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MODERATOR: Okay. Well, good evening. My name is Glen. I'll be your moderator this evening. Tonight you're participating in a focus group discussion. These kinds of group discussions are held all across the country on topics from politics to policy.

WOMAN: We've got one more coming.

MODERATOR: Oh, then I'll hold off so I don't have to do the whole thing again. Hello. My name is Glen. I'll be your moderator this evening. Tonight you're participating in a focus group discussion. These kinds of group discussions are held all across the country on everything from politics and policy to consumer products like Coke and Pepsi. As you probably figured out from the questions that they asked before, when they called you about coming here tonight, we're going to be talking about politics and policy, for the most part, in fact, for the whole part.

Before we get started, let me just talk about a few things. First of all, you see that little dot, button, dot up there kind of right next to the light? That's to let you know that this is being taped. That's for my benefit because, don't take it personally, I do these all over the country on all sorts of different topics, and I can't remember, from time-to-time, you know, from a couple of weeks, what was said here.

If I refer to anything that you say, if I quote anything or whatever in my report, because I'm just going to have a transcript, it will just be as a man or woman in Michigan. And, first, we had a group right before you. You probably noticed that if you'd gotten here before they left. Some did. Others did not. But so again, I won't even remember what was said.

You also probably figured out that's a two-way mirror. My colleague, Kyle, is back there behind me. If you want to wave to him, go ahead. Kyle is there to make sure that I don't mess anything up, I don't forget something. Oh, I do have it. Okay. I think they asked you to turn off, I hope asked you to turn off your cell phones. I get to leave mine on, but that's only because if Kyle realizes I've skipped over something or wants me to go back and ask a question I

forgot, he'll text me. He didn't text me during the last group, so I guess I did okay. And the reason he's not sitting here next to me is it's kind of awkward having two people asking the questions.

There are no right or wrong answers, so please participate. We're paying you for your time and your opinions. You either jump in right after I've asked the question, or when somebody else is done talking, if you, you know, if several people are talking, one right after the other, and you want to add something, just get my attention. It's not school. You don't have to raise your hand. But do, you know, kind of get my attention, and I'll figure out that you want to say something.

If you've been quiet for a while, I may call on you directly by name. And that's why, and I'm terrible with names. So if I can have you guys turn your tent cards towards me, you'll help me out. Man, you're fine. And if you've been talking a lot, I may ask you to hold off to make sure we get to hear from everybody. But for the most part, feel free to jump in.

Part of my job is to make sure we get out of here on time, so I may say something like, Man, you get the last word on this, and then we have to move on. It's not because I'm trying to stop conversation. It's just that I want to make sure, you think this starts at 8:00, and, yes, and it will end at 10:00, and possibly a little before then, because it's a little late. But we're not going to run over. So every so often, like I've just got to be the person keeping it on track.

I ask that there be no side conversations. Sometimes you want to turn to the person next to you and say, I agree with you, or that reminds me of a funny story. That's fine, but it kind of disrupts the group, so, please, I ask that you don't do that. What else? I talked about that.

Oh, if you need to use the restroom, that's fine. My only request that you, only one person out of the room at a time. Otherwise, if three, two or three or more go, the conversation, you know, is kind of, it's a little more choppy. Now I've been doing this topic for last week and this week and only had one person leave the whole time to leave the restroom, so, hopefully, you'll find this, you think that you can wait until the end.

What else? Oh, I don't have any opinions in this. My job is to ask questions. Sometimes when you're talking, you'll see me nodding my head. That doesn't mean that I agree with you. It just means that I'm listening. If I don't do it, don't take it personally. It doesn't mean that I'm not listening. It's just sometimes I do it. Sometimes I don't.

Also, from time-to-time, maybe once in the group or so, I may throw out a different opinion just to see how you react to it than what I'm hearing from the group as a whole. And don't feel like you have to agree with me to make me feel better about myself. I've got, my wife will tell you I've got plenty of self-esteem. But if what I say, you say, yeah, I hadn't thought about it that way, you know, that may, feel free, and talk about that.

I'm trying to think if there's anything else. Probably, but once we get going, if it comes up, you know, I'll mention it. So my first question to the group is, if you could use one word or short phrase to describe how you think things are going in the country these days, what one word or short phrase would it be? And I want to hear from everybody on this, so I'll just jot them down as you . . .

WOMAN: I'm worried.

MODERATOR: Worried. Okay.

WOMAN: I think confused.

MODERATOR: Confused. Others?

MAN: Concern.

MODERATOR: Concern.

WOMAN: A mess.

MODERATOR: See, that's a short phrase. Word or short phrase . . .

WOMAN: I don't think they're going very great. We have a lot of work, I think.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others? I've got about from, I've heard from five of you

so . . .

MAN: Wait and see.

MODERATOR: Wait and see.

MAN: I would say curious.

MODERATOR: Curious.

WOMAN: Scary.

MODERATOR: Scary. Okay.

MAN: Concerning.

MODERATOR: And last person, whoever I haven't heard from yet.

MAN: Did somebody say scary?

MODERATOR: Yeah, but you can.

MAN: All right. Scary.

MODERATOR: If that's how you feel. Okay. Somebody started out with worried. Who was it?

WOMAN: I did.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, tell us what, why worried comes to mind, what are you worried about?

WOMAN: My, just the whole like what's said in the room stays in the room, right?

MODERATOR: Mm-hmm.

WOMAN: I am homeless. I am, right now, going through a program that's giving me, providing me a place to live from last August until the 24th of this month. I have no source of income other than my sister and my son, but, you know, I can only ask for so much. This is not a sob story. You know, I'm just, I'm trying to just put it right.

MODERATOR: So your worries are driven by your personal situation.

WOMAN: Right.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let's move onto the next person. Confused, who said confused, Woman?

WOMAN: Yeah, you get all this fake news. You get things you don't know what beliefs are true. What they say is maybe not what they mean. They say one thing and do the other thing. It's kind of like I'm just confused.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody else said concerned.

MAN: I said it. Yeah, just not really sure which way everything is going. You don't know what they're feeding you is true or what to believe or, you know, it's like I hear a lot about like immigration where like I'm like, I don't know very many Mexican people. Like I don't know any. Like when they talk about building the wall, like I think our money can be spent on something else, or I don't know, just kind of that. And then you've got, like you hear about and Russia about like them interfering with the election, and then now the bombing in Syria. So it concerns me.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody else said a mess.

WOMAN: That was me.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: I think there's a lot of things that they really need to work on, as a whole for the United States. He said he doesn't know any Mexicans, but my husband is from Down River, and we go into a lot of the stores, and it's like everything is in Spanish. And my girlfriend lives in Dearborn, and the schools all have interpreters, which I don't think is right. I think if you're going to school, they shouldn't have to provide extra teachers. That's extra money. That's like \$90,000 extra for each teacher when we need to work on ourselves as a whole. And like Michigan, the insurance is the highest in the United States, which I think is wrong. How is my son, who is 16, going to be able to afford insurance when he turns 18, so . . .

WOMAN: Are you talking car insurance?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Somebody said not very great.

WOMAN: I think that was me.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I agree with Woman. We have a lot to work on. I'm concerned about jobs in the U.S., good paying, well, you know, jobs that people can really live on the wage. Healthcare, our healthcare needs help. I don't think ObamaCare fixed it. I think they made it worse. Just, overall, everything.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody else said wait and see.

MAN: Basically, you have a President who's only been in there a couple of months. He's just getting acclimated, really, to the job. And I'm just going to wait and see what he's really going to be able to accomplish.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody said curious.

MAN: That's me. I said that. I agree a little bit with what Man said, you think that the not knowing, the sit back and wait and see what happens. I know we're used to, you know, certain how the government is run. But now there's the Republican in there, and things are going differently, and I'm kind of sitting back, waiting to see what happens. I really don't know what to expect. So it could be a good thing. It could be a bad thing. Don't know, but we're not, I'm not really used to seeing what's going on now, like kind of going . . . disagreeing on a lot of things. So I'm kind sitting back and wait and see what happens.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody said the first scary. Who was that? Woman?

WOMAN: Woman.

MODERATOR: Woman, sorry.

WOMAN: That's okay. Scared of World War III with him. He's not going to back down for anything, which, in a way is good, but, in another way, it's scary. And then the healthcare, what he wants to do to the senior citizens with the health insurance and that what he proposed that didn't pass yet is pay, if a senior citizen is making \$23,000, half of their income will have to be for health insurance, because we're older, and we get sicker, so we should be paying more. And that would just devastate so many older people.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, I think you said concerning.

MAN: I don't know which way the world is going, our country, which way it's leading the environment. I just don't know where things are going. Like Man said, wait and see. That's all we can do, wait and see how it goes but, yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: Yeah, scary, I think I said. Healthcare is the biggest. I mean, I'm just scared on what is going to happen, because my wife and I are both on ObamaCare right now. And when we started with it, we were both paying like \$100 a month. Now they raised it to \$300 a month, per person. And with our income, we can't even afford that. So it's pretty scary. But we can't get Medicaid, because we're like right above that gap. So it's like, what do we do?

WOMAN: It's a problem. It's an issue.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me ask this. Thinking about the economy, I'm going to give you three different options and ask you to raise your hand, which one better, best describes how you feel. But do you think the national economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same? So how many think it's getting better? So raise your hands. One, two, three, four. Okay. How many think it's getting worse? Okay. And how many think it's staying about the same? Okay. Everybody else.

Now first, to those of you who say it's getting worse, and I'll come back to those who say it's getting better, no, not worse, I'm sorry, staying about the same. If staying about the same means it's bad, and it's not getting any better, or is it just kind of bumping along, or it's doing pretty well, and it's staying on that track?

MAN: The second.

WOMAN: Bumping along.

MODERATOR: So it's not as bad as it was a few years ago, but it's not doing well, is that what?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: Oh, it's still on life support.

WOMAN: Yeah, exactly, that's basically . . .

WOMAN: Yeah, there's still . . .

MAN: I mean, there's definitely room for improvement. You know, everybody keeps feeding us lines, and, yeah, it's so much better and so much better. And you know what? The unemployment rate is better, because people lost their unemployment. They've been it on it too long. That's why the unemployment numbers are better. It's all smoke and mirrors, you know.

WOMAN: . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Other thoughts from those who say it's staying about the same?

WOMAN: Well, I think that it's staying about the same because they are, you know, the economy itself is trying to grow as far as, you know, people being able to get housing and everything. Yet, they're not, because they can't make enough money to get even into the minimum of a home or apartment. I mean, it's outrageous that you can't.

MODERATOR: Okay. Among those who say it's getting better, what signs, either in your personal life or in the economy, what's your sense that it, the economy is getting better?

WOMAN: Well, I see a lot of housing and stuff going up, building, you know. It had been like dormant for a few years, and the prices were kind of lower. Well, now, if you look in the paper, I mean, the prices are back up. And every time we go for a ride somewhere, there's new subs going up with these huge houses. And then I read the news like every other day, and there's always something in there like Ford, you know, was supposed to put their plant down in Mexico or whatever. Well, they decided to bring that back here. And then somebody else is moving into Livonia, you know, so like . . .

WOMAN: But, I'm sorry, but my husband works in automotive. Chrysler just shut, we're closer to Toledo. Chrysler just shut down Jeep. GM is cutting back. Ford is cutting

back. Chrysler is all cutting back. He deals with all of them. So the, what they say out there is that we're heading towards a recession again.

WOMAN: Right, I don't know. I just know Trump is, you know, he's trying to get those companies that have like a head company in Switzerland or the Caribbean to move it back stateside so we get those taxes back in.

MAN: I don't know. I notice a lot more traffic on the roads. I leave at work at 5:00 in the morning. It's taking me like five minutes longer to get home. And then there's like an old factory that was not, it was basically abandoned for as long as I've worked down by the airport. And it just opened back up, and it's got, you know, a ton of people working there now.

And there's a backup every time I take 94 to get on 275 North, like almost every day there's a backup, because there's loaded trucks leaving, going, taking stuff places. So that's why I think it's getting better. Because and then everywhere out by me, they're building houses everywhere where there's land. There's, they're building high-end houses, so and the houses, you know, weren't nothing five years ago so . . .

MAN: Well, when it comes down to certain industries are getting better, and certain ones are getting worse. You know, so just because there's more construction and everything going on right now doesn't mean that it's going to be, all those new houses and everything they're going to be sold right away and stuff like that. You know, they're trying to anticipate what's going to be the next boom. Well, the next boom is further away than they really thinking this, so . . .

MODERATOR: Let me ask this. Putting aside the economy and jobs, what domestic issues, in other words, not foreign policy, what domestic issues concern you most right now? And depending on, again, putting aside economy and jobs and also foreign policy, what other U.S. issues?

WOMAN: Healthcare.

MAN: Healthcare.

WOMAN: Healthcare is outrageous.

WOMAN: Terrorism.

WOMAN: I think diversity throws in there. I mean, during the whole Washington march thing, and then last year with the marches in Ferguson, Missouri, and stuff, I saw so much stuff online on Facebook and LinkedIn, all these pictures with people, black power.

And they had all the black on black power, black power. But, I mean, if we did that, people would like disown me, because it's just not the thing to do. And I don't know why that's allowed.

WOMAN: We would be racist.

WOMAN: Well, that's what I'm saying. I don't know why that's allowed.

WOMAN: But they're not considered racist, exactly.

MAN: It doesn't matter. If you're the way you are . . .

MODERATOR: Oh, I'm sorry. Let's go back. What other issues come to mind?

I've heard healthcare.

WOMAN: Healthcare.

WOMAN: Insurance.

MAN: . . . in schools.

MODERATOR: Schools.

WOMAN: Social Security.

MAN: . . . schools.

MODERATOR: Social Security.

MAN: Taking care of our vets when they come back. That's a big one.

WOMAN: Oh, yeah.

MODERATOR: Veterans.

WOMAN: That's a big one.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else?

MAN: All the shootings going around, so . . .

WOMAN: The world has gone crazy.

MODERATOR: Speaking of the world, thinking globally now, what international or foreign policy issue are you most concerned about?

WOMAN: Terrorism.

MODERATOR: Terrorism. Okay. So, Woman, you said terrorism for both domestic and, so that's, it's kind of both, that issue, right?

WOMAN: Because, really, if we don't take care of terrorism, things like healthcare and this and that, the other thing, it doesn't make a difference. We'd all be dead, right? So that's kind of, for me, it's like, you know, we have these threats every day, everywhere.

MAN: Yeah, but it's terrorism, and it's meant to terrorize you so you don't go to the mall and stuff like that. But they're small scale, I mean . . .

WOMAN: Right, I mean, until they get into the public utilities and stuff.

MODERATOR: Okay. So . . .

WOMAN: Or on a plane with the other . . .

MODERATOR: . . . other national issues, foreign policy issues of concern?

MAN: Well, all these other countries now become, are trying to become nuclear powers. That's kind of, you know, scary.

MAN: I think trade is big one too, trying to get on a level playing field.

WOMAN: That's what I was going to say trade.

MODERATOR: Anything else come to mind? All right. Well, most of the, tonight's discussion is going to focus on our new President. And the first thing I'm going to have you do is answer a few questions about him in these, that I'm about to . . . somebody is going to have to, oh, no, there it is. You can take a pencil. Pass it on down. It's not going to be a lot of writing. There's going to be some, though.

WOMAN: . . .

MODERATOR: I'm going to hand out.

MAN: Do we need erasers?

WOMAN: I've got one.

MODERATOR: . . . there you go. Take one. Pass it down. Take one and pass it down.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: So you'll see on the bottom of the first page, it says please write your first name and last initial in the box below. So go ahead and do that, and then turn to page two, and just hold on there for a minute until everybody has had a chance to catch up. The people at the end of the table will get this last, so it's not really fair to move along too quickly.

And then on page two you see it says please do not turn the page until you're told to do so. Okay. Over to page three. Here's where you get to do some thinking here. If Donald Trump were an animal, what kind of animal would he be, and why? And so write in the animal right where it says animal. And then for, well, you don't have to fill this up, just but jot down a couple of reasons why that particular animal, you think, describes Donald Trump.

And once you're done, just put your pencil down so I know how folks, where folks are. If you're still writing, that's fine, but start to finish up your thought, couple of thoughts on that. Okay. Some of these we're going to, you know, I'm, you're just going to write them down, and we'll move along, but some of them I like to hear what people have to say. So I'm going to go around and ask each of you what you wrote. And, Man, I'll pick a random starting point, and I usually start either at the side of the table or at the end. So I'll start with you and work our way around to Woman.

MAN: I put a lion. I put he's aggressive and gets in people's faces.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, what did you put?

WOMAN: I put German shepherd. He seems like he would be good at guarding the home front, but can be ferocious.

WOMAN: I live out in the country. Okay. So I put coyote, which we have a lot of them around. And I've watched them take down a pack of, take down big deer. They say they're only supposed to prey on small animals, but they take down deer all the time out where we're at. So I put that, because I think of him as taking control of everything and . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I put tiger, because he seems to be running around trying to be the king of everything.

MAN: That sounds good.

WOMAN: Yeah, well, I put lion, king of the jungle, fierce protector.

MAN: I put hawk. He scoops in on things, gets things done.

WOMAN: I put a bear, because he gets his claws in everything.

MODERATOR: Okay . . .

MAN: I said he was a tiger, because he seems like he's proud and fearless.

MAN: I put a pig, because he's stubborn, thickheaded . . . his own.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: I put lion, powerful and smart.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let's go ahead over to page four. Oh, well, don't. Just opt out of page four. Leave it on page. I forgot. I need to show you this. The next thing I'm going to ask you to do is it's a focus group exercise called a mind map. And what it does is you start with a circle in the middle of the page, and then you'll find that on the next page. Don't go

there yet though. And a word, the word I chose for myself, because I did a quick example, it's two or three minutes. You just jot down everything that comes to mind, really quickly.

So my word that I chose for myself is spring, because it's spring, and secondly, I'm just giving you an example. So the first thing I think of is the longer days. You know, it's sunny and getting warmer and all that. That's nice. Baseball is back. It's the hockey playoffs. I'm not from around here, but I know it's kind of a sore subject this year. But you've got admit, what, 25 years for the Red Wings, that's pretty impressive making it.

Flowers, my wife likes to fill up the backyard with flowers, so I help out with that. I like to put out the bird feeders. The birds come back, got a lot of them. That also means squirrels, of course, and, you know, they're smarter than I am. But the trick that I do like to use is on the pole that they climb up to get to the bird feeders, and I've got several of them on poles throughout the backyard, I put Vaseline part way up. So you start to see them climb up, and then, suddenly, they slide down. The problem is, eventually, you've got to replace the Vaseline, and I forget to do that sometimes.

I like to go biking. I like to go kayaking. And, of course, outdoors is great for grilling, you know, springtime. I like to grill all year long, but it's much more fun when you come home from work, and it's still light out, and, you know, you can go outside, and it's warm as opposed to when it's cold, rain, or snow or something.

So now go ahead over to page five, and take a couple of minutes, two or three minutes, and jot down everything that comes to mind, thoughts and feelings about Donald Trump. When you're done, go ahead and put down your pencil, but don't take that as a finish up. I'll give you another minute or so, people who are still writing. Okay. Now be finishing up kind of your last circle or last thought on this, last moment.

And, Woman, this time I'll start with you, but then I'll work back around the other way so that Man doesn't feel like he's always last or near last. Give me one. By the way, I'm sorry. I don't need everything you wrote down. I just want one thing. And Woman gets the advantage, because she gets to go first. So what I'd like to hear from everybody else is something different than what other people have said. Hopefully, there's just at least one thing, you know, by the time we get to the end, that's different. If not, then just kind of give me the main one. Woman, go ahead.

WOMAN: Change maker.

MODERATOR: And, Man?

MAN: Potential to build a better economy.

MODERATOR: Potential better. And, Man? Do you go by Man or Man?

MAN: Either one, it doesn't matter. Won't back down.

MODERATOR: Won't back down. Next one?

MAN: Puts America first.

MODERATOR: And after that one, who's next?

MAN: I've got business minded.

MODERATOR: Okay. Next?

WOMAN: Well, I kind of went with the business-minded also and then hoping he takes control of issues that need to be looked at.

MODERATOR: Deal with issues. Okay. Who's next?

MAN: I am. He doesn't care about the environment.

MODERATOR: Okay. Doesn't care enviro. Okay. And then we've got . . .

WOMAN: Says whatever he thinks.

MODERATOR: What he thinks. Okay. Next?

WOMAN: Aggressive.

MODERATOR: Aggressive and . . .

WOMAN: Doesn't know how to talk to people, rude.

MODERATOR: Okay. Rude. All right. Now one more, and then we're going to put these aside for a little bit. But I've got one more set of questions for you to fill out first, and then we'll do some, a lot more discussion. So go ahead and jump over to page six. Okay. Go to page seven. So there's two sentences. The first one is finish these two sentences. I'm sorry. The thing that President Trump has done so far that makes me feel most proud about my vote for him is, and then the thing that President Trump has done so far that makes me feel most unsure about my vote for him is. Woman, I'll start with you.

WOMAN: Great. My most proud, I put too early to tell. I really don't know that I can pinpoint anything yet. Most unsure is even how I felt before I voted is the way he sometimes talks about things or to people.

MODERATOR: What? Can you be more descriptive?

WOMAN: He just doesn't have the, he's kind of rough, yes, tact. Thank you. He just doesn't have the tact like a lot of the other Presidents.

WOMAN: I worry about his Twitters.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: He doesn't seem to filter a lot. He just . . .

MAN: But he's not a politician.

MODERATOR: Whoa, she, go ahead . . . we'll talk about that more.

WOMAN: Won't back down from a, from, you know, like getting in fights with anybody.

MODERATOR: Fights, okay. And, unsure?

WOMAN: Again, I'm back to healthcare.

MODERATOR: Okay. Next?

WOMAN: Most proud, bringing jobs back to U.S. Most unsure, women's rights like Planned Parenthood.

MODERATOR: And next?

MAN: Most proud, seems to put America first, and most unsure, not sure about healthcare.

MODERATOR: Okay. Next?

MAN: Trying to get rid of ObamaCare, and unsure was bombing Syria.

MODERATOR: Okay. And who's next?

MAN: The travel ban and seeing what was going on in Europe and said, no, we don't need that right here, right now. And then the most unsure would be the DeVos to the cabinet.

MODERATOR: DeVos. Okay. Cabinet. All right. Who's next?

MAN: I put putting America's interest first.

MODERATOR: And most unsure?

MAN: The guy has no filters.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I put for the first one, I don't know. I'm still waiting. And I don't meant to sound sarcastic, but I don't know. I'm still waiting. And I'm hoping that he leaves ObamaCare alone, because . . .

MODERATOR: So you're unsure that he will?

WOMAN: Yeah, I'm sure he's going to go in there and change it all up. And right now, actually, I know a lot of people don't think so, but it's an unbelievable program for people in my situation, so . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: He stands up for things, and what I don't like is all the family members in the cabinet with him, working with him and all the people he picked.

MODERATOR: I'm sorry, just to clarify, you say family members and other people he picked or just . . .

MAN: Well, his cabinet members. You know, the men's club, the rich boys.

MAN: His cronies, right?

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: That's . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. And . . .

WOMAN: I put jobs back to U.S., and healthcare I'm unsure.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do me a favor. Go ahead and close up the workbooks. Oops. Okay. And, yeah, we'll come back to them later, but we're most of the way done with it, actually. Now let me ask, go ahead and ask you this. If you could pick, I'm going to ask both, I'm going to ask one personal quality you like most about Donald Trump and then one personal quality that he has that concerns you most. So let's start with the ones that you like of personal qualities, not issues, but personal qualities that he, that you like most. Just anybody jump in.

MAN: I guess that he's not a politician.

MODERATOR: Not a politician. Okay.

WOMAN: That he's actually trying to balance the budget instead of just saying, oh, we're just going to have a \$14 billion deficit. So, yeah, he's cutting things, but that's because he's . . .

MODERATOR: Oh, I'm sorry. That's more of an issue. I'm looking for personal qualities . . .

WOMAN: He doesn't back down.

MODERATOR: Doesn't back down.

MAN: His leadership.

MODERATOR: Leadership.

WOMAN: He seems to be a strong family man.

MAN: He is firm in what he believes in.

MODERATOR: Firm.

WOMAN: He's not afraid to go after anything.

MODERATOR: Okay. What else, personal qualities that you like, that you appreciate or you think it's a good thing that he has?

MAN: Well, he speaks his mind.

MODERATOR: Speaks his mind.

MAN: And he's got to be a good golfer by now, right?

MODERATOR: Personal quality that he has that concerns you most about him?

WOMAN: His mouth is going to get him in trouble.

WOMAN: Yeah, he's going to get us all in trouble.

WOMAN: Filter, and no filter, no tact.

MAN: And I don't like his hand gestures. He's always like this, pointing. He's always doing, yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Just kidding.

MAN: That's all right.

MODERATOR: What else? Any other personal qualities, characteristics that you say, oh, I'm not too fond of that?

WOMAN: His hair.

MODERATOR: His hair. Okay.

WOMAN: Well, I mean . . .

MAN: Maybe he seems like a male chauvinist, maybe, kind of.

MODERATOR: Okay. Kind of. Okay.

WOMAN: I'll take my turn. He is a male chauvinist.

MODERATOR: All right. Any others that come to mind? All right. Did you think that, no, here's, by the way, if you haven't figured out the common thread, you're called

people who said they voted for Donald Trump in this last election. The other part of this I'm going to ask you some questions about this later, is that you also all voted for Barack Obama in the previous election.

So that's why you're all here together, because you're, you know, guess what? Michigan was one of the handful of states that went for President Obama in 2012 and for Donald Trump, he wasn't President at the time, in 2016. Did you think that Donald Trump would make a good President before he became, or when he became a presidential candidate, or did you, was it after he started running for office that you thought he'd be a good candidate, or, I mean, sorry, a good President?

WOMAN: After he ran for office against Hillary was the lesser of the two evils.

MAN: I hate Hillary Clinton.

WOMAN: Oh, I say that . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: I voted against Hillary Clinton.

WOMAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: I can't stand Hillary Clinton.

WOMAN: Exactly, that's . . .

WOMAN: And I wasn't all about Hillary as much as it just went way too far.

And voting for Hilary, way too far, the . . .

MODERATOR: Are you saying it went way too far, what, what's it?

WOMAN: The whole, the deficit went way too far. The immigration went way too far. All the Democratic policies went way too far. And at some point, you've got to stop this train. Hillary would have been . . .

MAN: Well, I mean what people would vote for a liar to begin with. She was, she lied about everything. Everything that happened, she lied about.

MAN: She never went away.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Slow down. Woman, you go first. And then do you go by Man or Man?

MAN: Man.

MODERATOR: Man. Okay. And then, Man, you go next. Woman, can you also fix your name card, because I'm getting your name right now, but I guarantee you, later I'll forget it.

WOMAN: I said Hillary would have been four more years of Obama, really.

WOMAN: That's what I thought. It would have been worse.

WOMAN: And I don't think we could have, yeah, and I don't think we could do four more years.

WOMAN: It would become worse.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I just, she never like went away and like rebranded herself. She just stayed. She was like a piece of shit that wouldn't go down the toilet. She just like, she was done being secretary of state. You knew the next step was she was just gearing up to run for presidential, and she never got away. And then there always like bullshit with her and her husband, just always some kind of scandal of them dicking people over. Like they came in. They were supposedly like the, you know, not the Washington insiders. And then, you know, 25 years later, they're still there, like they never left.

MODERATOR: Did anybody hear, oh, go ahead, Woman. Sorry.

WOMAN: No, I said they even were talking about, I don't know if it was today or yesterday on the news how one of the things that, of many, that she had promised was, you know, who she kept on her board, her I can't think of the word.

MAN: Cabinet.

WOMAN: Circle.

WOMAN: Cabinet. Thank you, yet, yesterday or whenever, she's already put family members through the whole cabinet to help her. That was one thing she said she would absolutely not do. And she's done it. She's lied again. She's just awful.

MODERATOR: Okay. Did anybody here decide to vote for Donald Trump before the Republican primaries were over?

MAN: Oh, yeah.

WOMAN: I did, yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Did everybody else decide? You know, so far I have Man and . . .

WOMAN: Woman.

MODERATOR: Woman. Sorry, I know somebody who goes by Woman, and they spell it the same way, so I'm going to mess it up. I apologize.

WOMAN: That's okay.

MODERATOR: but besides those two, did anybody else decide before the primaries were over?

MAN: I was a little bit uncertain, but when Hillary beat out, what was that guy's name?

WOMAN: Sanders.

MAN: Sanders, I'm like, no, I'm not voting for her.

MODERATOR: So you might have voted for Bernie, but not for Hillary?

MAN: I might have voted for him, but not for Hillary.

MODERATOR: Hillary.

MAN: I just didn't. I don't even like the way she talks. It's just fake.

MODERATOR: So but everybody else then decided after it was one-on-one. Okay. Would you consider your vote, for everybody, would you consider it more pro-Donald Trump or anti-Hillary Clinton? A show of hands, how many said I voted pro-Donald Trump? One, two, three, four, okay, so most of you. But how many voted anti-Hillary Clinton? One, two. Okay. Did you think, going into the election day, did you think that Donald Trump was going to win?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: No.

MODERATOR: Did anybody think he was going to win?

MAN: No.

WOMAN: No, I don't even think he thought he was going to win.

MODERATOR: Why do you think? Why didn't you think? Or why do you think? When, at the time, think, looking, thinking back at the time, why did you think that Hillary Clinton was going to win? What made you think that?

WOMAN: The media.

WOMAN: The polls.

MAN: Yeah, the media.

WOMAN: The media, though, they just kept saying, oh . . .

MAN: The powers that be weren't going to let that happen.

MAN: All the polls, she's ahead. She's doing this.

WOMAN: She's ahead. She's got this state, and she's pretty sure she's got Florida, and . . .

MAN: Well, and this is how they do it. They skew it towards her so . . .

WOMAN: So that you . . .

MAN: . . . that you're going to out and vote for her just because she's already winning. You know, and that's not what happens.

MAN: That's why they call it fake news, right?

WOMAN: Right.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Why? What else? Were you, why else were you surprised, or why do you think, why did you think that she was going to win?

MAN: I heard the fake polls, the fake news, and one or two other ones.

MAN: All the protests outside of the Trump rallies and Trump's comments and stuff and . . .

MAN: This was the dirtiest campaign that was ever ran in United States history.

WOMAN: Its history, I think, yeah.

MODERATOR: Who was dirty?

MAN: Clinton.

MAN: Because if you ever noticed that every time there was a Trump rally, on Craigslist, they were hiring people to go to a Trump rally and disturb stuff.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other thoughts on why you thought that Hillary Clinton was going to win?

WOMAN: She had like an inside too, like she did with Sanders. They said she was getting information like about the debate, so she was getting the questions ahead of time. So she sounded, you know, more professional, because she was ready. She had the questions a week early coming out.

MAN: Well, on top of that, she had an earwig in, and they were feeding her the answers . . .

WOMAN: Right, well, that's what I'm saying, so . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: He's a businessman, two different people.

MODERATOR: Okay. Were you reluctant at any point during the campaign to tell others that you were voting for Trump?

MAN: No.

WOMAN: No.

WOMAN: Oh, yes.

WOMAN: After the whole women scandal, oh, yes.

WOMAN: . . . now.

MODERATOR: Okay. Well, let's all hold on. I want to hear from the people who say yes. Woman, you were reluctant, and it wasn't until after the women's scandal. Is that that videotape that everybody talks about?

WOMAN: Correct, right.

MODERATOR: Okay. And tell me, so what did you do? What was your . . .

WOMAN: I'm like I'm still going to vote for him. I don't, and this is what I've always done, I don't agree with everything he says or does, but I think he's going to make a better President.

MODERATOR: Okay. And you told people that, or you kind of that was just your own thinking, or your close friends?

WOMAN: I kind of just kept it under my hat.

WOMAN: Yeah, me too, basically, the same thing, that and the like, you know, my husband works with all like, you know, Mexicans or blacks, and he wouldn't dare say in front of any of them that he had voted for, you know, because it would cause a riot. I'll tell you, the blacks hate him, so . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, how about you, why were you reluctant to tell others?

WOMAN: I really wasn't. I just, I really think he was . . .

MODERATOR: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought . . .

WOMAN: . . . no, I really think he was the better choice, but . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. So you didn't have any hesitation. I'm sorry. I guess . . .

WOMAN: We weren't really talking about it at work.

MODERATOR: Oh, okay. Anybody else who felt reluctant at any point to tell people that they were voting for Trump?

MAN: I didn't want to tell anybody, because Hillary people, boy, they'd come down on you hard for Trump. Oh, man, it wasn't worth the arguments.

WOMAN: Right, that's what I thought.

MAN: I mean, it was terrible.

MAN: I just, I didn't bring it up at work because like the one guy that did, it led into something, and then somebody's like, oh, he's a racist and that, you know. And they were trying to get him fired because somebody made up something about him being like Abraham Lincoln, and then something like that came up. And the guy he was talking to was black, and he didn't know he was black. And he's like you didn't know I was black. And I'm like, oh, you're black? And it was, you know, so it's just, you just, it needed to stay out of work, the workplace. You know, just politics need to stay out of work. I mean, it's hard not to, but . . .

MAN: See, and that's the funny thing, because they're relying on the black vote to get her in there, and even most of them don't like her. So because there was the lowest turnout since Obama again.

MODERATOR: Okay. Now, Man, you said that it was terrible, you know, kind of the . . .

MAN: Oh, people would jump all over. If they were anti-Trump, they'd give you their mind. Oh, my gosh, it was terrible.

MODERATOR: How about now that he's President, do you feel proud to tell people you voted for him, or do you still kind of feel like there's too much?

WOMAN: It's just too much.

MAN: Still too much.

MAN: Strong Hillary people.

MAN: It doesn't come up.

WOMAN: We talk about it at school all the time, because we were like three-fourths Trump. So we were like, oh, look what he's doing, and they'll come in and tell me that there was a couple people that liked Hillary, so one of the girls, after he became President, had her Make America Great shirt on, and she went to the principal of our school. And she was

like I find that offensive. You shouldn't be able to wear that. But we can wear street clothes, so it was like, how can you find that offensive? He is the President now. Just deal with it.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, you've been taking it all in. How about you? Did you feel concerned or didn't want to tell people?

MAN: Yeah, I felt the same way. I work in a factory, and, yeah, I work with a lot of minorities, and, yeah, I just kind of kept it to myself. Because I see other people talking about it, and I see the reaction it gets. So it's probably a good idea.

MODERATOR: Do you still feel that way?

MAN: Yeah, kind of sort of, yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Thinking back to election night or the next morning, whenever you found out who had won the presidency, because it was pretty late in the evening, what emotions did you feel when you learned that he had won the presidency?

WOMAN: I was happy.

WOMAN: Relief.

MAN: Holy shit.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: I said, you've got to be kidding me.

MODERATOR: Woman, why you've got to be kidding me?

WOMAN: Because I just didn't believe it. I thought for sure . . .

WOMAN: She got it, yeah.

WOMAN: . . . she'll win.

MAN: Oh, yeah, I wasn't even watching, I was watching something else like reruns or something like that. I wasn't even watching the election. I was like, oh, she's going to win. But I put my vote in that I don't like her, you know, and that's . . .

MODERATOR: So when you said holy shit when they told you?

MAN: I was driving to work, and they said Donald Trump is the next President. And I was like what the, sweet.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other reactions that you had, other emotions people felt?

WOMAN: I just got up in the morning, and when I found out he was President, I was like, or going to be President, I kind of had the same holy shit, you know, response, like

seriously? You know, I don't know why. I just, like everybody else said, I was ready for Clinton to win. Even though I didn't want her to, I was ready for it. So I don't know.

WOMAN: See, I was more in disbelief when they said Michigan is what I was just like what? What the heck happened, because, you know, they . . .

MAN: Michigan is always Democratic, yeah.

WOMAN: Right, so when they said it flipped, I was like, wow, that's amazing that so many people did vote and voted the way they wanted and changed things around.

MAN: The west side of the state came through.

WOMAN: Yeah, see.

MODERATOR: Well, why did Michigan flip or the west side of the state, but what were some of the other reasons?

WOMAN: Enough of her people didn't get out, because they thought she was going to win. So they didn't get off their butts and go out and vote.

MAN: She didn't inspire people.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: She just was the Democratic candidate, and whatever.

WOMAN: Like I said, I . . .

MODERATOR: Yeah, I'm sorry.

WOMAN: People are ready for a change, I mean.

MODERATOR: Change. Okay. Man . . .

MAN: The minorities and blacks, they didn't get out. They don't get out and vote. All of us went out, and we wanted to vote, and surprised her.

MAN: Now when Obama was running, they all came out to vote, because they wanted him in there. And, you know, Hillary is thinking that the same thing was going to happen again for her. She was dead wrong. She . . . that's exactly why she won. She just didn't care what she said to people, and, you know, avoided every issue that was out there, and didn't really want to really answer any questions. And, you know, it was all sideline, political bullshit.

MODERATOR: Do you guys know any Democrats here in Michigan or people who would have voted for Hillary who didn't vote and say, oh, boy, I should have voted?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: No.

WOMAN: I mean, I know some neighbors and stuff that had the signs and everything. And then I talked to them later, and they're like did you see the signs? By the time we got out of work, it was two hours and a half, and they didn't want to stay. But they had went out and got the signs and everything, but they never went and voted.

MAN: Because everybody assumed she was going to win, so why go out and vote, because she's going to win.

MODERATOR: Is there any point since the election in which you have regretted voting for Donald Trump?

MAN: No.

WOMAN: No.

MODERATOR: Anybody?

WOMAN: No.

MODERATOR: Okay. Just because every, you're kind of like, eh.

WOMAN: I'm not happy with some of the, a couple little things, but I think Hillary still would have been worse, so . . .

MAN: Still better than Hillary.

MAN: Yeah, I don't think they're really giving him a fair shake in the media. It's just, you know . . .

WOMAN: Oh, no, not at all.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Well, he's not a member of the old politician's club, and that's the whole thing. You know, I mean, you've got a guy who's never been a politician in his life in a position of absolute power like he is, versus all these other people who have been doing it. I mean, come on, these guys are in Congress for 50 years. You know, I mean, that's ridiculous too on top of that.

WOMAN: Yes, it is.

MAN: It's a . . .

MODERATOR: So let me ask this, and it may not have been 2012. It may have been 2008, but I think it was just this, and everybody here voted for Obama at least once. Why the change from voting for Obama to voting against his endorsed candidate in 2016, Hillary, obviously.

MAN: Couldn't trust her.

WOMAN: We needed change.

WOMAN: Can't trust her.

MAN: Can't trust her.

WOMAN: I've always been a Democratic.

WOMAN: I just . . . because I can't do more of the same. I cannot sign up for more of the same.

MODERATOR: Woman, you said change.

WOMAN: Well, things have to get better. We need more jobs. We need healthcare. We need, there's a lot to be done, and I don't think Obama did enough.

MODERATOR: Man, you were saying? Sorry, I missed that. You had said something.

MAN: I don't remember.

MODERATOR: Okay. President Obama, after the election, said this election was not about me. But it sounds to me like you kind of think there, some of it was. I mean, actually, Hillary had her own challenges to you, and Donald Trump had his own advantages. But there's, I hear change a lot. How?

MAN: There were quite a few opportunities for him to stand up to defend things, and all he did was just roll over and show his belly every time.

MODERATOR: Show his belly, what do you mean?

MAN: Basically, he just rolled over, slipped it under the rug, didn't even look at it, and, you know, all these other things are going around that he should have had his hands in to take care of so things didn't escalate. And he didn't do anything.

MODERATOR: Oh, I see.

WOMAN: Correct. For instance, ISIS, they didn't really even address it until it was way off the ground, out of control.

MAN: Oh, and then when he took responsibility for getting Bin Laden, that was already in place before he took office, you know.

MODERATOR: What are the biggest differences between Trump and Obama?

WOMAN: Trump has got a backbone.

WOMAN: Right, he's more aggressive.

WOMAN: Evidently.

MAN: Yeah, he's not worried what people are going to say about him. Obama, well, if I do this, what's people going to think? What's everyone going to do?

MAN: Yeah, for him, it's not the popularity contest. Just take me how I am, and this is what I'm going to do. If you don't like it, I'm sorry.

WOMAN: This is what the people voted me for.

WOMAN: And I always thought that Obama is a really nice guy. Trump is not. But Trump is going to be a better President, because Obama was not.

WOMAN: And I think that a lot of people voted for Trump that said they were going to vote for Hillary, and just because they didn't want to get into the mass discussion as to who was going to be a better candidate. So I think they, because everybody was so sure that Hillary was going to win, that's, I think that's where he got a lot of his votes, from people who didn't want Hillary in there, but they didn't want to say they were voting for Trump.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, why do you, what were some of the differences between, what are some of the ways that Obama and Trump are different?

MAN: Oh, you know, Obama is like a very entertaining speaker. Like he's captivating, and but he, yeah, he just, he tries to appease everybody and try . . .

MAN: A nice guy.

MAN: . . . yeah, he's a nice guy. He tries to kind of work it out, and, you know, he's also he's very intelligent. And, you know, I think everything is like thought through. And then I think that Trump is very goal-orientated where he's just like, well, here's the finish line. Here's how we get there, you know, and get out of my way, and that's what's going to happen.

MODERATOR: In what ways are the two similar, Obama and Trump?

MAN: They're not.

MAN: They're both President.

WOMAN: Yeah, Obama is more like your best friend who has parties and has Beyoncé over, and then Trump is like your dad. He's doing to come whoop your ass because you didn't do what you were supposed to do and get it done, yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, you voted against Mitt Romney and for Donald Trump. Why the difference? What was wrong with Romney, I guess?

MAN: I don't know a whole lot about Romney. That's why I didn't vote for Romney. And Trump, I voted for Trump, because I thought that we needed some change. And then when he got into office, and the minute I found out he was President, I was shocked, and then I was nervous at the same time, probably within minutes. Like here we go, and don't know what to expect. And the worst case for me, it's four years. I mean, how bad can it get in four years? If no one likes him, we'll just do it all over again, and try somebody new. But I just knew if, the worst case it's going to just be four years.

MODERATOR: Others, what was Romney lacking that you saw in Trump?

WOMAN: I didn't know enough about him. He wasn't out there enough. I didn't hear that much about him.

MODERATOR: Anything else?

WOMAN: He didn't have like that forceful presence. Do you know what I mean?

WOMAN: The charismatic . . .

MAN: He ran against the wrong candidate. That's just, you know, Obama was popular. He was a mid-term, you know, guy that went against a popular President. He was just the guy they put out there that wasn't going to win. Like he didn't. I mean, they should have had him run this term. He would have won.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me ask this, going back to Trump. Do you think that Donald Trump is changing, or if he's not yet, but, well, do you think he'll be able to change the way things work in Washington?

WOMAN: Yes, I do.

WOMAN: I think he will.

WOMAN: It makes sense.

WOMAN: Some things, yes, and probably some things not.

MAN: It will be a struggle.

WOMAN: It's going to be a struggle, but, yes. The end result is yes.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other thoughts on change, Trump and change?

WOMAN: He's going to try hard as hell, but I don't know if he's going to do it.

MAN: They might turn him into a statesman. Washington might rub off on him.

WOMAN: I doubt that. He's his own man.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other thoughts on whether he'll be successful or not at changing Washington?

MAN: I think as people start seeing results, and that's what it is. You've got to see results.

MODERATOR: What was the Trump campaign slogan? Anybody remember it?

WOMAN: Make America Great Again.

MODERATOR: Everybody's heard it?

WOMAN: Again and again, yeah.

MODERATOR: What does Make America, sorry, it was an easy question, I know, but it led to the next one. What does Make American Great Again mean to you?

MAN: Jobs and manufacturing here.

WOMAN: Taking care of America first instead of saying, oh, we're going to send \$4 million to, you know, South Korea or that. Keep some of that here, and worry about the home fires, and then go the UN and say, hey, does everybody want to chip in, instead of we're putting all our money in, and nobody is putting in.

MAN: Well, and that's what made our national debt go up so high, because we were sitting there financing everybody else and then, basically, you know, China was just happy to give us money.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other things that come to mind when you hear Make American Great Again in terms of what you think a President, or can he?

WOMAN: I feel like it kind of says that it wasn't great at all, and that kind of bothers me a little, only because there were great things. You know, there are good things about our country and our government. Slim, but there are good things. I felt it was kind of a putdown to . . .

MODERATOR: Do you, Woman, do you think, and I don't know, Woman, do you think that Donald Trump was referring to the last eight years as being, you know, America not being great, or do you think he was talking a longer timeframe?

WOMAN: No, I feel like the last eight years.

MODERATOR: So it was kind of a direct?

WOMAN: Yeah, towards Obama.

MODERATOR: Towards Obama. Okay. Other things about why, you know, or what, I'm sorry, what Make America Great means to you, Make America Great Again means to you? Sorry.

WOMAN: I thought it was a great slogan, and kind of going back to the FDR days. Okay. We are at ground zero here. We've gone totally out of control. What can we do? What steps can we make to get back to, America get back to what we do best? I thought it was a very well done slogan.

MODERATOR: So what are some of the reasons to you why America was no longer great, especially in the last four years, because 2012 you voted for President Obama, to reelect President Obama. So you must have thought, okay, things are going pretty well. And then it's more like, oh, don't like Hillary. It would be a third term of Obama, some of you said. We needed a change. So what was it? What had gone wrong? Why did America go off the tracks?

MAN: Oh, we became a laughing stock half of the time, because we would never react to anything, and if we did, it would just be a pat on the back and go, oh, we're sorry. Let me just send you money, instead of going in there and attacking stuff, then we should have. We should have never pulled out of Iraq that quick.

WOMAN: That's right.

MAN: You know, as soon as we did, boom, ISIS goes in there, screws the country right back up again. And how many millions upon millions upon billions did we pay to liberate that country? You know, once we show that we don't have a backbone anymore, we're no longer a great country. We're not even a threat to anybody.

MAN: Now look at the problems they're having in Europe because of ISIS too.

WOMAN: And for me, it's the deficit. It's just, and then they said, oh, the, I worked in the government. And it's like, oh, the government is shut down. We have no money. Oh, we, so the way it works, you don't do anything, because you don't have any money. And then, all of a sudden, you get money, and then you do something for a while. Oh, you know what? We might not have any money again. Nothing gets done. It's crazy. It's craziness.

MODERATOR: Other reasons America wasn't, was not, no longer great?

WOMAN: I think they need to get some of those older people that have been in Congress and on those seats. I mean, some of them are, I mean, they sit there and sleep. You

can watch them on the little monitors that are in front of the thing. And they're snoozing, but they're getting paid. And if they quit, or they retire, they still get paid. But they're been there 40, 50 years, just sitting in their seat. Yes. No. How do you want me to vote? Okay. Give me some of this. Give my kid a job and . . .

MAN: You mean Conyers?

MAN: Oh, God, yeah.

WOMAN: Yeah, they've been there forever, some of them. I mean, go for . . . on there. Come on, now.

MAN: And Conyers, one of his . . . dirty as he is, it's . . .

MAN: Is she in prison?

MAN: No, she's out again.

WOMAN: Oh, see.

MODERATOR: Let me ask this. There were some critics of Trump during the campaign who said that he was trying to hearken back, when he says Make America Great Again, he was trying to hearken back to like the '50s, the days of segregation, and America really wasn't great back then. Did you, when he said that, when Trump would say Make America Great Again, did you, any of you think of, you know, yeah, it was better back then?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: No.

MODERATOR: . . . segregation . . .

WOMAN: No, we thought like '70s, '60s . . . not . . .

MAN: I mean, like when mom was at home, and dad went to work, and then, you know . . .

WOMAN: No.

WOMAN: And you could still do stuff. Do you know what I mean? We had ten, and just my dad worked, and . . .

MAN: Yeah, there was plenty of money when dad worked, because dad made a decent living, and mom could stay home and raise the kids, and they weren't little punks and . . .

WOMAN: Right, and you could go out at night.

MAN: And when, if you're, if the people that thought about it as the '50s, they weren't thinking about it like segregated South. They were thinking about like prosperous North,

you know, where it was, where dad had a decent job out of high school, and you were able to go camping on weekends, and, you know, Mom was at home, and the kids played stickball or and came home when the lights came on, and played capture the flag and . . .

WOMAN: And they could go outside.

MAN: . . . neighborhoods, we . . . together and . . .

WOMAN: People were raised with ethics, it's you know, their pleases and their thank yous and just . . .

WOMAN: Yeah, manners.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me ask this. Now I want to see a show of hands. I'm going to give you two options, and I'll get to that in just a moment. But was your support, here's the two options, was your support for Donald Trump more based on his issue positions or more based on his focus on bringing change to Washington? How many think it was more based, not how many think, how many of it, for you, it was more based on his issue position, a show of hands? Well, you started to put your hand up, and . . .

WOMAN: Well, I'm, well, because it's kind of altogether, you know.

MODERATOR: How about focus on bringing change to Washington? So pretty much everybody else, and you're sort of in the middle on that. Okay. Let me ask this. How many of you consider yourselves Republicans, how many are Independents, and how many are Democrats? How many are Republicans, just a show of hands? Okay. How many are Independents? Okay. Most. Democrats? One, two, three. Okay. This election you voted Republican for President. Did you vote a straight Republican ticket, or did you vote for Democrats as well?

WOMAN: No.

WOMAN: No way.

MODERATOR: How many voted a straight ticket? Nobody here. So everybody split their ticket. Okay. Now that you've voted for Donald Trump, do you think of yourself as a Republican?

MAN: No.

WOMAN: No.

MODERATOR: Let me ask about the Democratic Party. They just elected a new chairman of the Democratic National Committee, the DNC as it's often called. I don't care about

that person. Put them aside. In your minds, who is the new leader of the Democratic Party? When you think of the, today's Democratic Party, who do you think of?

MAN: Couldn't tell you.

WOMAN: Obama, probably . . .

MODERATOR: Obama. Who else when you think of who the leader of the Democratic Party is? Let me throw out some names.

WOMAN: I don't know, a new one, a new leader?

MAN: A new Democrat?

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: We had President Obama for so long, and let's face it, when you're the President, you're the leader of the party. And then, you know, as he's phasing out, who was the leader until the election?

MAN: Stephanopoulos.

MODERATOR: Hillary, right? But she lost, so you have President Obama as ex-President. You have Hillary Clinton. You know, she lost. So I'm trying to get a sense of, okay, do any of these names mean anything to you? Are you aware of them, and if so, what do you know about them? Nancy Pelosi.

MAN: Yeah, that's the one I think of.

MAN: Yeah, I know the name.

MAN: You see her all the time. You see her, and she's always, if Donald says one thing, she's the opposite. It just doesn't matter . . . Republican, Democrat, no.

MAN: . . . Rush Limbaugh . . .

MAN: But you always see her on TV standing up and voicing her opinion.

MODERATOR: Okay. Chuck Schumer, has anybody heard of him?

MAN: I've heard of him, but I . . .

WOMAN: I can't tell you who he is.

WOMAN: No, I can't either. I know the name, but . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Elizabeth Warren.

MAN: I see her a lot. She looks like Granholm, doesn't she? Yeah.

MAN: Yeah, a little bit.

WOMAN: Wasn't she one of Clinton's, might have been . . .

WOMAN: She was the secretary of transportation at one time, wasn't she?

WOMAN: I'm not sure.

MODERATOR: No, she had some position in the Obama administration. It wasn't that. I don't remember that.

WOMAN: Clinton considered her for the vice president, I believe.

MODERATOR: Bernie Sanders?

WOMAN: Oh, yeah.

WOMAN: Bernie, yeah.

MODERATOR: Is he a leader? Do you guys see . . .

MAN: No . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: Yeah. No.

MODERATOR: Okay. Those are kind of the main Democrats who are sort of out there a bunch. So let's move on. Oh, we're good on time. That's good. So when you hear what is often called the mainstream media being critical of Donald Trump, does their criticism make you question your support for them, or does it reinforce that he's on the right track in terms of shaking things up in Washington?

MAN: On the right track.

WOMAN: He's on the right track.

WOMAN: He's on the right track, but, I mean, it aggravates you when you see stuff. I saw a cartoon on the weekend that they were talking about the Syrian bombing, and they said, oh, Trump cares about the kids in other countries. And then they had this woman with the baby wrapped in a Flint blanket. He had nothing to do with the Flint water crisis, so why would they even put it like that? Do you know what I mean?

WOMAN: Yeah, it's . . .

WOMAN: It doesn't make sense.

MODERATOR: Anybody feel kind of their confidence in him shaken a bit by the media?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: No.

WOMAN: Because you just never know what you read. You know, you never . .

MODERATOR: What is the most biased news report that you have seen the press do about Donald Trump?

MAN: Can we say the network? I mean . . .

MODERATOR: Yeah.

MAN: CNN.

MAN: Yeah, or MSNBC.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any particular story though that jumps out at you?

MAN: Well, sometimes if I'm watching like the news, and I'm in that mood, I'll have them both on, like Fox and what's it called, because they'll be like covering the same thing. And it's just fun to watch like their take on it. It's just like it's you're watching the same story, and it's like, you know . . .

MAN: Two different, oh, yeah, it's like, yeah, it's weird if you watch them both.

MAN: It's like same story, two different, same subject, two completely different stories.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Yeah, yeah, yeah, so like what they're talking about and this, that, and the other thing. So, yeah, sometimes I'll do that, but . . .

MODERATOR: Anything else then that you recall as like, wow, that was just total media bias?

MAN: . . .

WOMAN: I think the story about how many people were at the inauguration. It's like either the guy who just sat there and talked about that, and talked about that, and talked about it, and you just wanted to get over it. Or, you know what? Okay. Move on.

MODERATOR: Okay. So I will move on. President Trump said in, I want to say it was either late January or early February, and it, I can't remember whether he said it in person or on Twitter, excuse me, but let me quote from that, the press is the enemy of the people. What do you think of when you hear that, or why do you think he said that?

MAN: Because they're never reporting anything truthfully anymore. It's always go to have some weird spin on everything.

MAN: Yeah, it's drama.

MAN: Yeah, well, you can't . . .

MAN: Or it's negative.

MAN: . . . well, it's not going to . . .

MAN: . . . it's negative. It's not positive, happy, you know . . .

WOMAN: Even the weather.

WOMAN: And they go on and on and on.

WOMAN: Today, I was watching the weather, and it's like, okay, it's going to rain. You know, you don't just have thunderstorms anymore like you used to. You've got to have, you know, winds going X-amount of miles an hour. Yeah, it's a tragedy. I lost my power too. But, oh, my God, you would have thought the earth was sinking, you know, because it's going to thunderstorm tonight.

MODERATOR: By the way, that reminds me. Thanks, everybody for coming tonight, despite the weather. I was worried about that.

WOMAN: And . . .

MODERATOR: I'm sorry. I want to make sure I get to hear from some of the other folks. Woman, you were starting to say, I'm sorry?

WOMAN: They just take one little thing, and they spin it like a whole different way. I know, I don't know if it was the storms or a hurricane. Something was going on and . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Let's put aside the weather for now. Focus on Trump.

WOMAN: I'm saying it was. Trump was down in Florida, him and his little meeting thing, and they were like, oh, he's not up here dealing with the weather, and he's not doing this. But he was in like a meeting down in Florida. But they were like, oh, he's relaxing. He's down in his Florida thing. He's not concerned about the storms.

WOMAN: I remember that.

WOMAN: I was like, really? What is he going to do talk to Jesus and say can you do something about it? Do you know what I mean? Until it's over, you can't do anything.

WOMAN: I think that it doesn't help that he's like, oh, I hate the media. They're the worst thing in the world. They're, you know, it's like you know what, dude? This is part of the job. Just figure it out.

MODERATOR: Woman, how about you? What's your thoughts about his rocky relationship with the media?

WOMAN: I just think they're out to paint him badly, and they're going to do it any way they can, whether it's the truth or not.

MAN: Media, 100%, has its purpose and place. I mean, they're the ones that got Kwame Kilpatrick put in prison, and so, I mean, they definitely do their due diligence. But a lot of the like the national news networks, you know, they don't, they only get so much news, so they've got to sensationalize every sound bit. And so it makes it like you're not really getting news.

MAN: Well, here's the . . .

MODERATOR: Man, you get the last word on this, then I'm moving on.

MAN: Okay. Here's the thing. They get the facts. They don't report the facts. All these big news networks are just tabloid television. That's all it is. It's going to be whatever they want to say, whatever spin they're going to put on it to make it worse so people will watch their network. It's the only reason they're doing a lot of this stuff like that.

MODERATOR: Man, I'll give you the last word on this. I could tell you wanted to say something.

MAN: I don't like the media. I don't even watch the media half the time anymore. It's just so negative. And like they don't like him anyway, so whatever they want to say, they'll say. So I don't go by that.

MODERATOR: Okay. Is there any media you do trust?

MAN: I don't know. I mean, it's, there's just so much negative stuff out in the world now that I try and stay away from it. I don't even watch the news hardly anymore.

MODERATOR: A show of hands. How many people here are on Twitter? One, two. Okay. Do either of you, do you follow Donald Trump on Twitter?

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

WOMAN: No, I don't.

MODERATOR: Okay. So one . . . asking everybody, because a lot of people, or let me ask, those of you who are not on Twitter, do you have a pretty good idea of what Twitter is?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: Yeah, sort of. Maybe.

WOMAN: Sort of, kind of.

MODERATOR: Okay. Why do you think that Donald Trump tweets so much?

WOMAN: I think because he can't use the media as an objective outlet like Presidents in the past could. And he wants to get his voice heard, and so he uses very unconventional means to do so.

MAN: It's his voice with no spin on it. It's right from him, I think.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do you think that his tweets help him or hurt him?

MAN: It depends on . . .

WOMAN: A little of both, yeah.

MAN: It depends on what it is, yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, what? You say it depends. What?

MAN: It just depends. Some days he'll say something nice, and then he'll go off and say something. It's like, oh, my gosh, why did he say that?

MODERATOR: So do you hear about his tweets then, even if you don't?

MAN: Oh, yeah, I see them on the news.

WOMAN: But I get them, I get . . .

MAN: On the news channel, put something on there. You know, so, oh, he tweeted this this morning at 4:00 a.m. You know, guy can't sleep. Of course, it's certain news stations, you know.

WOMAN: I'm on the Trump e-mail blast, so any time he tweets, or if he's got issues going, I get a little e-mail thing, and they tell you, oh, if you want, sign up, and, you know, try to support that or yea or nay and that kind of thing.

MODERATOR: To . . . you, do you think his tweets help him or hurt him?

WOMAN: I think they hurt him. I think when you're the President, you need to go into the oval office, and people should be respecting the President. I know that all, you know, all the electronics these days, everybody uses them. But I don't think it's the right place for a President to be. I just don't.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, help or hurt?

MAN: I think a little bit of both, depending on what he says. It can go either way.

MODERATOR: Do you become aware of his tweets like because . . .

MAN: Yes. Oh, yeah. Sure.

MODERATOR: Like how?

MAN: Media outlets, just listening on the news, and people talking about it. Yeah, it's everywhere.

MODERATOR: Okay. Help or hurt?

MAN: I think it hurts. Like I don't need to see that much of the President unpolished. Like go, think about what you're going to say, make a statement, an official statement, and then release it. I don't need to hear what you're thinking like I'd want to hear a comedian or something.

MODERATOR: Help or hurt?

MAN: It depends.

MODERATOR: Okay. Help or hurt?

MAN: Yeah, it could go either way.

WOMAN: I think it depends.

WOMAN: I kind of agree with her. I think he shouldn't be tweeting.

WOMAN: I think it depends. I can go either way.

MODERATOR: Help or hurt?

WOMAN: It really depends.

MODERATOR: Okay. Go ahead now, and turn to page nine in the workbooks, which is the page after page eight. And the question is what issues do, oh, goodness, I've been doing this and hadn't noticed it. What issues do you think is most important for President Trump to be successful on? The word you is missing here. What did you think? And just jot them down. You don't even have to explain why. Just, you know, like three, four, five issues at the most. All right. Go ahead and close up the workbooks. And I'm not going to, just in the interest, we don't have time to talk about that, so I'll just look at that later. Do you trust government more now that Trump is in office than you did when Obama was in office?

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: Yes.

MODERATOR: Let me hear from the yeses first. Man, I'll start with you. Why do you, well, why do you feel like you can trust government more now with Trump as opposed to Obama?

MAN: I think with Obama, he just kind of sugarcoated everything. Trump, he'll get into things. You know, he's a businessman. He's going to run the country like a business, not a politician, you know, not worried about what people think.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others who said yes?

WOMAN: Yeah, he says it like it is, so you know exactly where everybody stands. But he's trying to get a lot of that what do you call out of there?

MODERATOR: Bureaucracy.

WOMAN: Inefficiency. Dead wood?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Man, how about you, what do you think? Do you trust government more now or . . .

MAN: Well, I, yeah, I think that, you know, I mean, he said a lot of things when he was running for President. I think that he'll always try his hardest to make them happen. I mean, not that they are going to happen, but at least he'll try, I feel, harder than Obama did.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, how about you?

WOMAN: I know it's hot . . .

MODERATOR: Yeah, sorry.

WOMAN: . . .

MODERATOR: And unfortunately . . .

WOMAN: Open one of the doors, no? Okay.

MODERATOR: Not really, because then it gets distracting to people if somebody walks by or something. The good news is we're not too far off from being done. Where were we? Oh, trust government, does anybody say, no, it doesn't really make a difference who's President, I don't really trust government or . . .

WOMAN: In the middle, I, yeah, I really don't trust the government.

MAN: The government got real big under Obama. I think it got a lot bigger, a lot more powerful, a lot more surveillance, a lot of those. I mean, I know that comes with technology and stuff. But, I mean, you know, eight, nine years ago, I mean, we weren't being

watched as much, I don't think. And, I mean, now like everybody has got Facebook and stuff like that, so we're basically giving it away. But, you know, and then you've got ObamaCare which may, it's almost like a new branch of the government, kind of. So, I mean, it got a lot bigger.

MODERATOR: Sorry. Let me do this. I am going to open the door, because just I forgot this is the second group, and there's not . . .

WOMAN: Don't you think though that Trump can only do so much, I mean, he has to have the people help him, you know, that are in Congress that are voting for stuff.

MAN: . . .

WOMAN: He can't just say, oh, this is the way it's going to be. So it's got to be a group.

MAN: Well, you've got those presidential elections or presidential orders.

WOMAN: Right, it's got to be a, yeah, it's got to be a group effort, you know.

WOMAN: And that's why I think Obama just laid down after a while, because he couldn't get anything passed. So he says, oh, instead of going after ISIS, I think it would be easier to go after bathroom bills.

MODERATOR: Now let me do this. I want to ask about some controversies that have been in the news since he became president. And I'm going to ask you, you know, yes or no, and then I might ask a follow-up question, or I might not. So a show of hands. Afterwards, I'll ask yes and then no. Do you believe President Obama ordered wiretaps on Trump before the election? How many say yes, they believe he did? Okay. How many say no he did not?

WOMAN: . . . no, still, I don't know.

MODERATOR: And others, you're kind of undecided, you know, up in the air. Okay. Do you think it's a big deal, or it's . . .

MAN: If it's true, yeah, it's a huge deal.

MODERATOR: Okay. But nobody sits here saying, oh, yeah, it's definitely true.

MAN: We'll never know.

MAN: It would be the Watergate of 2016.

MAN: Yeah, wouldn't that be the same thing Nixon resigned for?

WOMAN: Yeah, I was going to say, Watergate.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do you believe the Trump campaign worked with people in the Russian government during the campaign to impact the election? The question isn't do you believe Russia tried to impact the election. It's did the Trump campaign team work with people in the Russian government?

WOMAN: They might have gotten money, I think, just like Hillary got money from the Middle East. But I don't think he said, oh, what's on your agenda.

MODERATOR: Oh, hey, wait. Let me get the . . .

WOMAN: Tweet me.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: A show of hands. How many believe that the Trump campaign team did work with people in the Russian government to impact the election? Okay. How many say, no, he did not? Okay. Most say, no, he didn't. Don't know.

MAN: It's the whole media thing again.

MAN: Yeah . . . be able to see it.

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: Yeah, I wouldn't trust . . . her.

MAN: It seems like they were trying to play that before the election.

WOMAN: I know.

MAN: And now it's like I don't know, they should have found something or . . .

MAN: They've got to come up with a reason like for him to win, and it's probably their angle.

MODERATOR: How many people think the press purposely low-balled the estimate of the crowd at Trump's inauguration. One, two, three, four, five. Okay. Most people. Why do you think the press, those of you who say, yes, it did, why do you think the press would lowball?

MAN: Just to try to make him look bad.

MAN: Yeah, to make him look bad.

WOMAN: Yeah, they're out to get him.

MAN: Be like, oh, see, he's not popular. All the people that say that he's not my President, sure. Like you can get whatever many people to fill that up as supporters . . . go there. I mean, that's not . . .

WOMAN: Who cares? He won.

MAN: He won.

WOMAN: Who cares?

MAN: But Obama had everything filled in, and then Donald Trump didn't have as much . . .

MAN: It's not like that's that many people there. You know, that's only like a couple stadiums full. Like, you know, there's that many people in Washington that would want to go see it, so . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, you were, I'm sorry. Go ahead and finish your thought about low-balling.

MAN: Well, the media just wanted to lowball it, make look Trump look bad. A lot of people just don't like him. The media does not like him, because he took them on, says they're fake news, the media.

MODERATOR: Do you think it is nepotism and wrong for Trump to allow his daughter and son-in-law to have official positions within the U.S. Government? How many say, yes, it is wrong for him to . . .

MAN: Yeah, I don't like it.

WOMAN: I . . .

WOMAN: I don't know. They all do it. I think they all do it. I mean, Hillary put her daughter in charge of this.

WOMAN: Exactly, yeah.

WOMAN: And I mean, you know, Bill, look at. Hillary went right after Bill, and she got some kind of job, because she was there.

MAN: Yeah, I don't like it. We're not a monarchy.

MODERATOR: So you're concerned about . . .

MAN: Yeah, I just don't like it. I mean, she might do good at her job or whatever. She's easy on the eyes, all that, but . . .

MAN: Son-in-law or daughter, no. I'm . . .

WOMAN: But did you like how the media went after . . .

MODERATOR: Whoa, Woman. Hang on. Let's let Man finish.

MAN: You know, the son-in-law and the daughter, they're unpaid, but they sit in on every meeting. It's like, what experience do they have? Well, you know, and all these other guys that are appointed to their positions . . . these people, they conversed whatever his daughter and son-in-law says.

MODERATOR: If you're okay with the nepotism, which is hiring family members, it could be a wife, it could be children, you know, brother, brother-in-law, that kind of thing, daughter, or sister-in-law or whatever, does that mean that nepotism is okay for other politicians as well? Like would you have been, let's say Hillary had won, and she appointed Chelsea as secretary of state just . . .

WOMAN: I don't really think it's okay, but I think it happens every time. Somebody gets in a higher power of office, some relative or family member gets in there. So it doesn't matter if you like it or not, it's going to happen over and over.

MAN: Don't they always appoint their wives and stuff? Like wasn't Hillary Clinton . . .

MAN: She was healthcare . . .

WOMAN: Right, she was healthcare . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: And then Michelle was something with the schools and education.

MAN: Something with the school lunches or something like that.

WOMAN: Because they wanted her to run next time, they were saying, Michelle Obama.

MODERATOR: Okay. How much attention did you pay to the Supreme Court nomination that just went through?

WOMAN: None, really.

WOMAN: It just happened to be on TV, and I was . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Let's talk about illegal immigration. Do you think that Donald Trump means it that when he says we are going to build a wall along the border with Mexico?

WOMAN: I think he means it.

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: I think he wants to, but . . .

MAN: I think he means it. I think it's going to find that, logistically, it's going to be a lot harder than . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman.

WOMAN: I think he wants to, but I, seriously, cannot see that happening.

MODERATOR: Let me ask this. You guys bring up a good point or made me think of a good question. Well, I think it's a good question. Hopefully, you will too. It's 2020, October. We're heading into the next election for Donald Trump. Will there be a wall on the border. How many say yes?

WOMAN: I don't know. They said it's ten years or something.

MODERATOR: Okay. Then I'll . . .

MAN: Well, would it be started?

MODERATOR: . . . will there be substantial progress on building a wall?

WOMAN: I don't know. I don't think so.

WOMAN: I think he will.

MODERATOR: How many say yes? Okay. How many say no? And some people are undecided.

WOMAN: . . .

MODERATOR: Is the wall important enough that if there's not substantial progress on the wall by October of 2020 that you would not vote for him next time?

MAN: No.

WOMAN: No.

MAN: It's stupid.

MAN: No, the wall seems stupid.

MAN: The wall is like the wall is . . .

MAN: Why don't you improve the economy in Mexico so they don't want to come over here?

WOMAN: Yeah, that's right.

WOMAN: Well, I think to get rid of the people that are already here, I mean, they said the last count for census and stuff, they said there's 500,000 just in the metro Detroit

area, illegals. So why don't they try to get the people that are already here to go away that came here illegally instead of just, oh, their visas expired. We don't know where they are. But they track everybody else with phones, and how can they not track 500,000 people? It's ridiculous.

MAN: They're going to solve it . . .

MODERATOR: Man, you seemed skeptical of the wall as well.

MAN: Yeah, the wall, I think the wall is irrelevant. If people want to get over here, they can. It's proven they can dig holes. If they can dig a hole under a one-mile track inside of a prison and get El Chapo out . . .

WOMAN: Right, yeah.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Yeah, people are doing it . . .

MAN: . . . that's amazing . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: Isn't that crazy?

MAN: They've been to the moon. They've been to the bottom of the ocean. Like people are smart, you know. They can get around a wall.

MAN: They can just fly them in.

MAN: Yeah, they could make an airplane. They could.

WOMAN: Yeah . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: They're noted for their . . .

MAN: They could do a slingshot. There's all kinds of things they could do. It's, you know . . .

MAN: I think that will fade away.

WOMAN: Paris . . .

MODERATOR: Do you think that since Obama, sorry, do you think that since Trump became President in January, that illegal immigration is higher? Has it gone up? Is it about the same, or has it dropped?

WOMAN: It's about the same, probably about the same.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: They said there's 1 every 30 seconds.

MAN: Oh, I'd like to think that it dropped, but maybe it's one of those things that like it constantly keeps going up, but now it's just not going up as fast.

MODERATOR: Okay. Illegal immigration has dropped significantly.

WOMAN: Has it?

MODERATOR: Why do you think, since he was inaugurated, Trump was inaugurated, why do you think that it's, does anybody have any thought why it might have dropped?

WOMAN: Wow, maybe they finally watched the TV, and they said, oh, if we get caught, they're just going to send us instead of putting us on welfare and giving us healthcare and . . .

WOMAN: Yeah, because I was . . . an Indian company who is scared. They finally respect the Americans, because they're thinking, oh, my God, what's going to happen if all these H-1Bs have to go back or whatever? So, finally, there's respect for the Americans.

MAN: So they're believing the propaganda that it works. Because Obama deported more people than any other U.S. President in history. But Obama says, you know, I want to deport them, and everybody listens to that. But, you know, Obama actually was doing it, and everybody liked him and thought that he was giving safe haven. But he's actually deported more people than anyone else.

MODERATOR: Okay. Moving onto ObamaCare, how come repeal and replace of ObamaCare has not happened yet?

MAN: I don't think they have a good plan yet.

WOMAN: I don't think they do either. They don't have a good replacement. They don't.

MAN: I mean, the, I don't know. I mean, there's parts of ObamaCare that is good . . .

WOMAN: If it . . . don't think so.

MAN: . . . but it's just a lot of parts that are bad.

MAN: I think they just want to take Obama's name off it. They're going to make some tweaks just to put Trump's name on it, for whatever reason.

WOMAN: See, that's what turned me red, because it significantly hurt my family. All it did was increase our costs significantly.

MODERATOR: So you're, what you're saying is if it doesn't happen by the next election that will, you won't, you'll be unhappy?

MAN: The costs are just going to keep going up.

WOMAN: Yeah, well, something has got to give though. Something has got to give.

MAN: Yeah, it costs a lot out of my paycheck just to, and I'm not on ObamaCare, but I get healthcare, and it's . . .

WOMAN: My opinion is don't build the wall, and put that money back into healthcare so people aren't paying more insurance than they should be.

MAN: It's quite a bit of money, yeah, probably for everybody, right?

MODERATOR: They said it would cost \$26 billion over the years to finish the wall. How many of you would rather see that money put, you say, look, stop, don't worry about the wall, put it into healthcare? All right.

MAN: Put it into anything. Put it into Michigan roads.

WOMAN: Yeah, right. Oh, my God.

MAN: But they, all that concrete into the, into every pothole in the state.

WOMAN: But they raised our insurance, and they raised the gas tax to fix the roads.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: See, now that's, I'm from out of state. I'm happy to be here tonight. I thought I was going to die in one of your potholes earlier. That was unbelievable.

MAN: Did you fly in an airplane to get here?

MODERATOR: Yes.

MAN: And you didn't feel one of the potholes through the . . .

MAN: Did they kick you off, pull you out?

MODERATOR: No, but, here, let me do this. I'm going to make a list of issues that Trump said were top priorities. And I want to get a sense from each of you how it, how important it is to each, you know, what order you would put it in. So illegal immigration, we have that. We have tax reform, he says is important. ObamaCare, healthcare, R&R, repeal and replace, trade, making it fair for the U.S., and national security, terrorism, national terrorism, but I left security out of it. So there's five issues that were really kind of his top issues.

WOMAN: That's a no-brainer . . . it's not . . .

MODERATOR: Hang on. Everybody, people have different, don't say it's a no-brainer, because people have, different people have different opinions. Okay. By the way, this was not in my thing, but, in my discussion guide, but it's just something I thought of. How many of you, just a show of hands, how many of you would say to you, personally, of these five issues, the most important one for him to get done is illegal immigration? Raise your hand, doing something about illegal immigration. Okay. How many of you, of these five, say tax reform?

MAN: What's the one under tax reform?

MODERATOR: ObamaCare, repeal and replace.

WOMAN: Replace and . . .

MAN: And the other one is . . .

WOMAN: Trade, fair.

MAN: . . . fair trade.

MODERATOR: And then national security . . .

WOMAN: Just start at the bottom.

MAN: Yeah, start at the bottom.

MODERATOR: Okay. I'll start at the bottom. How many national security and terrorism? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. Okay. Trade, fair trade?

MAN: Can I put fair trade and tax reform together like . . .

MODERATOR: No.

MAN: Oh, all right.

MODERATOR: You think, well, which one is more important? Because I'm going to ask your second choice.

MAN: I hate taxes.

MODERATOR: Okay. So tax reform.

MAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: And then, Woman, which one of those five is the most important to you?

WOMAN: The ObamaCare.

MODERATOR: Okay. But you're opposed to repeal and replace, right? You want to keep ObamaCare. So, for you, that would actually be last, because in other words, that's one you don't want him to succeed on.

WOMAN: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. I misunderstood.

MODERATOR: So I'm going to . . .

WOMAN: That's all right . . .

MODERATOR: Yeah, that's okay. Which one would be most important for you? What's the one you'd most like to see him succeed in?

WOMAN: Probably tax reform.

MODERATOR: Tax reform. Okay. So we'll go two there.

WOMAN: Sorry about that.

MODERATOR: Oh, no problem. Okay. So you can't say, if you said national security and terrorism as your first choice, obviously, you can't say it as your second choice. And then same with tax reform, you can't say that as your second choice if it was your first choice. So how many would put illegal immigration as their second choice, second most important? Okay. Nobody. Tax reform, second most important? Nobody.

ObamaCare, repeal and replace? One, two, three, four, five. Fair trade? One, two, three, four. Wait, put that up again. Five. Okay. So everybody picked a second. Okay. So then that's ten, and we had ten there. Okay. Let's go third most important, illegal immigration? One, two. Okay. Tax reform, third place? One, two, three, four, five. ObamaCare, repeal and replace? One. Fair trade? One. And national security, terrorism? One. Here's a cool, oh, that adds to ten as well. Okay. Good. Let's go with last place. How many would put illegal immigration last, dealing with that? So a lot of people would put it . . .

WOMAN: I . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. I'll come back and ask for it. Okay. Two put it last. Okay. Tax reform, how many put that last?

MAN: I'll do illegal immigration as my last one.

MAN: Yeah, me too.

MODERATOR: Okay. All right. Let's go back then. Did I screw? Let me do this. I messed up. Let's go to four. Fourth most important. Again, if you said illegal immigration, already, so how many would put illegal immigration fourth? I think I confused

people. Okay. One, two. Okay. So there should be six here, because that means, because only four people have picked it so far. Okay. So tax reform, how many put that? That's not right. How many people put tax reform as the fourth most important? Nobody. ObamaCare, repeal and replace? Maybe I'm doing the math wrong. One, two, three.

Fair trade, fourth? Three. And national terrorism and security? One. So that's ten. So nobody can . . . I'm not even going to ask about how many put it last, because everybody is, you know, shared their opinion. Illegal immigration, how many people put that last? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay. So we have one extra there, but I'll deal with that margin of error stuff, fake poll. Tax reform? One, two. That adds to nine. Okay. Repeal and replace, last? Woman, that would be you, right?

WOMAN: No, I already voted. Oh, the last. Yes, I'm sorry. I, yes, well . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. I know it's a little confusing, but trade, fair trade, how many put that last? One. And then in, you know, okay, so I've got one extra. We'll put that to six, because then that adds up right. Ten, ten, ten, ten, ten, ten, ten.

WOMAN: It's like Sudoku.

MODERATOR: Oh, one is missing.

MAN: Yeah . . . messed it up.

WOMAN: That's okay.

MODERATOR: I'm missing one. Yeah, I'm not going to. I'm not going to . . . this is . . . official on there. Okay. Well, that's interesting then that, certainly, national terrorism or national terrorism, national security and terrorism, by far, the top priority. Then you kind of could put, you know, on a next level, these three, because you had two first-place votes. But then for tax reform, and then five each for those. Oh, let me ask about this. This really hasn't come up. Same-sex marriage, should President Trump allow same-sex marriage to continue to be legal, or should he work to change it, the law back to what it was before it was legalized?

WOMAN: Oh, God.

MODERATOR: How many say continue?

WOMAN: I guess he might as well.

MODERATOR: One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. How many say change it?

MODERATOR: One, two. The person who didn't raise their hand, or did I just miss, who didn't raise their hand? Okay. Man, I thought it was you, but I didn't want to.

MAN: I could care either way.

MODERATOR: Okay. So you're not saying, eh, like so if he . . .

MAN: If they do, they do, if they don't, they don't. For me, it doesn't affect me, so I don't really care about it.

MODERATOR: Okay. For those of you who say change it back, what was it about, why do you want it changed back to what we had before?

MAN: Well, if you read the Bible, it says a man and a woman doesn't it?

WOMAN: I'm Christian too.

MODERATOR: Okay. And then those who want it to continue, what is it? Is it just not that important to you, or you just you . . .

WOMAN: Yeah, it's not. I mean, it's not high on my list of priorities, but I know it can be expensive for other, you know, other companies, because then if it's their spouse, and they have to cover them insurance-wise, and a lot of that.

WOMAN: It doesn't affect . . .

WOMAN: It doesn't, I mean, for me, personally, it's . . .

WOMAN: You know, it doesn't affect any of these issues. So if they want to do what they want to do . . .

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: I always looked at it like my church can discriminate, and it says right in the Bible, but my government shouldn't, so . . .

WOMAN: Right.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me ask this. Do you think that the, you know, in, well, thinking ahead to the 2018 elections for Congress and governor here in Michigan, do you usually vote in what are these are called mid-term elections, because the President is not up? Do you usually vote in mid-term? Anybody not vote in midterms here?

WOMAN: I didn't last time.

MODERATOR: you didn't last time. You didn't. Okay.

MAN: I didn't either . . .

MAN: It depends on if it has an issue or something. Because sometimes like they don't have anything. Because, I mean, they've got elections every year, and sometimes there's nothing to vote on.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do you think that the elections, the national part, in other words, Congress and the Senate, House and Senate, do you think that they'll be more about the Republican Congress or more about how President Trump is doing?

WOMAN: Everybody is focused on Trump.

MAN: So if he does good, then there will be a backlash. Or if he does bad, then there will be a backlash in the midterms like where there probably will be some, no matter what. And then the Democrats will take a little bit of the vote, more of a foothold.

MODERATOR: Man, what do you think?

MAN: I don't really have an opinion on it.

MODERATOR: Okay. Midterms aren't. Okay. Are you more inclined, and I know the elections are a long way off, and there's a lot to happen, but just at this early date, I'm just trying to get a read on this, are you more inclined to vote for Republicans to help reinforce Trump or more inclined to vote for Democrats to provide a check and balance on Trump? How many would be more inclined to vote Republican? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. Is that a hand up?

MAN: Oh, yeah.

MODERATOR: Nine. Woman, you're on the . . .

WOMAN: Can I say undecided? Can I say that?

MODERATOR: Yeah, you're not automatically saying, oh, I definitely want to vote for Democrats.

WOMAN: Correct, undecided.

MODERATOR: Is it, is that more of a statement of support for President Trump, or more of a concern about what Democrats would do if they took power?

MAN: Donald Trump, for sure, support for him.

WOMAN: Yes.

MAN: Yes.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anybody more concerned about if the, you know, what would happen if the Democrats took power? Oh, okay. I want you to finish this sentence for

me. To me, Donald Trump's presidency will be a success if. Donald Trump's presidency will be a success if.

WOMAN: If he addresses these issues.

WOMAN: Yeah, if he can get some stuff done.

MODERATOR: Okay. To me, Donald Trump's presidency, I'm looking for other answers too, to me, Donald Trump's presidency will be a success if.

MAN: I think you can turn all these Democrats that are sitting at this table into voting for Republican next time, then I think it's a success, because I, because he's pretty much converted the ten of us.

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

WOMAN: If he does what he really says he's going to do, if he does it.

MAN: If he can get the things accomplished that he needs to get done without having a lot of . . .

WOMAN: Intervention.

MAN: . . . people standing in his way.

MODERATOR: To me, Donald Trump's presidency will be a success if.

MAN: I have money in the bank on Election Day.

MODERATOR: Okay. Finish this sentence for me. I will be disappointed in him if Donald Trump doesn't deliver on.

MAN: The economy.

MODERATOR: Okay. I will be disappointed in him if Donald Trump doesn't deliver on.

WOMAN: Streamlining government.

MODERATOR: I will be disappointed in him if Donald Trump doesn't deliver on.

WOMAN: National security.

MODERATOR: See, it's funny how you guys answer just so I, you know, you don't keep hearing me say this. But let me say it a few more times. I will be disappointed in him if Donald Trump doesn't deliver on.

MAN: Promises.

WOMAN: Yeah, healthcare . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: As everybody said . . . but you had to say something.

MODERATOR: Okay. I will be disappointed in him if Donald Trump doesn't deliver on.

WOMAN: He said he wouldn't touch Social Security or Medicare, and now I don't know.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do me a favor. Go to the last page in your workbook. And use that page to write a postcard to President Trump, it could be either some advice for the President or asking him to work on a certain issue. I'm going to run to the little moderator's room. I'll be back in a minute. It feels a little bit better with the doors open.

WOMAN: Yeah, it does.

MODERATOR: A little more airflow, but not enough but a little bit. If you're done, go ahead and close it up. But if you're still writing, that's fine too. Don't feel like you need to stop just because I walked back in the room. But take another 30 seconds or so if you're still writing. Let me ask this question. Syria, last Thursday night, the president ordered this, the sending of 59 Tomahawk missiles into Syria to a certain airbase.

Do you, how many of you approve, and then how many disapprove? How many of you approve? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. Do you have a different, let me ask this, do you have a different opinion now, a few days later, or did you approve when you heard of it as well?

WOMAN: I think I have a stronger opinion it was the right thing to do, because the Syrian refugees now say, finally, we have somebody to do something about this.

WOMAN: Right. I agree.

MODERATOR: Okay. And that's a good point. Why do you, those of you who approve, which is all of you, what are some of the reasons you approve?

WOMAN: Well, it's banned, and they went against, I mean, it's been banned 20, 30 years, and they went ahead and used the gas anyway. So what's to say, oh, we're going to do that somewhere else? You know, you can't just let people do what they want because they want to do it. You have to take a stand somewhere.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I'm proud of America for stepping in on that one and doing what they had to do, because people will say they, that what's it called too far the other direction? I'm glad what they did. I think it was the right thing to do, and that makes me proud to be an American to think that maybe some of those kids will live a longer life and a better life.

MODERATOR: Man?

MAN: I think that, I mean, I personally, I thought that the Syria was part of the UN. And now that they did that, other countries that are part of the UN are mad at what they did. You know, I'm mad because the Soviet Union, Russia is upset about what we did, which I think they should have our back on that. I think probably the UN should be behind us instead of against us like they always are.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I think it's a good thing. But I'm afraid what's going to happen now, all the threats. Try it again, and see what happens.

MODERATOR: So you think Assad who is the leader of Syria is likely to do it again or . . .

MAN: Well, he's bombing everybody now using conventional weapons, not gas. Now he, the first thing he did was sent the airplanes out and bombed them all. He hasn't used the gas, but . . .

MODERATOR: Woman, what are your thoughts?

WOMAN: I think we needed to take a stand, but the same thing. I'm a little concerned about what's going to happen next.

MODERATOR: Okay. With that, let me say two more things. One is thank you for your time tonight. The nice folks who checked you in will have your payment on the way out. Actually, I'm going to say three things. The second thing is go ahead and pass up the workbooks just so I don't have to walk around and pick them up. And then the final point is please drive home safely. Thank you for your time tonight.

WOMAN: . . . it was nice.

WOMAN: Thank you.