: Okay. Go ahead, Man.

MAN: I just, I wanted to say because he wasn't a career politician, and like she said, how he wasn't afraid of what he said. And I just feel like he, we, like us, as normal people, could relate more.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anybody else want to answer?

WOMAN: I don't think I was day one. I think I kept an open mind to see what everybody had to say. And then as the debates went on, then I decided that's who I wanted to vote for.

MODERATOR: But it was his performance in the debates, that's why you . . .

WOMAN: Right.

MAN: I don't think I gave him a serious chance from the get-go. I just, I thought that the establishment would crush him somehow, some way. But the more and more the process went on, the more and more I, he didn't have to convince me, but it was kind of like, hey, we've got a little shot here. This guy might actually do it.

MODERATOR: So you were a fan from day one.

MAN: From day one.

MODERATOR: But you just . . .

MAN: But I didn't, realistically . . .

MODERATOR: . . . didn't think it would work out.

MAN: . . . I didn't. I thought that the establishment would not let him get the Republican nomination, that somehow, some way, the process would remove him, because he's not an insider, because that's typically what we had over the last how many years.

MODERATOR: Man was actually then, oh, I'm going to let Woman, and then man, and then I'll move on. Sorry. Go ahead, Woman.

WOMAN: I was not a big fan. I was onboard with Ted Cruz from day one. I wanted to see him in, because I just thought he was a really good, Christian man and a very upstanding man. But when push came to shove, I certainly wouldn't vote for Hillary. She'd be the last one who should be, you know, in my opinion, in jail for perjury. So it was a clear decision who I was going to vote for after Ted Cruz was out.

MODERATOR: Okay. man?

MAN: I got, I agree . . . just what she said, pretty much . . .

MODERATOR: You were a Cruz guy as well, or a Cruz supporter?

MAN: Yeah, you know, and then when he did win it, then it was just a right in, or Trump, because who his opponent was just, I think you've got to take that into consideration once you get to that next level.

MODERATOR: Well, let's talk about the next level. Sorry, Woman . . .

WOMAN: No, that's fine.

MODERATOR: . . . I'm worried about time.

WOMAN: It's the same as next level.

MODERATOR: Did you think? I don't know if you remember this, but back before the election, it was widely expected that Hillary Clinton was going to win. Did you think that Donald Trump was going to win?

WOMAN: Yes, 100%. I had a lot of faith in him.

MODERATOR: Okay. And, Woman, you're shaking your head.

WOMAN: I just thought the Democrats were going to pull some kind of scheme or do something to make sure he lost.

WOMAN: I was shocked, complete shock. My son stayed up the whole, he's 16.

WOMAN: . . . too.

WOMAN: And he stayed up, and he came running up onto my bed. He's like he won. He won. I'm like you're kidding. There is no possible way he won. They had to have had it rigged. I know he didn't win.

WOMAN: I thought he was going to win after what, I came to one of the rallies up here by the airport. And we just stood in line and stood in line, and there were so many people. I just knew then he was going to win.

MAN: I agree with you.

WOMAN: There was a lot of silent people. A lot of people did not talk. Everybody was afraid to talk, because they were afraid that there was someone who was going to beat you up, or my dad is one. He's a very strong Christian, and he just, he would not tell anybody, but he was for Trump 100%. But he was afraid. It was a fear.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, how about you? Did you think Trump was going to win before the election?

MAN: I mean, I think there were things with that Billy Bush coming out. I thought that was going to. But I think what convinced me that he was so strong was he was able to overcome everything they threw at him. And that was the stuff that Romney couldn't overcome in the previous elections, you know, that he stood tall when he was going to get through.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anybody else?

WOMAN: I, at first, I didn't think he'd have a chance, like you said. But we went for a drive over in Ohio in Amish country, and we played a game called Trump bump. Every time we saw a Trump sign, you'd hit their arm. They just said stop, because my arm hurts. It was so many, and there was one little Hillary sign. Now the other Hillary signs, I won't even repeat what I saw. But that gave me hope.

MODERATOR: And they were . . . and are you saying they weren't pro-Hillary?

WOMAN: Oh, no, and it gave me hope thinking, well, maybe he really does have a chance, because these little, these people, the farmers were, had signs that were as big as this room, literally. And it was so exciting to see and think of maybe he really does have a chance.

WOMAN: Everywhere. I had that same experience in Ohio. I was shocked how many people had Trump signs.

MAN: What shocked me was how many people in Pittsburgh had that.

WOMAN: I might have seen one or two of Hillary. That's it. Nothing, where I live. I live in the South Hills, and there was just no Hillary at all there.

WOMAN: But it was projected by everyone that she was going to win. Nobody said that Trump was going to win.

WOMAN: It's fake news.

WOMAN: Yeah, it was great though . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: . . . that's called propaganda.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Let me ask this. This has been alluded to, but were you reluctant to tell others that you were voting for Trump, and if so, why?

WOMAN: . . .

WOMAN: I spoke up after I finally voted for him.

MAN: . . . voice, in my opinion . . . so they pretty much knew all of a sudden. They know what I stand for, what my values are, and they knew exactly, without me saying who I was going to vote for.

WOMAN: Yeah, they didn't have to ask.

MODERATOR: So everybody here was saying, yes, I'm voting for Trump. Because there was a study done that I saw on the Internet as I was getting ready for this that showed there were some what are called shy Trump voters. In other words, they were unwilling to admit to pollsters, at least, that they were going to vote for him.

WOMAN: That's why he won.

MODERATOR: But obviously, enough did vote for him. What emotions, a couple of you touched on this, but what emotions did you feel on election night or the next morning when you learned that he won the presidency?

WOMAN: Relief.

WOMAN: . . . very relieved.

WOMAN: I felt American again.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Yes, I'm sorry. Woman?

WOMAN: I felt American again. I felt like I was, it was America. I mean, it was the first time I every cried. I stayed up. I said I'm going to bed, and I stayed up all night. And I've never done that. And I was like, it's America. We're back. You know, it was just like you had opened these big old doors.

MAN: My wife was the same way. She was openly crying and saying it actually worked.

WOMAN: It was amazing.

MAN: The system worked.

WOMAN: All I said all day was it's a great day in the USA. All day long, I was just so happy.

WOMAN: I wore like three flag pins, you know.

MODERATOR: man, and then . . .

MAN: Yeah, you felt proud. You felt like your team, like you stayed up to watch the game. It was like, and it's like 2:00 in the morning . . .

WOMAN: You were part of it.

MAN: . . . and your team won the game, and you felt great the next day.

WOMAN: It makes . . . bad things . . . neener, neener, neener.

MAN: And you felt validated.

MODERATOR: In Virginia those are called Penguins' fans. man, how did you feel?

MAN: I was just in disbelief. I, you know, I thought she was going to win. I voted for Trump. And, of course, I'm outnumbered at home. My wife and my daughter were both diehard, anti-Trumps, so I couldn't keep my, you know, couldn't say a whole heck of a lot. But, I, you know, it was like finally, a light has opened up in the heavens.

MODERATOR: Man, what emotions did you have when he won, when you learned he won?

MAN: Well, I was happy, you know, and felt that vindicated that, you know, these are the things that he stood for. He moved forward, and America was able to jump onboard with that.

MODERATOR: This is a simple yes-no question, so if you're answering, just say yes or no. If you say yes, I'm going to follow up. If you say no, I'm just going to move along. Was there, is there any point since the election you've regretted voting for Donald Trump?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: No.

MODERATOR: Okay. Then I'm going to move on. Do you think that Donald Trump is changing or will be able to change, because it won't happen, obviously, overnight, the way things work in Washington?

WOMAN: Yes.

WOMAN: Yes, he already has.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, when you say he already has, how has he changed? Where is . . .

WOMAN: Just positive, just getting people together and just, he's just, he's like he's so powerful. I just can't, it's just hard to express.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other ways you think that he's changed Washington so far?

MAN: I think his ability to tweet, he's tapped into a new communication that previous politicians, I mean, Obama had tried that somewhat, but he mastered it. He gets his message out. And that's why I think the news media is so upset with him is he bypasses them. He goes straight to the people, and the people that put him into office.

MAN: He's in a . . .

WOMAN: And Twitter money.

WOMAN: I think he's more transparent too. You see him on cable news right during the meetings that he's having, which you didn't see with the other President we just had.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else in terms of how he's changing the way Washington works or how he's going to? No. Okay. This might be the easiest question I ask, but I've got to ask it. And that is what was the Trump campaign's slogan?

WOMAN: Make America Great Again.

MAN: Make America Great Again.

MODERATOR: I told you it was going to be easy. Anybody here not have heard that before? Okay. Now I'll move onto the real question, not that the others weren't. They

weren't fake questions. But what does, I can't assume stuff, you know, what does Make American Great Again mean to you, Man?

MAN: I'd say bring more jobs back into the U.S., and make more things in America rather than importing them, and just mainly try and run our own country and get the economy back together.

MODERATOR: I'm going to go Woman and then Woman.

WOMAN: He pretty much said everything I was going to say.

WOMAN: To unite everyone again, because everybody is so divided, and thanks to Obama.

MAN: Yeah, we were leaders in space and science and manufacturing, and I think he wants to make us those leaders again. We were people, along with everybody else. We were leading, and other people were following what we were doing. And I think that's where he wants to go again. He wants the scientists. He wants the new products. He wants us to be manufacturing. A return to core American values, family values, I think that's what he's trying to do.

MODERATOR: Okay. Now Democrats, including their candidate, said that America is still great. What's your reaction to that, man?

MAN: I would, I don't believe they felt like that at all. I feel like the last eight years, and the last four years, especially, I think that that administration would have Americans think that this country was almost free, you feel patriotic or outspoken about the United States is something you should be almost ashamed of. And I think that, you know, President Obama kind of went out of his way to, at every opportunity that he had, was to talk about things that the United States, from 200 and however many years old we are, it was to emphasize the low points and the worst things and divide, to divide the country.

I mean, I don't really think the country was any different in terms of like things that were tangible when he left office and when he came into office, but, I mean, those eight years, it was like one day you woke up, and you felt like you were on another planet in terms of like being, you know, to say that you were patriotic was something that you kind of felt that the media, and I think that like the winds of change wanted you to feel bad about. I think that a lot of people were angry about that. I, but I don't feel that way at all. I don't think that the Democratic Party thought that America was a great place at all.

MODERATOR: What are some of the reasons to you why America, and until the Trump election and then inauguration, when he got sworn in, that America was no longer great, Woman?

WOMAN: I don't think Obama really cared about the officers in the military at all. If someone got shot, it was just like, oh, I feel bad for the person who got shot and not the police. It was always the kid's fault. It didn't matter.

WOMAN: He was more for the criminals, it felt like, and there was no protection for the police officers.

WOMAN: Then our defense went down, and so overseas, you'd say, oh, you know, you're from America. They go, oh, yeah, whatever. Before it would be, oh, America. Oh, I'm so sorry. Please, you know, forgive me. I'll make you lunch. But after that, it just felt like defense was down.

WOMAN: He was always apologizing to other countries.

MAN: For everything. He was big on distribution of wealth. He was trying to spread the money around, so therefore, he'd negotiate with foreign countries to move our manufacturing there. And he'd give the sweetheart deals to the foreign countries, which is what . . . and I think that's what Trump was against, you know, where he is going to bring it back.

MODERATOR: Anything else come to mind about why America wasn't as great as it had been?

WOMAN: The vets weren't being taken care of. Never . . . so no regard for the laws.

MODERATOR: No regard for what?

WOMAN: The laws.

MODERATOR: Oh, laws. I'm sorry. Okay. Let me ask this. Do you think that, or, that's wrong. Let me start again. Was your support for Donald Trump more based on his issue positions or more based on his willingness to tell it like it is instead of being about worrying, instead of worrying about being politically correct?

WOMAN: Mine was telling it like it is.

MODERATOR: . . . let me get a show of hands. How many of you were more like, oh, I like him most because of his issue positions, and how many were more, oh, I like him

most because he's, he tells it like it is, he's not politically correct? So issue positions? There's no right or wrong answer. It's just, what's your opinion? Okay. Four, and then telling it like it is, the other six. Okay. Those of you who said, you know, he tells it like it is instead of worrying about being politically correct, what does being politically correct mean to you?

WOMAN: It's like the rulebook or something. You have to go by the rules, and he doesn't go by the rules. He does his own thing.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: It's like they want us to be brainwashed and just each person tells you what you want to hear and what they think that they're expected to say.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anybody else in terms of what? And even if you didn't say politically correct as more important to you than issues, anything come to mind when you hear politically correct?

WOMAN: That there is no right or wrong. It's all a little bit gray. Everybody has a gray. And I think he said, this is not right, and this is right, or, you know, whether it was his opinion, fine. And we have an opinion. And I think politically correct is saying no one really has an opinion. You can have your own opinion, but, you know, only our opinion is right from what you think is not really right. But we'll accept it as not really right. I don't know. It just seems as though everything is gray. There's no right or wrong.

MODERATOR: And, by the way, when I said earlier there are no right or wrong answers, I wasn't being politically correct.

WOMAN: No, I understand.

MODERATOR: I want to hear from man and then to Man.

MAN: It's like that there was a phony sense of etiquette that kind of got in the way of what logic and reason and things that were, you know, for you to say, to address a problem that obviously existed is that people didn't want to even say it for, and I think it's like disingenuous. I think it's a bunch of baloney. Just the political correctness was, it was something that just got in the way of matter-of-factness and clear thinking and stating things very plainly.

MODERATOR: Okay. Now, Man, you get the last word on this one.

MAN: To kind of go along with that, everybody is afraid of offending somebody. If you don't agree with me, that's fine. We can agree to disagree.

MODERATOR: No . . . no, I'm kidding.

MAN: Well, that's fine, but, seriously, that's what political correctness is. I'm not going to stand up and tell you I'm for an issue. I'm going to avoid that issue. I'm going to skirt it, or I'm going to soften the blow, because I don't agree with you. That's why we have, I love the term snowflakes. I love that term, because they're so delicate, they need their safe zones, because they're so traumatized. That's political correctness. If it doesn't go my way, I'm going to have a temper tantrum.

MODERATOR: Let me ask you this. I, Man brought up a good question that I thought of, or made me think of it. Putting aside what you've read about, you know, students on campuses where they, some of the things that were mentioned earlier and everything, do any of you know people, and I'm not going to ask you who, but do any of you know people that you think, well, they're basically snowflakes? Just raise your hand.

MAN: Absolutely.

MODERATOR: One, two, three, four, five, six.

WOMAN: When you say snowflakes.

MAN: I don't know what snowflake means.

WOMAN: Yeah, I'm . . .

MODERATOR: Man, why don't you define snowflake, since you brought it up?

MAN: Basically, that's somebody that their whole political and moral view is from here. It doesn't matter what the facts are. It doesn't matter what facts. It's all from right here. It's how I feel about an issue. I can't back up how I feel. They have to go, they have to stay with their own kind. They're like-minded people. They're not open to a discussion like this.

MODERATOR: And to further it, it's people who kind of melt under pressure where if they're, if they see views, usually conservative, they hear about views that are conservative, and they don't align, so they don't align with theirs, they totally overreact. Like, oh, that person is not, should not even be allowed to come on campus to say that. Or it doesn't just have to be campus, obviously, but that's where a lot of . . . okay. Let me ask you this. If Hillary Clinton had won the election instead of Donald Trump, would you be more supportive or less supportive of the Republican Party?

MAN: More supportive.

WOMAN: That's a good question. I don't know.

MAN: . . .

MAN: I would have gone to Canada.

WOMAN: And . . .

WOMAN: Left your wife and daughter here?

MAN: No, but, yeah, they're not for Trump, so . . .

MODERATOR: They could visit, right?

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: I don't know. It's like being more supportive it's probably their fault that Trump lost, I would think, because where were they to get him elected, you know?

WOMAN: Well, what do you mean, more supportive, like in terms of what?

MODERATOR: Well, you know, would you be more inclined to say I'm definitely going to vote Republican in the next election to try and stop Hillary, or would you say, as Woman did, boy, they didn't do a really good job to help our guy? I don't know if I really back them now.

WOMAN: Oh, yeah, I'd still have conservative views. It doesn't matter. You know, my views are still, so . . . change.

WOMAN: I'm a good Republican, but I wouldn't vote for those people that were in, maybe.

MAN: I agree with that. If you're not going along with what my views are, you're probably not going to get elected.

MODERATOR: Let me ask this. Did anybody here vote for a single Democrat in November? You know, it doesn't matter what office. Man?

MAN: . . . state level?

MODERATOR: State level, yeah, anything.

WOMAN: . . . if it's some school person . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Yeah, I mean, well . . .

MAN: . . . state level.

WOMAN: . . . because you had to?

WOMAN: Because I had to.

WOMAN: That's what I thought . . . you had to . . . that's all there was.

MODERATOR: Oh, was there one where it was . . .

WOMAN: There was no other choice.

WOMAN: You had no choice. You . . .

MODERATOR: Well, putting aside that.

MAN: . . . legislation that I was in favor of.

MODERATOR: Okay. Did everybody else pretty much vote a straight Republican ticket, except where the one was . . .

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Okay. Oh, let me ask about the Democratic Party. Who is the new leader of the Democratic Party?

WOMAN: Perez.

MODERATOR: Okay. That is a trick question on my part, and I should have asked the second part. Not the Chairman of the National Party, but in your mind, you know, there was a point, obviously, Barack Obama was the leader of the Democratic Party, and then Hillary Clinton became it. On the Republican side you had . . .

WOMAN: Pelosi.

MODERATOR: . . . well, it's hard to say who it was before Trump was nominated, but maybe Paul Ryan or, you know, Mitch McConnell, or even Mitt Romney. Even though he hadn't won, you know, he was still. But who is, putting aside man Perez, who is the new chairman of the what do they call it, the D . . .

WOMAN: DNC.

MODERATOR: The DNC, yeah, the DNC.

WOMAN: It's just a bad thing.

MODERATOR: Who, in your mind, is the leading Democrat in the country these days?

MAN: I think Schumer, but I think it's a leader though. I think he's the most visible.

WOMAN: Is it Pelosi? I said Pelosi, because I hear her the most.

WOMAN: Yeah, I say Nancy Pelosi.

MAN: Pelosi.

WOMAN: Oh, she needs to go.

MAN: I would agree with . . .

WOMAN: Yeah, because I don't like her.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: . . . Schumer.

MODERATOR: Some think Schumer. Some think Pelosi.

WOMAN: She needs to retire.

MODERATOR: Anybody besides those two come to mind?

WOMAN: I don't even know who she is.

MAN: What's that one from California that's escaping my . . .

WOMAN: Oh, the woman.

WOMAN: Oh, yeah.

MODERATOR: A senator?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: There's two of them.

WOMAN: There's . . . right?

WOMAN: . . . yeah.

MODERATOR: So I'm going to throw out both the . . .

MAN: Feinstein.

WOMAN: Feinstein.

MODERATOR: Feinstein.

MAN: I hate . . . Feinstein.

MAN: Related to Clinton.

MODERATOR: Has anybody here heard of Elizabeth Warren?

WOMAN: Yes.

MAN: Yes.

MODERATOR: Does she come to mind as . . .

WOMAN: I thought she was going to be Hillary's right side. I was surprised.

MODERATOR: How about Bernie Sanders, is he, in your mind, the leader?

MAN: No.

WOMAN: No.

WOMAN: No, he's a socialist.

MAN: I think you'll see man Ryan from Ohio . . . I think that's who's, you know, the one that was, ran against Pelosi.

MODERATOR: I think you're right . . . his name. So it's a good thing he didn't win, because then you'd have two Ryans, you know, in Congress. I'm joking, obviously. Okay. So when you hear what is often called, I told you we'd get back to this, but what is often called the mainstream media being critical of Donald Trump, does their criticism make you question your support for him, or does it reinforce that he's on the right track in terms of shaking things up?

WOMAN: Reinforces.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: He's on the right track. You can't believe anything mainstream says.

WOMAN: I just usually turn the channel.

WOMAN: Yeah, I don't want to listen to it. It makes me sick to my stomach.

MAN: Yeah, I . . .

MAN: I don't want to even watch the news.

WOMAN: It is lies.

MODERATOR: Man, I'm sorry.

MAN: I said I can't even watch the news or CNN or anything like that.

WOMAN: I just watch Fox and . . .

WOMAN: Me too.

MAN: Yeah, me too.

MODERATOR: Now how do you react? One of his people talk about sometimes tweet stuff and maybe, you know, one of his more controversial, I think he actually said this, but I don't remember, but he said the press is, quote, the enemy of the people, end quote. It might have been a tweet. Why do you think he said that?

WOMAN: Because they don't speak the truth, twisting his words . . . speak the truth.

WOMAN: Everything to undermine him.

MODERATOR: Does anybody here, I mean, do you, well, let me ask this, do you think the press is the enemy or is not the enemy of the people, not necessarily Trump, but the people?

MAN: As it currently exists, I think the enemy.

WOMAN: Yeah, they only feed you what they want you to hear.

WOMAN: They have . . .

WOMAN: Their agenda, and it's a Democratic agenda, it's a very liberal.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman and . . .

WOMAN: They're just trying to brainwash you, especially the young people who are not their followers, and they're sucking them in.

MODERATOR: Okay. What is the most biased news report you've seen the press do about Donald Trump, like what issue do you think they've been most biased against?

WOMAN: Tweeting.

WOMAN: And Russia comes to mind every day.

MAN: Immigration.

WOMAN: Immigration.

MAN: You know, this poor woman is gone, been deported, and her little child is, come on.

WOMAN: It's always about the children. It's never about the terrorist that's going to blow up a whole city. You know, it's always the little children that need to come in.

MODERATOR: Okay. So we have tweeting, immigration, what was the third one mentioned?

WOMAN: Russia . . .

MODERATOR: Russia, yes. Thank you . . . I blanked. Sorry. Anything else that you think this is just way over the top by the media?

MAN: Anything that they kind of run with like the adjective that he's racist. He's never said anything that's like overtly racist. That's like, you know, I don't know, at least it used to be a strong descriptor. I think it's something that's very casual, and that gets thrown around pretty easily at this point. At least, hopefully, maybe that's on the way out.

But, I mean, I don't think that the media did anything to kind of say, well, there's really no substance behind that, and we're not going to do that. I think they kind of go out of

their way to, while the station itself may not, the anchor may not say it, but there's no shortage of people like man on the street interviews where they'll let that commentary on air and say, you know, racist, racist, racist. That's all baloney.

MODERATOR: Okay. Now that man has brought that up, I thought about asking this question earlier, but I will ask it now. The, let's go back to his slogan Make America Great Again. The criticism, some of the criticism of that by the Democrats are, oh, so he wants to take America back to the days of segregation. America wasn't, you know, that wasn't great for me as an African-American or me as a Hispanic. I'm not talking about me, personally, I'm just saying. But, you know, so do you think that when he says Make America Great again, do you think that he means any of that?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: No.

WOMAN: No, he never came off like . . .

WOMAN: He's saying jobs. He's saying bringing back infrastructure, everything, just from factories . . .

MAN: I think that the people saw through that.

WOMAN: I interpret it from like try to do damage control from the past eight years of all the things that have happened.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me get a show of hands. Who here is on Twitter? One, two, three. Okay. Do you, those of you who are not on Twitter, do you feel like you know what it is, or have you just kind of heard about it?

WOMAN: No, I don't know what it is.

WOMAN: I'm not interested.

WOMAN: I read his tweets on Facebook.

WOMAN: I read it from other people.

WOMAN: I read tweets on Facebook.

MAN: My daughter won't let me go on Twitter.

WOMAN: He made me want to sign up.

MODERATOR: It sounds like they think they're doing you a favor.

MAN: I would, yeah. They say I'll be put in jail, so . . .

MODERATOR: Woman, you were starting to say? I'm sorry.

WOMAN: I see a lot of tweets on Facebook.

MODERATOR: And, Woman, you said the same thing?

WOMAN: Same thing, yes.

MODERATOR: Those three, do you guys follow Trump on Twitter?

MAN: Absolutely.

WOMAN: I do.

MODERATOR: Okay. Why do you think he tweets so much? Anybody, not just those on Twitter.

WOMAN: To get his point across, because the media doesn't do it.

MAN: I think he's tapped to something where, even though based on the number of people that are on Twitter in this room right now, you wouldn't do it, but I think there's a large number of people there that Twitter is, you know, unclean from the standpoint that there is no filter as far as what you might see go by in a post. You know, and I think that would be a problem. You know, you'd be more worried about your kids on it . . .

WOMAN: Well, it's a new way of communicating, so reaching the younger generation.

WOMAN: And even though I don't tweet, I still see his tweets on Facebook.

WOMAN: I think he feels like he's connecting with the people and bypassing everything else. He wants to connect with any age group. He just wants to connect.

MAN: Well, I think it's a result too of being in business. Everything in business you, you know, you sat there at your desk, and you put everything into the to send an e-mail to this person and that person and cc this person. And you're used to running a business and putting everything into the computer and sending it out. And he's got this way of getting to the people all over the country.

MODERATOR: Do you think that his tweets so far have, as President, have helped him or hurt him?

WOMAN: Helped him.

WOMAN: Helped him.

MAN: Probably helped him more.

MODERATOR: man, you kind of . . .

MAN: Ironically, I pay attention to his tweets less after he's been elected. I don't know why. I'm not on Twitter, but on my phone I would have, on my Web browser, I would have his Twitter pulled up, and I would refresh it every day just to kind of see what I missed over the last 12 hours. I don't really pay attention to it that much. You know, I don't know why. It's just, it was something that I don't know. I feel like it was more effective maybe before the election. That's my sense.

MODERATOR: I may have asked this, well, I asked something similar to this earlier. So if this question, if you were like, yeah, I already answered this, let me know, and we'll move on. But what do you think the best thing, what do you think is the best thing that Donald Trump has done so far as President, the one thing?

WOMAN: He's done what he said he's going to do, and he's working for us.

MODERATOR: What?

MAN: I'm going to say quick actions, like making things happen right away and not wasting any time dragging his feet.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I agree with that.

WOMAN: Yeah, he's doing something.

MAN: That's the best thing. He said he was going to do something, and he took immediate action, not, you know, we're going to go transition and everything. He hit the ground running. He went to work right away.

WOMAN: That hour.

MAN: Yeah, I agree with that.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: Before he was inaugurated, even.

MODERATOR: Anything else that somebody else would say, okay, I like that, but this is the best thing he's done?

WOMAN: Well . . .

MAN: I think the Supreme Court justice, because I feel that the end of the, his end game was, you know, that you had to vote for that, because we'd have lost the Supreme Court for a couple generations, and Hillary was aiming to fill it.

WOMAN: Obama had several executive orders that he would just, you know, do without consent. And so I think Trump has also unraveled some of those too.

MODERATOR: Okay. And what do you think his biggest mistake as President so far has been?

MAN: Probably trusting Ryan on the healthcare that he had the votes to get it passed.

WOMAN: I think it wasn't ready. I just, I think he had it, and everyone kept saying, well, he said he'd do it in the first 100 days, so you have to do it. And it wasn't quite ready. And, I mean, it took how long to get it. It wasn't going to be done in a day, so . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. man?

MAN: I think the resignation of Flynn did not look good that, like this short into his first term.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let's go ahead now back to the workbooks, and go to page nine. And the two questions there are, what are, you know, what issues do you think are the most important for him to be successful on? Oh, I made a mistake on when I set this up. Just answer the one. You don't have to answer the same thing. Which issues, two or three issues, do you think it's most important for him to be successful on?

WOMAN: Should we do top priorities too?

MODERATOR: No, because it's kind of the same thing, yeah.

WOMAN: Same thing, yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Oh, yeah, keep writing, if you've got something. Take another 15 seconds or so to finish up your thought. If you're still writing, that's fine. Go ahead and close up the book. I'm not going to actually ask you about this, just in the interest of time. Let me ask this. And again, if you're still writing, that's fine. But let me ask . . . do you trust government more now that Trump is in office than you did when Obama was President?

WOMAN: Yes.

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: Not yet.

MODERATOR: Okay. man, you're shaking your head no. I want to go to, I want to hear from some of the yeses, but I want to hear from man first, because he's the only one I see.

MAN: I think the administration may have changed, but I think that the people who were there, who are still there now, who were there before, I don't think that they're very receptive to change. I think that you're watching that every day on the news. So I don't have faith in the political, you know, system for people who are still there who were there before, no.

MODERATOR: Okay. Those of you who say, no, I trust government more now than, now that Donald Trump is in compared to Barack Obama, why do you feel like, okay, I trust government more now?

WOMAN: Because he'll surround himself with people with similar views and more conservatives.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others, other folks on why you would say, yeah, you know, what I think?

MAN: Well, my thought was he had those, oh, what do they call them, thank you rallies? He went into, was it Virginia and a couple other states . . .

WOMAN: Ohio.

MAN: . . . where he went out after he had been elected to thank people for voting for him. And I think that this is big as far as politics and, you know, they're not out having parties and fighting each other. And I think that's hope, but I agree with him in that you're not going to change the Democratic Party. They are, you know, they feel very bitter about the whole thing, and maybe we have to go to the polls, or he's got to communicate something about changing the politics if he's going to clean the swamp out.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me, I want to do now what's called a lightning round, partly to stay on time, and partly to, I want to hear yes or no, so a show of hands for each one. And I may ask a question or two following up on each, but I'm going to ask about a few controversies that have been in the news since Trump, I almost said Obama, since Trump took office.

Do you believe that Obama, again, yes or no, I'll just ask a show of hands, do you believe that Obama ordered wiretaps on Trump before the election? Raise your hand if yes. Okay. Everybody. So nobody had a no. Okay. Do you believe the Trump campaign team worked with people in Russia, in the Russian government, I'm sorry, during the campaign to impact the election, yes or no?

WOMAN: No.

MODERATOR: How many no? Everybody said no. Okay. Do you think that press purposely low-balled the estimate of the crowd at Trump's inauguration? How many say yes that they low-balled?

WOMAN: Yes.

WOMAN: The press . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, are you a no on that?

WOMAN: I mean, I actually did watch it, but, I mean, the way they went about it, you, I could see the pictures of it being empty. But I just don't think it was as much as Trump is saying, all the people that were there seeing it.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do you think that Attorney General Jeff Sessions intentionally misled Democratic senators when he said he hadn't met with Russians about the campaign? Yes, how many say yes? And how many say no? And then some people are unsure, okay. So now I'm going to mention some current issues, and here I'm, it's not a yes or no. I want to hear quick thoughts. Don't have to hear from everybody, but I do want to hear from, you know, like you stay silent on two issues, I want to hear from you on the third one.

So I want you to tell me a word or short phrase that comes to mind for each of these issues that the President has been dealing with. So, you know, don't feel like you have to respond to each one. But, you know, and if you shared several in a row, hang back so others can join in. The first one is, you know, word, no, short word, no, one word or a short phrase, the Supreme Court justice nomination. How has he been handling that, or what comes to mind?

WOMAN: I think he's frustrated.

WOMAN: Democrats are trying to sabotage it and just . . .

WOMAN: I mean, this man is so much like the other judge that, God, it's just, he's like the spitting image of him. And that's what everybody respected. I just don't understand why they're fighting him for it.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else on the Supreme Court justice nomination? Does anybody know his name, by the way?

MAN: Gorsuch.

WOMAN: Gorsuch.

MODERATOR: Foreign trade, what comes to mind when you hear Donald Trump, President Trump, foreign trade?

WOMAN: Fairer trade. He's going to make it fair.

MAN: I'd say improving.

WOMAN: America will be sending more out.

MODERATOR: Man, when you say improving, what do you mean by improving?

MAN: Just with the U.S. making more and sending more out rather than bringing more in.

MODERATOR: Okay. Does anybody know what the TPP is? man?

MAN: The Trans-Pacific Partnership.

MODERATOR: Okay. And what they, does anybody know what he did on that?

WOMAN: Yeah . . .

MAN: He canceled it.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: Nixed it.

MODERATOR: Good thing? Bad thing?

WOMAN: Good thing.

MAN: I think it's a good thing.

WOMAN: It's a very good thing.

MODERATOR: And what makes it a good thing, Woman?

WOMAN: Because it's all staying here. It's not transported overseas.

MODERATOR: Okay. The environment, what's he been doing on that, or how do you feel about what he's been doing on that?

MAN: I think it's good. He's already taking action on Flynn. He's directing the EPA to start addressing the issue rather than there was nothing under the previous administration. So he's starting to make positive things. I think he's got so much on his agenda that he hasn't really started there yet.

WOMAN: I think he has other guys working on it, but he has somebody working on it.

MAN: Oh, I agree. We're just not seeing that.

WOMAN: And that's, yeah.

MODERATOR: Create jobs.

WOMAN: Excellent.

MAN: Excellent.

WOMAN: I mean, my job, even where I work now, the positive attitude has totally changed, unbelievably. And we're starting to get reviews. I mean, everything I changing. And just listening to people talk, it's just . . .

MODERATOR: When you say you're starting to get reviews . . .

WOMAN: Yeah, we never had, we haven't had a raise in eight years. And all of a sudden now . . .

MODERATOR: Oh, I was thinking of . . .

WOMAN: . . . we just got e-mails last week, we're starting to get reviews. I mean, everything is changing. It's they're hiring people. They've already hired like ten people in the last month, and we've never had, hired anybody in the last year. It's just, and then gas and oil, it's just opening wide. I mean, it's just people are, they're starting to hire. They're starting to look for places. They're starting to look like our property, they're looking at our property right now, and it just, everything is positive. It's just so exciting. And they just said, it's just going to break lose.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others?

WOMAN: And it's only because of Trump, you know . . . because of him.

MODERATOR: Oh, I'm sorry.

WOMAN: No, I'm just saying that's their opinion. They're saying it's because of Trump.

MODERATOR: Yeah, other reactions when I say jobs?

MAN: Well, the pipeline.

WOMAN: It's making . . . yeah, it's making the stock market.

MAN: Signing, you know . . . the pipeline.

MODERATOR: No, I'm sorry. Let me go to Woman and then man, and then I'll come to you . . .

WOMAN: I just said it's making the stock market go up, just thinking about jobs coming back.

MODERATOR: Okay. man?

MAN: Well, they, you know, he signed the to have the pipeline continued, and that's what, like 40,000 jobs that the pipeline is going to provide. And then once the pipeline is finished, I think there's supposed to be 4,000 permanent jobs or something like that. You know, everything is very positive. Ford, it was Ford, wasn't it that said they were going to build a plant in Mexico and changed their mind. And so there's a lot of good things happening.

MODERATOR: Okay. Healthcare.

WOMAN: Please help . . .

WOMAN: What about it?

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: I say please help, because I know my premiums went up like 438% this year. And I pay my own, and I was devastated. And I know something's got to be done, one way or the other. But it wasn't good for the last eight years, but I'm waiting for it to fix.

WOMAN: I have hope he's going to change things around. He has to. He's going to try to improve it, for sure. It can only get better.

MODERATOR: Other thoughts on healthcare, other reactions? Illegal immigration.

WOMAN: It's a mess.

MAN: I think something has to be done.

WOMAN: . . . stuff.

MAN: That goes back to the, for me, to the sanctuary cities. I didn't even know what a sanctuary city was until . . .

WOMAN: I didn't either.

WOMAN: Me neither.

WOMAN: . . . told me.

MAN: Until they, the debates started on the Republican. And I had to, you know, get on the computer and find out what a sanctuary city was. And then when I found out, I was just appalled that the local police weren't, you know, cooperating and letting go felons. And it's just ridiculous.

MAN: How can they choose what law they're going to enforce? That blows my mind. If they're here illegally, they're also not contributing to this society in any way, shape, or form. They're not paying taxes. They're using services, but they're not contributing back.

MODERATOR: man?

MAN: It's kind of depressing though because, I mean, everybody in this room voted for Donald Trump, and you thought that was going to, you know, even for illegal immigration. But then for the travel ban, which is a temporary thing, it's been nixed twice by local judges. I guess, eventually, it will make its way to the Supreme Court, which is why the delay of Gorsuch is an issue.

But it's kind of depressing in that the political machine is still so cumbersome and has so many moving pieces, and it's so complex that if you say if the President of the United States can't get this travel ban signed off, which isn't really that big of a deal, and it's temporary, you kind of say, you know, who is really running the country? And it kind of comes, you kind of get fatigued when you see that in the news still. And it's, you know, I think when the election was over, we felt great. And it's April, and you kind of still feel like you still have to deal with a lot of the same old crap.

WOMAN: Well, it actually hasn't stopped. I mean, it has not stopped.

MAN: Yeah, right, well, you're right.

WOMAN: And we, you turn those stations, and it's like they just don't even want to talk about news.

WOMAN: Through the travel ban, I mean, Obama had it before, but we never heard it in the news. We had it before, never heard it. But once Trump did it, it's like hell froze over.

MODERATOR: Homeland security.

WOMAN: More, just . . .

MAN: It's a farce. We have the illusion of security. We don't have homeland security.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, you said more. What do you mean, that we need more, or we have more now or . . .

WOMAN: Well, that's actually what I . . .

WOMAN: We need more.

WOMAN: We need it to reform so it actually works now. You know, you used to want to work for the government. I even wanted to work for the IRS as a good thing. But now, you know, the last eight years was like no way am I working for the government. So I

think we need more homeland security to protect us, like you said, with the illegal immigrants, those that aren't coming here legally. They could have a bad thing. They could have a good purpose for being here. But I think the homeland security, our defenses are down, and they need to start here before we can go abroad.

MODERATOR: Okay. Opioids and other drugs.

WOMAN: Oh, it's a mess.

WOMAN: It's a mess, awful. These kids today, it's not even kids. It's 40-year-old, 50-year-olds. You read it in the papers. It's they die suddenly.

MODERATOR: When you say it's a mess, is it a mess here in, what, this is what county is this, Allegheny?

WOMAN: Allegheny.

MAN: Allegheny.

WOMAN: Oh, yeah.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Is it horrible here?

WOMAN: Horrible.

WOMAN: Yes.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: . . . how many overdoses . . . a normal daily shift. It used to be a week. Now I'm running maybe two a shift. It's unbelievable. It's like . . .

MODERATOR: And how long is a shift?

MAN: I work a 24-hour shift, but I . . . basically, yeah.

MODERATOR: Two a day.

MAN: Yeah, two, three a day sometimes.

MODERATOR: And that's just in kind of the area that you cover. So in the rest of the area, there's, you know . . .

MAN: It's the same thing.

WOMAN: It's everywhere.

MAN: It doesn't matter who I talk to, you know, what area of the county, what area of the state. It's everywhere.

MODERATOR: Has the President talked about that at all?

WOMAN: Oh, yeah, definitely.

WOMAN: Yes.

WOMAN: He's very much against it. He wants that cleaned up. I mean, that's what he wants the wall for. That's going to prevent a lot of the drugs even coming over.

MAN: And that may go hand in hand with the sanctuary city issue.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm, because they're hiding it. They're stashing it. Somebody's . . .

WOMAN: Well, then, if you want it legally, you have to jump through hoops to pick up a prescription to take it, to get it. You know, you deal with that.

MAN: You're right. I could get heroin easier than I can get . . . medication for myself.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: And cheaper.

WOMAN: Or my Claritin at 9:00 in the morning, because you've got to go to the . . .

WOMAN: That's the problem. It's money. It's just cheaper. It's what you can afford to do.

MODERATOR: How about the national debt and spending, is that going to go up under the President, or is that going to go down?

WOMAN: No, it's going to go down.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: He'll get it down.

WOMAN: I think so.

WOMAN: He'll figure out something.

WOMAN: He knows how to do that.

WOMAN: He does.

WOMAN: He's a businessman.

MODERATOR: The economy, how is it doing?

WOMAN: Better.

WOMAN: So far, it's doing good.

WOMAN: It's not getting worse, and it's not staying at a standstill. It's getting better.

MODERATOR: Do you think that we're still in a recession, I mean . . .

MAN: I think we're climbing out of it.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Anybody ladies think we're still in one? Anybody think . . .

MAN: It's too soon to try to read that based on the numbers . . .

WOMAN: Exactly. It's only been a couple months.

WOMAN: People are still suffering.

WOMAN: People are . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Well, there was an article about housing and the shortage of homes now, and that's an indication that people are buying homes, and there's a shortage of homes right now on the market. And that's a good indicator that we're climbing out. I know the value on my home has gone up tremendously.

WOMAN: And loans too, loans, you can get a loan today with no problem. You couldn't before. A year ago, you couldn't. But you can get a loan today. I mean, loans, you can try to get a loan, and you're backed up six months. It's going to take a while, because there's so many people going for loans.

MODERATOR: Go back to healthcare. Would you and your family personally be helped or hurt by changing the current healthcare system, including the Affordable Care Act, which is also known as ObamaCare?

WOMAN: Helped.

MAN: Helped.

WOMAN: We have a, I can't find any information on the new plan, but it has to be better.

WOMAN: Yeah, something has got to be.

WOMAN: I think it would be helped, but I don't have any information.

MODERATOR: Anybody here say, you know, actually, my family or somebody I, in my family is on the Affordable Health Care, ObamaCare?

WOMAN: I am.

MODERATOR: And it's not perfect, but at least you're being helped. Anybody have that?

WOMAN: I had healthcare before that was better.

WOMAN: Nobody that I know.

MAN: I can't afford ObamaCare for my wife.

WOMAN: I couldn't.

MAN: I'm covered by my employer, but I can't afford the premiums for my wife. She's uninsured . . . we were supposed to be taken care of.

MODERATOR: Man, what's your healthcare situation?

MAN: I have it through my employer, and it's just me, so I don't really, I'm still young, so I don't really use the doctors a whole lot. And I don't have premiums.

WOMAN: That's good.

MODERATOR: Do you think, or I'm sorry, how, why do you think that repeal and replacement of ObamaCare hasn't happened yet?

WOMAN: It's, I think the Democrats fighting against.

MAN: I mean, I think there's too many lobbyists too that are making it tough for these people to convert over.

MODERATOR: How likely is it, do you think? Let's go on a, say on a percentage basis on a scale of 1 to 100, 100% means it's definitely going to be changed, that ObamaCare is going to be repealed and replaced with a Republican alternative. Fifty percent means, oh, it's half and half, and obviously, you can be anywhere in between that. And at worst, you know, 1% or 0% means ObamaCare is going to stay because they can't agree on an alternative. So what, and again, you may be anywhere. You can be 67, 33. What percent do you think likely it is do you think that ObamaCare is going to be repealed and replaced?

WOMAN: I say 100%.

WOMAN: Do you have a timeframe?

WOMAN: Eighty percent.

MODERATOR: Within, before the 2018 elections, which is next November, because that's when . . .

WOMAN: Ninety-five percent.

WOMAN: It will happen before then.

WOMAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: . . .

MODERATOR: One hundred percent, 90%.

WOMAN: Ninety-five percent.

MAN: I go 75%.

MODERATOR: Seventy-five percent. Woman?

WOMAN: Eighty percent.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: Probably 95%.

Man: Seventy-five percent.

MAN: Seventy-five percent.

WOMAN: Seventy-five percent.

MAN: Fifty percent.

MAN: I'd say 50/50.

MODERATOR: Okay. man, man, you guys were the more skeptical. man, what's your concern about why you think it might not happen?

MAN: It's the Democrats, again. They, you'd think they'd be more supportive of a good plan. And if they can come up, the Republicans can come up with a decent plan that will make it more competitive and give the coverage that people need, but I'm worried about the Democrats . . .

WOMAN: But even Democrats that I know now, like they're forced to go to different doctors. They had to change doctors, even people that have voted for, you know, are Democratic. I mean, so you would think some of those people would be happy to.

WOMAN: But the people in Congress don't use ObamaCare. They're using, you know, they have their own, special insurance, so they don't care.

WOMAN: No, of course not.

WOMAN: They have no idea what it feels like.

WOMAN: Exactly.

MODERATOR: man, why are you skeptical?

MAN: Well, the Democrats, almost 100% want to vote for a change to what's existing as it is. And I think the Republican Party, there's a strong percentage of it that thinks

that the change isn't drastic enough. But I think that the proposal that was on the table that wasn't approved was kind of referred to as ObamaCare light, and that's why it wasn't passed is because the people who were in, the Republican politicians felt that it didn't do enough to change it drastically enough, so . . .

WOMAN: Yeah, I heard today though that Vice President Pence has a program. And he's talked to the conservatives, and they're onboard. They just need to get the moderates now onboard. So they're working together, you know, day and night to get this to work. So hopefully, that might be a little light.

MAN: We'll see.

MODERATOR: Let's talk about illegal immigration and one specific part of that. Do you think that Donald Trump will get a wall built? I know it's going to take some years, but do you think that Donald Trump will get the wall built?

WOMAN: Definitely.

WOMAN: Yes.

MAN: Yes.

MODERATOR: Anybody have second thoughts on the wall?

WOMAN: I do.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, what's your second thought?

WOMAN: I'm concerned now there's a lot of private property that has to be purchased, or eminent domain has to take place, and that's going to slow things down. And I don't think he's going to get the money to do it. So there might be parts of it, maybe, or but I'm kind of concerned that it might not get done as fast as we want it to.

MODERATOR: Man, what's your thoughts on the wall? And, Man, I'll come to you next . . .

MAN: I think it will eventually get done. It will take time to get through, but I think it will eventually get done, and I think it will help slow down on the drug traffic coming in and out of the country. And I think it will be positive in the end.

MODERATOR: Who's going to pay for it, Mexico or the U.S.?

WOMAN: Mexico. He's going to figure out a way to make them pay for it.

MAN: I think up front, we're going to front the bill. And we're going to get reimbursed somehow, somehow in the back. But I also think that they're going to spin it to the point where we don't know that.

MODERATOR: Man, what's your thought?

MAN: I believe Mexico will pay for it. As everybody said, I think that what we've been doing with the money that gets sent back to Mexico, you know, scalping it, do we get any of that before we transfer the funds out of the United States?

MODERATOR: Okay. On a percentage basis, since the election, the stock market has gone up more than after any new President was elected in history, with one exception, and that was John F. Kennedy in 1960-'61. Why do you think the market has gone up, and secondly, does the stock market have any, going up have any impact on you?

WOMAN: Yeah, I'm invested in it.

WOMAN: So are we.

WOMAN: My 401(k) is just growing like crazy.

MODERATOR: Okay. Is there anybody you say, oh, you know what, the stock market really doesn't affect me?

MAN: Me. I'm retired, so I'm . . .

WOMAN: Mine, I had to cash mine in . . .

MODERATOR: So you pulled everything out?

MAN: I pulled everything out, I mean . . .

MODERATOR: Why do you think it's gone up?

WOMAN: Hope.

MAN: Optimism . . .

WOMAN: Trust.

WOMAN: I feel like America again.

MODERATOR: Sorry, Woman?

WOMAN: We feel American again, so we invest in ourselves.

WOMAN: . . . great again.

MODERATOR: There might be a government shutdown at the beginning of next month. The budget runs out in late April, which comes close to, it's like the 98th day of the Trump presidency or something like that. Do you think that there will be a government

shutdown, or do you think that there will be a compromise, and the government will still be funded?

MAN: I think they'll do a continuing resolution to push it out further into the year before it has to come up.

WOMAN: Until September, I heard too.

MAN: Well, September is when the fiscal year ends for the government.

WOMAN: They want to push it to the end, yeah.

WOMAN: I just want the . . .

MODERATOR: Is the government shutdown a good thing for the country or not a good thing?

WOMAN: Spending and what that affects people's spending. If the government shuts down, people don't spend. They're afraid to spend. It's happened before. It's happened in the past with our business.

WOMAN: Some people lose their jobs.

MODERATOR: So it makes it a bad thing.

WOMAN: Oh, big time.

MODERATOR: Does anybody think it's a good thing because it's less money for our government?

WOMAN: No.

WOMAN: I just wonder why it surprises them. Every year it comes up, and they're always surprised.

MODERATOR: Okay. We're getting towards the end here. I know it's a little hot. But I've got two more things for you, well, a few more questions for you. If we can just real quick go around the room and answer this. man, I'll start with you and work towards Man, because we started the other way last time, so we'll go this way now, this time. Finish this sentence for me. To me, Donald Trump's presidency will be a success if.

MAN: If other elected Republicans can maybe unite in terms of, you know, with his, can agree to move forward with the President's policies. I don't think it's going to, I don't think it's Democrats. I think it's, ironically, it's the Republicans.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, to me, Donald Trump's presidency will be a success if.

MAN: If he sticks to his word and does everything that he had promised ahead of time.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I think if everybody can just stop being party one or the other, but they just be American and fight for what America needs.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: Become stronger with national security.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I think if he just never lets the roadblocks stop him, just continue doing what he needs to do, because he's, he knows what he's doing.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: If we can prevent Iran and North Korea from doing anything stupid.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: If he continues to do what he started out to do.

MODERATOR: And what did he start out to do, in your mind?

MAN: Well, I mean, approach immigration, ObamaCare, you know, the things with the Supreme Court, and bringing jobs back.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I think this President will be successful if he just gets people to stop thinking of us as a group on this and that. Again, going back to just American, you know, and not a gay American or a black American, a considerable . . . if we can just think of ourselves as a people instead of identifying with a group, I think he will be very successful.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: Complete his promises from the election, as like making sure the new insurance policy is and everything else that he promised.

MODERATOR: man?

MAN: Again, just to reiterate everything, you know, come through with his promises on various issues.

MODERATOR: Okay. Which leads me to my next question, and finish this sentence for me. Woman, I'll start with you, and then I'll work my way around this way. I will be disappointed in him if Donald Trump doesn't deliver on.

WOMAN: Changing ObamaCare.

WOMAN: Healthcare.

MAN: Immigration.

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WOMAN: Immigration.

MAN: Healthcare.

MAN: Immigration.

WOMAN: Taxes.

WOMAN: Immigration.

MODERATOR: Okay. Oh, yeah, we didn't talk about tax. We don't have time, but . . . about taxes something . . . the next time. Okay. Then the final thing I'd like you to do is please turn to the very last page, and I want you to write a postcard to President Trump. Well, it might not be the very last page. It depends on . . . but . . . please write a postcard to President Trump with either some advice for the President or asking him to work on a certain issue.

Take a little bit more time, if you're still writing. If you're done, go ahead and close up the workbooks. Let me ask two, quick questions, and then I'll let you go, because we're almost, I think we have five more minutes. As you know, in November of 2018, there are the midterm elections. Does Pennsylvania elect a governor in the midterms, or do they do it in the presidential election? It's midterms, right?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: So you have Congress, maybe a senator, definitely the governor. Not everybody votes in the midterms. Do you usually vote in what are called the midterm elections? Just a show of hands, how many? Everybody does, everyone . . . do you think that the elections in 2018, again, President Trump will not be on the ballot, do you think that it will be more about him, or that it will be more about Republicans in Congress?

WOMAN: I think Republicans.

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: Yes.

MODERATOR: Anybody think it will be more about him?

MAN: I think it will be about him and his policies mostly, you know, against him.

MODERATOR: Okay. Well, first of all, thank you for your time. Secondly, if you could pass up the workbooks, that way, I don't have to come around and collect them all. Thirdly, as promised, the nice folks who checked you in will have your payment for your time on the way out. And the last thing is, even if it's not fast, please, drive home safely, and good luck getting there.

WOMAN: . . . it should be faster now.

MODERATOR: So thank you.

WOMAN: Thank you.

MAN: How many more days are you here in Pittsburgh?

MODERATOR: I leave tomorrow morning . . . it's, you know, everybody says, oh, are you going to go to the baseball game or a hockey game? No, I don't have a . . .

MAN: The hockey team is . . .

WOMAN: . . . tired.

MODERATOR: Yeah, I know.

MAN: It's the last one of the season.

MODERATOR: Oh, is it?

MAN: Yeah, so this is fan appreciation night.

MODERATOR: Oh, okay. So it must be . . .

WOMAN: The Pirates' game is Friday.

MAN: You know, they give you the shirts off their back, you know.

MAN: Oh, right.

MODERATOR: That's right. They have a drawing for it or something like that, yeah.

MAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: . . . just having that door open, you can feel it'll be a little cooler in here.

MAN: Yeah.

MAN: It's tough to be the oldest person on Twitter.

MAN: I've got to admit, the only reason I'm on Twitter is to monitor my kids.

MODERATOR: Oh, really?

MAN: I don't tweet, but, you know, I read things, and I read their stuff.

MODERATOR: You must like follow the Penguins. I see your hat.

MAN: Oh, yeah.

MODERATOR: You must follow sports' stuff too and different news.

MAN: Sure, I follow a lot of different things. Yeah, it's a good way to like get caught up.

MAN: Do you guys still have a hockey time in . . .

MODERATOR: Hey, they're going to win the division and then fall apart in the second round again.

MAN: I, so they won the decision, division last year, right?

MAN: Well, you know, you got a vet's joke, so you need to . . .

MODERATOR: Ooh, that's harsh. Can't argue though.