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MODERATOR: . . . bunch of different groups. So don't take it personally. In a couple of weeks, when I go to write up my report, there's no way I can remember what was said here tonight, particularly since there's another group after. So I look, I refer back to the transcript. If I quote anything that you say or refer to anything, it'll just be as a woman or a man in Houston.

And also, as you probably figured out, that's a two-way mirror back there. Sometimes the people who hire us to do this like to sit back there and watch. That's not the case tonight. My colleague, Kyle, is back there watching. He may text me from time to time with, asking me to follow up on something. But the main reason he's back there, and I'm up here is, it would be awkward for two of us to be up here asking questions. It just keeps it simpler.

There are no right or wrong answers. We're paying you to participate tonight, so please feel free to speak up. And, you know, if somebody else jumps in ahead of you, wait until they're done. You know, it's hard to have two people talking at once. If you've been talking a lot, I may ask you to hold off a little bit and make sure we get to hear from everybody, and if you've been quiet for a while, I may call on you directly by name. But for the most part, just kind of jump in. It's not school. You don't have to raise your hand, but do, you know, feel free to get my attention, make sure I get to you.

Occasionally, I may say something like, woman, you get the last word on this, and that's only because part of my job also is to make sure you get out of here on time tonight. I, you know, I do not believe in holding people over, even if we don't get to everything, so I try and make sure that we stay on pace.

I don't have any opinions in this. My job is to ask questions. Occasionally 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, it doesn't mean I'm not listening. It's just something I do sometimes but not all the time.

I'm trying to think what else. Oh, if you need to use the restroom, that's fine. I just ask that people go out one at a time as opposed to having a mass exodus of two or more people, especially since we have eight here. You know, if two people left, then everybody else has to kind of, you know, hold up their end.

I ask that there be no side conversations. Sometimes you want to turn to the person sitting next to you after they're done talking and say, I agree with you, or that reminds me of a story. It's just, surprisingly, it is more disruptive to the group than you would think so, you know, just kind of hold off on doing that.

I'm trying to think if there's anything else. If there is, oh, they did, I hope they did ask you to turn off your cell phones. If they did not, please turn off your cell phones now because going off can be a distraction and, you know, we don't need to know the Astros score or . . . or anything. Oh, you may think you do, but you don't. Let me get started with a simple question, and that is, what, if you could use, would 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 you use? I want to hear from everybody on this.

WOMAN: Shaky.

MODERATOR: Shaky? Okay.

WOMAN: Divisive.

MODERATOR: Divisive.

MAN: Suspenseful.

MODERATOR: Suspenseful?

WOMAN: Divided.

MODERATOR: Divided.

WOMAN: Not good.

MODERATOR: Not good.

MAN: Uncertainty.

MODERATOR: Uncertainty.

MAN: Turbulent.

MAN: I would just say, change.

MODERATOR: Change, okay, I think we've heard from everybody then.

Woman, did I say that right? I'm bad with names. I'm terrible with pronunciation. And also, if

you can turn your, well, everybody has their . . . could turn that just a little bit. Shaky, why does shaky come to mind?

WOMAN: I mean, it's, in the beginning, you don't know what's in store. You know, say one thing one, at first, and then don't actually follow through with it, and it's kind of hit-and-miss-type thing.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody else said, divisive.

WOMAN: I did.

MODERATOR: Okay . . .

WOMAN: Instead of trying to bring everyone together to try and work together, it's my way or too bad, it's not, if you don't like my way. And, you know, we need to work together . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. And when you say that, that it's kind of my way, or it's too divisive, are you referring to one person, or are you talking about both political parties or politicians, in general, or . . .

WOMAN: It is both political parties, but mainly the President is setting the tone.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody else said, suspenseful.

MAN: Me.

MODERATOR: Man?

MAN: I think just with, you know, everything happening with North Korea and ISIS and everything, like I don't know. You know, it, I think our national security is important, so that's why I used that word.

MODERATOR: And then somebody else said, divided.

WOMAN: I did.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: It's kind of like what she said. I feel like the President has divided us, and we're having to choose sides instead of, you know, all being for one thing, which is to make this country better and progress. We're kind of like more divided than ever.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody else said, not good. Okay.

WOMAN: For the same reason that both of them said, I mean, it's like I feel, of course, I'm a Hispanic, and now because of all the illegals. Once you have Hispanics like that,

it's labeled, and people you look at you like, not like it used to be. It's just like they're reclassifying like everybody being illegal. Whether you're illegal or not, you're a Hispanic.

MODERATOR: Okay. And uncertainty?

MAN: I did.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: There's just no clear plan. Every day is like a new change of direction, so everything changes every day. You don't know what, what's going to happen the next day. You going to wake up to nuclear war or something, you know . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Turbulent?

MAN: That was me. I think just, given the whole state of affairs of things now, especially what we're exposed to, there's a whole kind of just underlying turbulency that we feel like exposed with media or just like in normal conversations. You know, it just kind of reiterates what everyone else said at the table, that there's just underlying turbulence, almost like an earthquake, little tremors, in a sense.

MODERATOR: Okay. And we had, change.

MAN: Yeah. I think, regardless of where you stay on the spectrum of political aspect, regardless, everything is going to change. Right? I'm a big finance guy, so for me, it's about taxes. We're \$18 trillion in debt right now. They're still having a tax reform in Congress, and they're trying to decide they're going to lower tax brackets or make tax brackets go higher. I personally think taxes are going to change. For the better or worse, I think they're going to go up. Anyway, that's just what is in my mind.

MODERATOR: Okay. Well, let me ask you about the economy . . . in your mind, would you say that the national economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same as a year ago or so? Just a quick show of hands, how many think it's getting better? One, two. How many think it's getting worse? One, two, three, four. How many say, it's staying about the same? Okay. Two, okay, a couple of the . . .

MAN: We're still in a trend, economically, from the past administration, so I would say it's staying the same right now, currently.

WOMAN: I agree.

MODERATOR: But you think it'll be better, worse?

MAN: . . . it's hard to say. Consistent, at least in the meantime.

MODERATOR: Okay. And, man, you seemed up in the air as well.

MAN: I mean, because I work in the oil industry, so I'm kind of affected. You know, but, I mean, another aspect of it, like man said, there's change happening. So I'm sure, you know, electrical cars and hybrid cars and other things are being developed that will make the world a better place. So, you know, that's, I'm sure the economy is getting better.

MODERATOR: And, woman, you thought that the economy is getting better?

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: What is it that you see in the economy that . . .

WOMAN: The interest rates are going up . . . so that's good growth, and not just like maybe . . . in general.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, how about you?

MAN: Yeah, similar, I see, you know, our market is the most, highest market it's been. I mean, we passed up the DOW multiple times in 20,000-plus, which is kind of crazy, and then on top of that, also I see people still spending time, spending money, out and about. And that doesn't mean it might not change later on, but right now, compared to a year ago, like you asked, I think it's improved.

MODERATOR: Okay. Those of you who feel it's gotten worse, what are some things that concern you about the economy?

WOMAN: Who?

MODERATOR: Pardon, oh.

WOMAN: I think man is right. From the past administration, things are still on a even keel, but I think with the unknown of what's going to happen, I think our, between North Korea and every, and then the President not sure exactly what he's doing, I think that we're going to have a lot of issues.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let's put aside the economy and jobs now and focus on other domestic issues, not foreign issues, but domestic issues. What domestic issues, what other domestic issues, again, not economy and jobs, concerns you most right now?

WOMAN: Doing away with the EPA.

MODERATOR: Pardon . . .

WOMAN: Doing away with the EPA.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: They talked today about just shutting it down.

MODERATOR: Okay . . .

WOMAN: . . .

MAN: Healthcare.

MODERATOR: Healthcare?

WOMAN: Healthcare, mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Other issues that come to mind that you're concerned about?

MAN: I mentioned earlier, it's taxes for me.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I think that the welfare system, I mean, it's abused.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: You have too many people abuse it who just get off easy.

MODERATOR: Okay. I'm sorry. I'm going to mess up your name. Woman?

WOMAN: Woman.

MODERATOR: Woman. Sorry, and I'm going to mess it up again later. I'm bad at names.

WOMAN: I would say, immigration.

MODERATOR: Immigration. Okay. Does anybody else have an issue that hasn't been mentioned?

MAN: I think he's not being transparent, and what he say is not what he's doing. I mean, he's going to Delagua(?) in Florida every time and spend thousands, tens of thousands for his trips, tens of thousands to protect . . . the past administration on the expenses of being on the golf course, and now he's building a golf course ten times as much . . . so all the not showing a good example, that's not good.

WOMAN: Education.

MODERATOR: Education?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: A couple of people, oh, somebody else? All right. Oh, okay, I'm sorry. Thinking globally, what international, foreign policy, a couple of people have mentioned things already. Feel free to mention those again. But what international or foreign policy issues are you concerned about most right now?

MAN: Global warming . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Global warming.

MAN: North Korea.

MAN: Yeah, I mean, diplomacy, in general, I think.

WOMAN: Yeah, hanging up on the prime minister of Australia, you know, that's not cool.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other . . .

MAN: Yeah, I'm worried most about, not necessarily North Korea, but the vacuum that it can possibly create, and what that would mean for the international community, from either China or Russia, where we're taken to a vacuum that will be created.

MODERATOR: Okay. Now what I'm going to ask you to do is, as you probably have figured out also from the questions that you were asked, much of the discussion tonight is going to focus on our new President and how people feel about him, and think. So what I'm going to do is, I'm going to hand out, if you could pass those pencils around, so everybody has one, I'm going to hand out these workbooks. Can you slide that down . . . to you. By the way, in focus group parlance, they're called work groups, and we're going to do some stuff in here from time to time, but I really think they should be called fun books.

But the first thing that it asks you to do is write your first name and last initial, actually not your last initial, the initial of your, the first initial of your last name in that box below. And when you're done, just so I know where everybody is, turn over to page two, and we'll wait there until everybody has had the chance to fill that in. Okay. It says, please do not turn the page.

Okay. Go ahead and turn to page three. So I want you to answer this question by writing in here the answer, and then some of the reasons that one comes to mind to you. And so if you were, if Donald Trump were an animal, what kind of animal would he be and why? And by the way, you don't have to write out long sentences. Just jot down a couple of quick thoughts as to why that particular animal came to mind. And while you're doing that, I'm going to, Kyle, can you meet me with my glass of water that I left. Sorry. I get thirsty, talking. I'll be right back.

WOMAN: Does it have to be an animal? Could it be a reptile or . . .

MODERATOR: . . . concerned, yeah.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Bird, I don't know, anything like that. So when you're done, just put your pencils down, so I know how folks are proceeding. And again, you don't have to write long stuff, just a quick reminder. And if you're still writing, go ahead and kind of finish up your thought on this. All right. I want to hear from everybody. Man, I'll start with you, just work our way around the table this time. And I won't . . .

MAN: Okay. No worries.

MODERATOR: By the way, do you go by man or man?

MAN: Whatever is easier for you, actually. I put circus elephant. So not only does he try to embody the Republican Party, but we feel like a, there's a vindication through the Republican Party through his actions. And when you think of a circus elephant, you think of entertainment, so I, that was my general perceptions about that.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: He seems like a weasel. He's kind of sneaky.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I put elephant also because, you know, elephants, they're real calm animals sometimes, but like if you bother them and disturb while they're eating and stuff, they can trample you down and kill you . . . so I think Trump displays that. You know, if you mess with his point of view, you know, he just eliminates you and cause your business bad . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I said, a peacock but like a male one because everything kind of seems to see, be about a show or about entertainment, and sometimes it's, you know, it's kind of crazy.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I put two animals. I put a flea and a dinosaur, and a flea because he has no sense, and he's like all over the place, and a dinosaur because he's just stomping on everything that he walks on. He stomps on everything.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: I put snake. I was trying to think of like a wild animal that just like has no control and keeps . . . but a snake is kind of like, smiling snake, he's maybe that might not be the best . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I put snake. I said, mean, slimy, don't trust. He eats other snakes.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: I always thought his snake may sound mild.

WOMAN: Okay.

WOMAN: I said, elephant, but come to think of it, I agree more with man as a peacock.

WOMAN: Yeah, that's a good . . .

WOMAN: Yeah, I said, elephant because, I mean, he's just weird to look at, and then when he's angry, he causes all kinds of damage and stuff, but I do agree with woman.

MODERATOR: The next thing we're going to do, and don't turn the page yet because I want to show what it is. It's, in focus group parlance, it's called a mind map. And I want to show you one I did when I got here in about two minutes. It's just jotting down everything. What you'll have is, in the middle of the page in a couple of pages, you'll have a short phrase. Actually, you'll have a name. But I chose, just for my example because it's springtime, I chose spring.

And I live in Virginia where we actually don't exactly have winter this year, but it's still kind of colder and stuff, so it's kind of nice to have things growing. It's nice to be in spring. So I just jotted down, this was in two minutes, everything that came to mind about spring. So first I wrote, grilling because, you know, I grill year round, but it's just, it's nicer because we sit out on the patio and eat outside. Like this winter, this weekend, Eastern Time, it was, you know, we sat outside with family and stuff.

And then flowers my wife likes to plant, so I help, you know, I cart the dirt and just kind of move stuff around. And baseball season is back, so that's always fun. Birds and feeders, that's kind of my job in the backyard, along with moving everything is, you know, getting the feeders out and, of course, that's also means squirrels, and they're like a constant pain. My trick for them is, we've got these posts that we hang baskets on in the birdfeeders, and I take Vaseline, and I put it up the post, and I start way up because they start climbing up, and then they slide down. The problem is that I forget to, you know, eventually the Vaseline wears off, and they're up there eating, and the dogs chase them, and it's just squirrels.

Of course, we get longer days. You know, the sun is out longer, plus other than today here, it tends to be sunnier. And then I've got three daughters, two of whom are graduating

in May, one from grad school and one from college, so spring is, you know, this spring is going to be taken up with all that going on.

So go ahead and turn to page, that was three, page five, and this is your mind map, and again, in about two or three minutes, just jot down everything that comes to mind. Thoughts that connected to other thoughts, thoughts that are, you know, your thoughts and feelings about Donald Trump. Take another minute or so.

Okay. If you're still waiting to finish this up, here's what I'm going to do. I'm going to ask each one of you, and, woman, I'll start with you, and this is easiest for you. I'm going to ask each one of you for something, one thing you wrote down. I don't need everything, just one thing you wrote down, and try to be different than the others. Now, you know, man, I know by the time it gets to you, it might be, everybody might've said what you said but, odds or not, but anyhow, one thing you wrote down?

WOMAN: Immature.

MODERATOR: Immature. Okay. And, woman?

WOMAN: Narcissist.

WOMAN: Clown.

WOMAN: Hate.

MODERATOR: Hate? Okay.

MAN: And I wrote, powerful.

MAN: I wrote a new field(?).

MODERATOR: New field?

MAN: . . .

MODERATOR: And that he has not been polished?

MAN: Paranoia.

MODERATOR: Paranoia?

MAN: I put, blind hope.

MODERATOR: Blind hope. Okay. And then we got one more exercise in the book for a while, and then we won't have any for a while, so go ahead and go to page seven, and please write the answer to these two questions. We'll keep it short. And that is the thing that President Trump has done so far that I like most is, and then the second question is the thing that President Trump has done so far that concerns me most is? And again, once you're done, go

ahead and put your pencils down. Man, do you mind kicking us off? What do you have that you like most, and what concerns you most?

MAN: I'm trying to think of something . . . cannot really think, but I put the urge to make a change in healthcare, in ObamaCare . . .

MODERATOR: And concern?

MAN: That he's made enemies pretty quickly.

MAN: Yeah, he has.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: For . . . I guess he hosted an Easter bunny.

MODERATOR: . . .

MAN: For me I put the thing I like was his tenacity . . . the presidency, you know . . . for not being tenacious.

MODERATOR: Any concerns?

MAN: There was nothing held accountable for the Russian spies and the ties.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: What I like, because he entertains people, plenty to talk about, and what I don't like is the separation of families, the immigration.

MODERATOR: Immigration . . .

WOMAN: I couldn't think of anything I like he's done so far, but what concerns me is his bigotry towards others.

WOMAN: I like when he goes on his Twitter rants, and what concerns me is all his talks about changing immigration laws.

WOMAN: What I like is he's not, hasn't really, really done working on his ObamaCare, and he does the reform.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: And what concerns me? The immigration.

MODERATOR: Immigration. Okay.

MAN: I put that I like that he, you know, I really haven't been following that much, but he's determined to be different, so I don't know if that's something to like, but he definitely is determined. There's that much of it. And then what concerns me is international diplomacy.

MODERATOR: Okay. All right. Let me ask you this . . . next two questions that I'm going to ask, because they're related. I want you to focus on the first one first and the second one second. Go ahead and close those up and put them aside for now and leave them in front of you. But we're not going to go back to these for a while. And that's right. If you could pick one personal, here, let me read you the two questions, so you can kind of think about them both and also say, oh, okay, he's asking both positive and negative.

But if you could pick one personal quality, which personal quality do you like most about Donald Trump, and then the follow-up question is, which personal quality that Donald Trump has concerns you most about him? So thinking about the personal qualities that he has, which one do you like the most, not issues but personal quality? Don't all speak at once.

WOMAN: I can't think of one.

MAN: I like, I do like the tenacity, maybe not the objectives behind it, but the like being confident and kind of, you know, I like that part of it.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: I would say, his self-esteem is very . . .

MAN: I'd say it's the gung-ho-ness, you know, it's, even if it doesn't necessarily go anywhere, being gung-ho about things.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else in terms of personal qualities that you like?

WOMAN: He's just blunt, but yet insensitive. I don't know if that makes sense but . . .

MODERATOR: Yeah, that actually kind of ties into that, the second part of that. Being insensitive goes into the next part, so I'll ask that, which is, which personal quality or qualities does Donald Trump have that concerns you most about?

MAN: He talks sometimes without thinking . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. What else?

MAN: No political experience.

MAN: He's gone back on nearly everything he said.

WOMAN: He feels like he can say or do anything and get away with it. He's a misogynist. He's a racist. He's a bigot.

WOMAN: He doesn't respect people.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other personal qualities that concern you?

WOMAN: I don't like that he's never, like he can never acknowledge when he's wrong. He doesn't have, like he's not big enough to say, I messed up.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I think the fact the he talks about, you know, like mocking other, he mocks China, he mocks Russia. Like he doesn't care about the security of the nation, or like what are the, what are they going to . . . think about me or my country by me saying this? Like he doesn't really take that into mind, so that's concerning to me.

MODERATOR: Okay. This, what I'm going to do next is a little unusual in a focus group. I'm going to tell you who, going to tell you a little bit about who this is being done for, so then you kind of understand the other questions that are going to follow. And typically, we either do what's called blind research where we don't even know who's hiring us, we just put together the questions, or sometimes we know, but we're not supposed to say.

In this case, these, this focus group is one of a series of groups being overseen by professors. I'm not a college professor. I'm a focus group moderator, who are studying the 2016 election and the Trump presidency. So for it, we're doing focus groups with different types of voters. Everybody is, by the way, being asked the animal question and the, what do you like about him, what concerns you about him, you know, that kind of thing.

But everyone here are people who, when the, when people, when the folks from here called, said they were either Republicans or independents who voted for Hillary Clinton. So I don't want to spend a whole lot of time talking about her, but I wanted to tell you that, just so that my asking the next, some of the next questions made sense. And the next question is, when did you decide that you were not going to vote for Donald Trump, and what caused that decision?

WOMAN: When the Republican Party nominated him.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Others? When did you decide you were not going to vote for Donald Trump, and what caused that?

MAN: I think when he got endorsements from certain high members of the KKK, that just kind of sealed the deal for me.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others?

MAN: His views on immigration and Hispanics and stuff like that, you know.

MODERATOR: He started . . . he started talking about building the wall at his announcement, so is that when you said, I can't vote for this guy?

MAN: And Syrian refugees too, you know, like all that kind of stuff.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: When he put his hat in the ring, there was no way, of all the other, what, 17 or whatever, no.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others?

MAN: I think . . . I thought he was a showman. It was nobody to consider that he was going to go all the way through.

WOMAN: Well, he didn't even think, I don't think he thought he was going to win. It was just . . .

MAN: Yeah, he, exactly.

WOMAN: Let me try something new. I'm going to try to be a President.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I was thinking he was a spoiled brat who said, well, you know, I want to do that too, no political experience, no . . .

MODERATOR: But when did you decide, I'm not voting for this guy?

WOMAN: As soon as I heard his name, as soon as I heard that he was running, and he had gotten nominated, I'm like, oh, God, I really can't . . .

MAN: Because he had been in wrestling too, like . . .

WOMAN: . . . going to do one of those Ross Perot type things where he was in, and then he got out, and but he didn't.

MODERATOR: So how did he win, or why did he win?

WOMAN: I have no idea.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: They say that the voting was rigged.

MAN: Exactly. I think that's personally the way he won. He lost the popular . . . and because at the last minute, the FBI put out the issues about Hillary.

MAN: They say the Russians messed up the voting process too.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: I think people wanted a change, and I get it. They didn't want the same old thing, and a lot of people didn't trust Hillary Clinton, but I think a lot of people said, well, I'm just going to, I know people that said, I'll vote for Trump, and he won't win, and when he won, they said, I can't believe he won. That's who you voted for. But people wanted a change.

MAN: I think he also focused on a demographic that Hillary didn't focus on, that being like, you know, the workers, steelworkers in Pittsburgh, those type of . . .

WOMAN: Coal mining . . .

WOMAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: Yeah, right, and it's a big group that Hillary didn't really focus on.

WOMAN: Of course, he lied to them, though.

MAN: Yeah, that, and that adds up, you know, I think everybody was in shock but, I mean, I think it just was a matter of, actually kind of genius on his part, but anyways.

WOMAN: I'll tell them what I think they want to hear. We'll open the coalmines back up, but we won't really do it once I get elected.

MAN: I think that also he got, he is good getting credit for things he hasn't done. Like say the Dow, they say, moved to the 20,000? Yeah, but they forgot that that was not in 10,000 at one time, you know. That's 10,000, 11,000 points more. It just created the momentum when he was, whenever, when he got over, but not because he did it. So he's good at taking credit for what other people does.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: They forgot the moderates, so . . .

MODERATOR: Who's they?

MAN: I would say, the Democratic Party forgot about all the people that have moderate views, you know, that really don't have extremist views, and those people were just undermined, and they felt undermined. And so they felt that was their way of being heard, in a sense. So many factors go into it, but a lot of it, I would say, is people's opinions, feeling like it wasn't heard, and maybe this is the way to make it heard.

MAN: And there was also more, the scandal with her. The e-mail thing happened right before, what was it, like a week before or two weeks before the election so, I mean, I think that had a lot to play with this.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: . . . definitely like, I don't want to vote for her now, you know. Anybody who does, like my brother is in the military. If he was to go through somebody's e-mail, he's done, you know, and she got away with that, so . . .

WOMAN: What about sexism? Just the fact, because we . . .

WOMAN: Absolutely.

WOMAN: . . . we can't stand the fact that a woman is leading the USA . . .

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Okay. And, woman, you wanted to say . . .

WOMAN: Because I think a lot of people just thought she was going to continue what Obama was doing and just keep doing it, you know, like and nobody wanted it, so . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Did anybody here, just a show of hands, did anybody here vote either in the Republican or Democratic presidential primary here in Texas?

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Who did you vote for in the primary?

WOMAN: Cruz.

MODERATOR: Cruz. Okay.

WOMAN: Cruz.

MODERATOR: Cruz? Okay.

WOMAN: Hillary.

MODERATOR: Hillary. Okay.

MAN: I actually voted for Hillary.

MODERATOR: Okay. And, man?

MAN: Hillary.

MODERATOR: Hillary. Okay. So we had . . . going into the election, who did you think was going to win the election, Clinton or Trump?

WOMAN: Clinton.

MAN: Clinton.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: And why did you feel that way? What were some reasons you thought that she was going to win?

MAN: Because she's a woman, and, you know, a lot of people are, well, we had the first black President. Why not have the first woman President?

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: So . . .

WOMAN: I couldn't fathom like the U.S. picking Trump. Like this is who we have to represent us as the leader of the free world. This is like the best we have? Trump? We're going to choose him? But we did.

MAN: All the polls predicted that Hillary would win, no matter where you looked, even in . . . they were pretty consistent with, Hillary would win.

MODERATOR: . . .

MAN: She's a highly educated person. She's had all kinds of experience. She's been a senator. She's been secretary of state. She has a lot of qualifications.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, why did you think Hillary was going to win?

WOMAN: Because of her experience, her background, I mean, you know, both personal and professional. I mean, she's overcome a lot of stuff. And, you know, like you said, she had a black President. Well, why not a woman, why not?

WOMAN: I don't think she won because of her, she, I don't think people thought she was going to win because of her qualifications. I think people thought she was going to win because her opponent was Donald Trump.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

WOMAN: Yeah.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: I think her being a woman was against her. It was not a good thing.

MODERATOR: Was it an easy choice or a hard choice for your vote for Clinton?

WOMAN: Easy.

MAN: It's easy.

WOMAN: Easy.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Anybody who thought it was a hard choice?

WOMAN: Well, it was hard because, I mean, I'm very conservative, but I wasn't going to vote for Trump.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do you have friends, neighbors, or family members who voted for Donald Trump? And what were some of the reasons they gave or they told you when you talked about it with them, that they said they were voting for Trump?

WOMAN: Some, just because they wanted to support the Republican Party, and that was all they had, so they were going to vote for him.

WOMAN: Right. Straight ticket.

WOMAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

WOMAN: They wanted a change.

MAN: Some people had hope. You know, they said, okay, well, this can't be too bad. Let's see where he'll go, and so a lot of people had hope, honestly.

MAN: Yeah, I . . . the deal. So he said he was going to be a businessman, and he just do deals really easy. He can convince anybody to do anything, like he does in the past, like a businessman.

MODERATOR: Okay. What else did they tell you, anything else, why they were voting for Trump?

MAN: I talked to some guy at work that . . . I think he would always tell me something about the left is doing, the left is doing, something about left that wasn't good, so I don't know . . . Democratic Party or not.

MODERATOR: And someone, oh, go ahead.

MAN: Oh, I had one friend that, she voted for him because she thought that he would take a more kind of animated, stronger stance on things, in comparison to Hillary.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other things that come to mind, oh, yeah, this is what they, I forgot that this is what they said?

WOMAN: My boss kind of said the same thing, because he was a businessman, and the last thing we needed was another politician.

MODERATOR: Okay. For those of you who are Republicans, were you reluctant to tell others that you were voting for Hillary Clinton, and if so, why?

WOMAN: I was.

MODERATOR: So it was not anything hard. Okay. Thinking back to election night or the next morning if you didn't stay up, what emotions did you feel on election night or that morning when you learned that he'd won the presidency?

WOMAN: I couldn't believe it.

WOMAN: Sadness.

WOMAN: Twilight Zone.

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: That it's a mistake.

MAN: I stayed awake until I saw the news . . .

WOMAN: Disappointment, honestly, disappointment in the people that voted for Donald Trump, that there were actually people that would believe his story.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Yeah, everything was dead. Like no matter where you went, everything was, it was like tumble weeds. It was really weird. It was kind of surreal.

WOMAN: I'm a Republican. I didn't, obviously, I didn't vote for Obama, but I didn't feel the way I felt when Donald Trump won. It was just like hopeless.

MODERATOR: I'm sorry.

WOMAN: I was sad.

MODERATOR: Sad?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: How come?

WOMAN: I just felt like he's just there for show. He's not really trying to do anything for the people. He's not, this is just another trophy for him. It's, you know, he doesn't care.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: Fear.

MODERATOR: Fear?

MAN: Yeah, because I was studying it. I saw one of his deals he done before. He got on the phone. He got, yell at the guy. You . . . over there, work for me. And he hung up and said, you think that he's going to . . . do you think he's going to do it? He creates fear. He creates this animal fear. He's, he does business not so clean. So I have fear, what's going to be in the future.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else come to mind in terms of your reaction, how you felt, emotionally? Would you have voted for Ted Cruz against Hillary Clinton if Ted Cruz had been the nominee?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: No way.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: How many would have voted for Cruz against Hillary? One, two. Okay . . .

MAN: I mean, I just thought the Republican ticket was terrible.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: There wasn't going to be anybody that, I mean, I'm more, I lean more Republican, for sure, but I just didn't like anybody that was on the ticket.

MODERATOR: Okay. How about if Marco Rubio had been the nominee? How many would've voted for Rubio?

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Just the one. Okay.

MAN: . . .

MODERATOR: So, man, is there anybody that, I think . . .

MAN: I liked Carson's ideas, actually. I like Carson's ideas a lot. I just don't think he's the pretty boy who can be behind the podium, so to speak, as a President, but I liked his ideas a lot.

MAN: I liked the governor of Ohio. He was sensible. He has experience.

WOMAN: Kasich.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: . . . he was, I thought he was the best person.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: He was sensible, experienced, middle-of-the-road kind of person, not a hypocrite, not a, you know, I liked him.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Early on, Bush, before he kind of just went by the wayside, I was really hoping for him because he was a moderate, what he did in Florida . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Changing now to Donald Trump as President, do you think that Donald Trump is changing or will be able to change the way things work in Washington?

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: . . . he's already kicking a lot of people out and, that we don't need working for Washington because they're just taking tax money, so I think that's good.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: I think we need a change in Washington, but Donald Trump is not it.

MODERATOR: Do you think, whether you like his changes or not though, do you think that he will change Washington?

MAN: I think they will now, and that they never thought they're going to elect him, so they know now. They've left their guards down, and they don't take care of the people. Things are going to way they expected this to happen.

MAN: The thing is that Obama's people are still in there, so it's real hard to even get something through because they're fighting against him constantly.

WOMAN: But a lot of them aren't. All the ambassadors are gone all over the world. You know, there's just a lot of Obama's people. He's left them empty. I have a friend that lives in Rwanda. There's no ambassador. That's it.

MAN: I think it's a lot of things . . .

MODERATOR: I'm sorry just to interrupt. Sorry. Actually, both of you are right in that all the ambassadors have been let go, but also there are plenty of people in Washington positions that are still there, so you're both right. You know . . .

MAN: I think a lot of people forget that, you know, a lot of people always think of the President, but there's three branches of government. Nobody considers Congress. Nobody considers the Senate. And I think that plays a big role in what happens, right, because, I mean, he can push things through, but that doesn't mean they're going to get through all the way. I

mean, I know it's a majority Republican House and Senate, but there are three tiers to kind of have checks and balances.

MAN: That's a good point. That's a check and balance. That's what's a democracy. It's not a dictatorship. It's not one person. It's three branches . . . the people. That's a good point.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Let me ask you this. There have been some concerns expressed by some people that, and you used the word, dictatorship, that we're heading towards a dictatorship. And other people are like, well, he couldn't even get his health plan through Congress . . .

WOMAN: With his own people.

MODERATOR: Yeah, with his own people. So is it dictatorship, or is it chaos?

WOMAN: Chaos.

MAN: Well, he acting a lot like a dictator. He . . . in other countries. That's concerning.

MAN: Yeah.

MAN: So he acting like a dictatorship. He put his family in there, who are close, too close to him. He said he's above the law. He's . . . is not there because he's the President. All these things don't feel right. It feels like a dictatorship to me. You know, like you said, the balances, they are not there, and you see, even within the legislation branch, there's two parts to the Congress. There should be more balances. So it doesn't feel right.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other thoughts on whether he's going to be able to change Washington or not? Will he be, again, you don't have to like the change, but do you think that he will, you know, one of his goals is, and as woman noted earlier, that's why a lot of people voted for him, is because they wanted a change. In fact, we know that the exit polls, that's the number one reason people voted for him, was for a change. So will he be able to change Washington?

MAN: I think he'll change things, business-wise, but morally, probably not.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other thoughts on change? How about on the right side of the table here, what do you guys think?

WOMAN: Well, he could change, but things going to be just what the time that he's there. Once he's gone, probably things slowly will go back to the way they were because people are afraid of him. He can do what he wants, or what he likes, then you know you're going to be out the door, or he's going to come down on you. So . . .

WOMAN: Any changes he makes, going to have to be in his favor. He's not going to make changes that don't make him look good or don't put money in his pocket, or I believe . . .

MAN: The thing is he already has plenty of money, so . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: The day . . .

WOMAN: Yeah, but that's . . .

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: . . .

WOMAN: When the Chinese president was here, that day is the day that Ivanka Trump signed a trade market agreement with China. Conflict of interest is bad.

MAN: Mm-hmm.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: Does anybody sees something wrong?

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: . . . and everything, and the money being funneled from the . . .

WOMAN: . . . everything the same day she met him.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: At the same token that, he has all the money. I mean, that he gets greedy. He's going to want more money. It doesn't matter how much money he has.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Yeah, he never, he always need money.

WOMAN: He doesn't have any . . .

MAN: Yeah, exactly . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: But let me ask you this, going back to the campaign, and he's also used this since. What was his campaign slogan?

WOMAN: Make America great again.

MAN: Make America great again.

MODERATOR: Anybody here not heard that before? Okay. Pretty simple question. But that does lead into my next question, which is, when you hear that slogan, make America great again, what does that mean to you?

WOMAN: It pisses me off because I think America is great anyway. We don't have to make it great again. It's already great. We might need to tweak it a little bit, but America is a pretty great country.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: I agree.

WOMAN: I agree.

WOMAN: When I hear comments like that, I think, financial-wise. No matter who he have to trample or whatever, as long as you got the money coming in, that's, I mean . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, when you hear, make America great again, what does that mean to you?

WOMAN: You know what? I think it's like, make it great again like when, years ago, like in the '70s, that is when everyone thinks we're great. But right now, I don't see how this is going to be great because there's so much division amongst the people. I work. I can't, I probably like don't even talk politics, not even with my family, because it ends in discussion . . . so how is it going to be great?

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

MAN: . . .

WOMAN: That's okay. What I think, just like I just shake my head. You're not making America great again. You're dividing people. You're making the worst in everyone come out.

MODERATOR: Okay. This side of the table, reactions . . .

MAN: I think we can. I mean, that makes me mad too. I think . . . okay . . . the United States is still the best country in the world. I can say, make America better. Anybody can be better. Make it great? I think that's not right.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: It kind of reminds me of that saying, you know, work will set you free. It's like, what's the end game, and what's going to be made great? Just kind of reiterating what people said, you know, what was the clear plan, and where are the inhibitions, and where are things actually going? Nothing from what I saw, at least in my own opinion, kind of had anything like purely written. So just say, this is what's going to happen. This is how it's going to be.

MODERATOR: Okay. If, I'm sorry. Let me ask you this. Was your opposition to Donald Trump based more on his issue positions or based more on the controversial things that he said?

WOMAN: Controversial.

MAN: Everyone ignores it when he makes fun of the disabled reporter pretty easily.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others?

MAN: I think when he says, make America great again, I think his perspective of greatness is different from the people of America's perspective of greatness. That's why, you know, like his decisions clash with our mentalities because his perspectives are different, so I think he just needs to sit down and really understand people before he makes comments and slogans like that.

MODERATOR: Okay. But in thinking about your opposition to Trump, is it based more on his issue positions or more on controversial things that he said?

WOMAN: Both.

MODERATOR: Both?

WOMAN: Both.

MODERATOR: Woman . . .

WOMAN: I think, more about the stuff that he says. Like I say, he says one thing, but when he screws up, he's ready to throw anybody and everybody under the bus.

MAN: Mm-hmm.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: I'm sorry. Help me out here. Pronounce your name again. I'm going to write this down, and then I'm going to mess it up but . . .

WOMAN: Woman.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: Yes.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: I would say . . .

MODERATOR: Woman, you said, controversial.

WOMAN: . . . controversial.

MODERATOR: What was, why the controversial statements?

WOMAN: Because he's always so irrational and trying to put everyone in a box like, you know, things he says about the Muslims, Mexicans. It's just, to me, like when I think of him, I think of like out of touch. He's out of touch with reality.

MODERATOR: Let me ask the group this. Woman's comments made me think of this question. Of the controversial things that he said, which one did you find the most upsetting, or the worst, or the most, or the one that you said, wow, that's the one that's . . . it's the worst of them all?

WOMAN: Oh, like we're going to build a wall, and I'm going to make Mexico pay for it. Like really? That's ridiculous. You want to build it? You pay for it.

MODERATOR: Okay. What else, others, what other controversial statements that he made that you just, you know, that was the worst of it?

MAN: Yeah, I think what woman said, you know, like build a wall. Like how you going to build a wall with a country, you know, that overall, gives you a lot of merchandise, foods, avocados, fruits, everything? So like you're trying to divide, you know, like a certain ally that we have that we need.

WOMAN: You're building the wall on the wrong border.

MODERATOR: Which border does it need to be on?

WOMAN: Canada.

MODERATOR: Okay. Why does it need to be on Canada?

WOMAN: Most people assume that terrorists and this and that come from different countries, but yet, they want to go ahead and, well, not that they . . . but the border with

Mexico, people that are crossing over here to get into the United States, it's to work and provide for their families. The people in Canada have a good life already, and they're coming here just to entertain and amuse themselves. And then, you know, they go and get trained to come into the United States or whatever to build stuff and buildings you know . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Let's go beyond the wall. Besides the wall comment, were there any other comments that you remember from either the campaign or since he's been in office that you say, that's just beyond bad?

WOMAN: When he made fun of the disabled reporter, it was pretty sad, but then he lied about it, even though it's on videotape. So, you know, he's, first off, he would actually make fun of the disabled reporter, and then he would actually lie and say he didn't do it, even though the evidence was right there. You know, they had recorded him doing it. So which is worse?

WOMAN: The comments he made about NATO also . . .

WOMAN: Or if you're Muslim, that means you're automatically a terrorist.

MAN: . . . I mean, his tweets in the middle of the night, he attacks Nordstrom. He attacks Arnold Schwarzenegger. I mean, that's crazy from the President of, I mean, we have bigger issues than Nordstrom and Arnold Schwarzenegger's show. That seems like he, I don't know . . . something . . .

WOMAN: He'll bomb the, he'll bomb Syria, but he won't let them in the country, doesn't make, that doesn't make sense to me. We're going to, we're trying to protect you. We're going to bomb you. We're going to bomb after the gas attack and bomb the airport, but you're still not allowed to come into this country.

MODERATOR: Okay. One comment that received a lot of attention in October during the campaign, I'm surprised nobody brought up, and it talks about, it's when he, and I'm not going to say it, but I'll start it, which is when he talks about grabbing women.

WOMAN: I was going to say that.

WOMAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, what does that say to you when he said that? What did that say to you?

WOMAN: He's a male chauvinist. I mean, he's showing he has no respect for women.

WOMAN: Misogynist.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

WOMAN: He's showing you who he is, so you need to believe him.

MAN: It's terrible. It's, the comment itself is really inflammatory. If you watch the whole video, it's really disturbing just how you can tell the female reporter is just, her having no idea what he said prior is just really uncomfortable when, just the general perception of them together was just really awkward to watch.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other thoughts on, woman?

WOMAN: I feel the same way they do. I mean, that's the scary thing, that there's no boundaries for him. Whatever his little mind tells him, or whatever he thinks, that's his reality, and that's what he wants to impart on everyone.

WOMAN: It doesn't make sense because if anybody else, Marco Rubio or Jeb Bush or anybody else had done the same, Ted Cruz had done the same thing, they would be gone.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: That's the scary thing, that he get away with it.

WOMAN: Yeah, he gets away it.

MAN: He gets away with every lie, everything. That's the scary part.

WOMAN: Yeah . . .

MAN: Doesn't sound like a . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. I'm sorry, woman?

WOMAN: I said, he's just a spoiled child. I mean, he's a man-child. He's spoiled. He, no consequences for his actions, no just, you know, respect, no, he doesn't care.

MAN: He has nothing to lose. He's still rich.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: He only has a plan for one job in his life, for the President of United States. That's the only job he applied for.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Let me ask this. Just again, I'm interested how, keeping things moving. Thinking back to the election, did you vote a straight Democratic ticket, or did you split your ticket and vote some Democrats or, you know, most Democrats, some Republicans, or half and half, or whatever? How many people split their ticket? One, two, three, four, five, so most of you did.

And when you think about the Democratic Party right now, putting aside the chairman of what's called the DNC, the Democratic National Committee, don't worry about him, but in your mind, who is the leading Democrat in the country? You know, it's kind of seen as, well, it's no longer Barack Obama because he's not President anymore, and it's no longer Hillary Clinton because she lost. She, you know, naturally the President is the leader, but the Democrats are out of power. Who's, in your mind, is the leader of the Democratic Party?

MAN: Is it Bernie, Bernie Sanders?

MODERATOR: Okay, Bernie.

MAN: Nancy Pelosi?

MAN: Nancy Pelosi.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Yeah, she's the speaker, right?

WOMAN: Yeah.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Nancy Pelosi, yeah.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: . . . already . . . the Democrats don't control the House . . . and by the way, there's no like right answer. I'm just trying to get who you perceive when you think of the Democratic Party right now. You say, oh, well, this person is a person . . . has anybody heard the name Elizabeth Warren before?

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: She's a . . . from Massachusetts . . .

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: And then another person who is getting more attention, has anybody heard of Chuck Schumer?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: Here in Texas, they talk about the brothers too. One is from San Antonio, yeah.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: Castro brothers.

MODERATOR: Fidel and Raul? I don't know their first names.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: Yes.

WOMAN: One is a congressman, and one is a, I think, is mayor of San Antonio, yeah.

WOMAN: Oh, yeah, mm-hmm.

MAN: They're twin brothers or something.

WOMAN: Yeah, they're twins. Yeah.

MODERATOR: So you see them as up-and-comers . . .

WOMAN: That's the word.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: I don't know.

MODERATOR: We're going to talk a little bit now about Trump, the Trump, the, President Trump and the media and also Twitter. So when you hear what is often called the mainstream media being critical of Donald Trump, does their criticism reinforce your vote for Hillary Clinton, or do you think that the media is overdoing it because they despise Trump?

WOMAN: I think that's part of the media's job.

WOMAN: Competition.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: I think the media's job is to call out everybody. They weren't nice to Obama either. They, their job is to go in there and try to get the truth. I think, yeah, they don't like Trump. But I think, but then they have a, he has a whole station. Fox loves him, so, you know, he can do no wrong if you turn on Fox News. So I think the media's job is just to find out what's going on.

MODERATOR: Woman, you were saying, a little of both?

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: And can you . . .

WOMAN: Because like you cannot believe everything you hear, but a lot of what you hear, there's some truth to it, so . . .

MAN: I mean, this station, like CNN, what's his name, Cooper?

WOMAN: Anderson Cooper.

MAN: Anderson Cooper interview and said, I don't want to be friends with none of these people. I don't want to be friends with politicians . . . call me. I just want to tell the news like it is. And CNN . . . they cannot . . . false. They get sued big time. So I don't know he's saying that CNN is attacking him personally.

WOMAN: Well, because CNN, I think it's known they're leaning more towards the Democrats, and again, like she said, Fox has got Republicans, so . . .

MAN: Everyone has their own individual interests, especially the people that, what is it, who owns Fox?

WOMAN: Murdoch.

MAN: Murdoch, yeah.

WOMAN: The family.

MAN: Mm-hmm, and so everyone has their own perceptions and things that they can win, and it's just true. You have to research yourself. You can't really believe. The media's job is to kind of get viewers and get ratings and things, so you have to take it with a grain of salt.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Man, what do you think about the way the news media is towards . . .

MAN: I think the media is what causes the dividing. I don't actually think it's Trump. I don't think it's one particular person. I think the media is really the concern. Like she said, you got one side saying one thing. You got one side saying the other thing, and it's just to cause ratings and cause people to kind of go up in arms about it. And, you know, I don't know. I'm not really a fan of the media that much. Like you got to dig into it and figure out for yourself.

MODERATOR: Donald Trump said, shortly after he became President, that, and I'm, this is a quote. The press is the enemy of the people. Why do you think he said that? What does that mean to you?

WOMAN: Because this is something that he would like, he's going to say that they're just making it up, to protect himself.

WOMAN: He's planting a seed in people's minds, so that if something is said that he doesn't want, he can say, see what I mean? Even if it's true, I think he's a master manipulator.

WOMAN: Yes, bully.

WOMAN: And a bully, yeah, he is a bully.

WOMAN: I'm sorry.

WOMAN: That's just my opinion . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Bully is not a dirty word.

WOMAN: No . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: And . . .

WOMAN: . . . of us . . .

MODERATOR: And by the way, dirty words do get used in focus groups, but not to apologize for saying, bully.

WOMAN: . . . what we're talking about is . . . like, oh, my God, I want to say, but it, he is a bully. I mean, he will tell people what they want to hear, because if he doesn't fulfill, he doesn't, you know, he'll use the media to distract.

MAN: And most people listen to NPR. I listen to NPR, which is a station by donation. They don't have no commercials. They don't pay and stuff. And I think NPR is more neutral, and they say things about him too, so . . .

MAN: What is it, 88.3?

MAN: 88.7.

MAN: 88.7.

WOMAN: They have app too.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me ask about Twitter. Just show of hands here, who here is on Twitter? One, two. Okay. If you don't use Twitter, do you feel like you know what Twitter is, or do you kind of like, yeah, I don't really know?

WOMAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: I'm just . . .

MODERATOR: All right. The two of you who are on Twitter, do you follow Trump on Twitter?

MAN: Yeah, I do.

MODERATOR: And why do you think he tweets so much? This is for anybody.

WOMAN: Easy.

MODERATOR: Go ahead. No, man, go ahead and start, and then I'll go to woman.

MAN: I just think stuff that happens on Twitter, what, honestly, I use it for news and events more than anything. There's a wide range of stuff on there that's either really good or whatever, how you might look at it. But I think he uses it because it's the most social media vehicle that can be used in that context. You can't really do Facebook like that, and you can't really do LinkedIn like that.

But, I mean, I don't, I'm not necessarily for it, but sometimes, it's interesting to read what he's putting on there. Sometimes it's really terrible. Sometimes it's, you know, just telling you about updates from the White House. But I just think, I personally think that whatever he can say would get out there quicker on Twitter than it is in, on the actual media like, you know, the news stations.

MAN: That's what they're saying, his manipulation. That's the easy ways to manipulate . . .

MODERATOR: Everybody can have opinions on this, so let's, you don't have to correct him or give him your, you know, argue with him on that. Woman, I wanted to ask you. You said, you were starting to say something about why he uses Twitter so much.

WOMAN: I think, because he's easily provoked. He sees Saturday Night Live making fun of him, and he feels the need to go and tweet about it. When he's the President of the United States, I would like to think he's got bigger issues to deal than to get back at those people.

You know, just let it slide, let it, you're going to have that when you are the President of the United States.

MODERATOR: Those of you who aren't on Twitter, which is eight of you, no, there's eight here, total.

MAN: Six.

MODERATOR: Six, yes, thank you. A lot of times, we have ten, and that's . . . so that's why . . . oh, we got nine.

MAN: No, we got six . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Six of you, do you hear about his tweets or . . .

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: . . .

WOMAN: Uh-huh.

MAN: . . .

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: So and then do you think that his tweets help him or hurt him?

MAN: Hurt.

WOMAN: Hurt him.

MAN: Hurt.

MAN: I think it's funny, actually. I think it helps him because, I mean, we wouldn't be talking about them if they weren't inflammatory in some way, you know. They're not the smartest in tweets, but he goes back to, almost in a sense of manipulation where it's happening.

MAN: It's in your mind.

MAN: Yeah, you can't get your mind off of him.

WOMAN: It's publicity for him.

MAN: All news is good news. All publicity is good publicity.

WOMAN: . . .

MAN: I think it's also a way for him to try to feel connected to the community of people, you know. No, I mean . . . you know, that's his way of doing it, I guess, to make him feel like he's more of a common person . . .

WOMAN: All part of . . .

MAN: Right. But, I mean, I know it's not, he probably doesn't really run his Twitter, but I don't know.

WOMAN: He probably does. He's a control person.

WOMAN: Why don't they take it away . . .

WOMAN: I don't think he should be tweeting. He's the President. I mean, you have a standard, and then he's tweeting.

WOMAN: I think he's got a lot of minions . . .

MAN: . . . his location . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: . . . he just tells them what to do with it. I don't know.

MAN: I think it hides from the fact of what would actually be happening, other ties and other concerns that might be getting investigated, so you care more about inflammatory words than you do about actual practices.

MODERATOR: Okay. Sorry, woman, I didn't hear what you said.

WOMAN: I said, oh, I think he just has a whole bunch of minions that, you know, to me, means, that do it for him.

WOMAN: That tweet for him.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: What was I going to say? Oh, let me ask you this. When you say, you think he has other people do it for him, I mean, he's, it's been noted, a lot of his tweets are relatively inflammatory. So do you think that that's just him, like he's up watching cable news at 5:00 a.m., and he sees something from SNL, as somebody mentioned, or anything else? Do you think that he's, that he does, writes that out and hits send, or do you think that somebody else does? Man?

MAN: Wasn't it . . . I mean, any hacker could get in there and locate him. So I, that's why I really think it's him . . .

WOMAN: From what I've read, I'm sorry.

MAN: . . .

WOMAN: From what I've read, there's tweets coming from two different phones, and the one phone, he, one uses an iPhone, and another one is a Android, and the one

coming from Android is his, and the one coming from the iPhone is his helper. And you can tell, because his are the real radical ones and the ones that people that work for him, this is what I've read from the *Times* or the *Post* or something. They said that the ones that are more calm and just talk about what's going on are from his people that work for him.

MODERATOR: Did Barack Obama have Twitter?

WOMAN: Yes.

MAN: He did.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: Yeah. But they think he say they took his phone away. They took up, everything away from Obama.

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: They took his Blackberry away, yeah.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: . . . but he had Twitter.

MAN: Yeah.

MAN: Because he never tweet . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: Yeah, because his . . .

MAN: It was under POTUS?

WOMAN: POTUS . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: POTUS, President, his tweet, his handle is whatever. What do you call it?

MAN: Handle.

WOMAN: Handle?

MAN: I don't know. I personally just don't think that he, I mean, I don't even have time to sometimes look at things, I don't, much less the President of the United States. I mean, companies hire social media departments. You know, I don't know if he necessarily has the time to do it. I think he might tell somebody, but I don't know if he personally even doesn't operate a phone, but . . .

MAN: He got thin skin to me.

MODERATOR: Pardon?

MAN: He got thin skin, you know. They asked Obama, you know, he had no friends in Washington. A lot of people hate him. I say, you want to friend in Washington? Get a dog, so . . .

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: It's . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Okay. Let's go to page nine. And whether you like him or not, what issues do you think it is most important for President Trump to be successful at? Once you're done with that, just go ahead and close up your workbooks . . . just move on. I'll look at those later. Do you trust government more now or less now, or is there really no difference now that Trump is in office, than you did when Obama was President?
Man?

MAN: I mean, there's always conspiracies about everybody, so I'm not . . .

MODERATOR: Other thoughts on trusting government?

WOMAN: Less.

WOMAN: Less.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, why less?

WOMAN: Because I kind of like, I always knew there's corruption everywhere, although like here, you were never able to like pinpoint it and see it. And now that he's there, I don't understand how people are okay with it, that he's bringing all his business partners, you know, giving them positions that they have zero qualifications for, and it's okay with everyone. Like you can clearly see that there's corruption, and he admits this thing. Like, oh, I don't need you to pay me that \$400,000 salary a year, and people think he's great because he's doing this great thing for the nation. When in reality, he's taking, he's making so much more on the backend because he's making all kinds of business deals.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others trust more or less or about the same?

MAN: I think less, because he just, you, I heard one of the old congressman there say, in the past, when they elected the people to the Congress or something, they, when they got in there, they forgot about their parties, and they started working together for the best of the country. They forgot about Republican or Democratic, forgot about that. They just, now they don't do that. It's a lot of division now. The only thing they work now that their business is to be re-elected. They don't care, really care about the people, just get to be, for their next re-election.

MAN: . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Other thoughts on government now that Trump is in charge?

WOMAN: About the same.

MAN: I think it's interesting that the government is now under a giant magnifying glass that it necessarily wasn't on before. Like going back to Syrian refugees, Obama didn't let in about twice the number of refugees that Trump hasn't let in, but now we know a lot more because of just his way of being, of who Trump is. So I think it's pretty interesting when you're looking at, now we know more, even though there is this complete almost loss of trust, lost trust.

MODERATOR: Okay. I'm going to ask about some controversies that have and in the news, and I just want to see a show of hands on each, yes or no. I may do a follow-up, just depending, so let me read it to you, and then I'll ask, yes or no? Do you believe President Obama ordered wiretaps on Donald Trump before the election? Raise your hand, yes. Okay. Raise your hand, no. Okay. And then, man, you're not sure?

MAN: I don't know. I have no idea.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do you believe the Trump campaign team worked with the people in the, worked with people in the Russian government during the campaign to impact the election? And let me, before I ask that, I want to be clear. There's a, certainly a lot of evidence that the Russians tried to impact the campaign. The controversy more is, did the Trump campaign, was the Trump campaign working with the Russian government to do that?

So that's what the question is about, is again, raise your hand if, yes, you believe the Trump campaign team worked with people in the Russian government during the

campaign to impact the election. One, two . . . so we got, now, man, you were sort of half-hearted on that.

MAN: I mean, maybe he did, but the politics, it doesn't really make sense to me. I don't know how . . . but, I mean, Russia and U.S., and the U.S. aren't getting along so well right now, so I don't get how they could work together.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do you believe the press purposely low-balled the estimate of the crowd at Trump's inauguration? Raise your hand if, yes.

WOMAN: I'm sorry. What was the question?

MODERATOR: Whether the press purposely low-balled the estimate of the crowd at Trump's inauguration? How many think that, yes, they did? Okay. Do you think that it is nepotism and wrong for Trump to allow his daughter and son-in-law to have official positions within the U.S. government? Yes, if you think it is wrong. Okay. Man, you're okay with it.

MAN: Say that again, the question.

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?

MAN: I mean, I don't know, not, I don't think it's necessarily wrong. There's already other people he's electing that may or may not have all the qualifications to be in that position, so I don't know.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me play devil's advocate here, and that is, you know, when Bill Clinton was President, Hillary did not have an official title, but she was very involved in a lot of policy stuff. Is that anything different than what is going on now?

MAN: . . .

MAN: I think it was the first lady . . .

MODERATOR: What's that?

MAN: I think all the first ladies in the past did. I mean . . .

MODERATOR: Right, yeah, she's not the only example, but she's kind of the most high profile one.

MAN: How do you mention that?

WOMAN: One thing is having your wife there, when she is your wife, she is the first lady, but having like all these other members of your family, of your immediate family right there? No. That's conflict of interest.

MAN: It's like . . . it's not . . .

MODERATOR: . . . go ahead, woman . . .

WOMAN: I mean, to me, that's conflict of interest. And, of course, they're all going to look after each other, after their welfare first and then the people.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, you were saying?

MAN: It's like saying his kid is the . . . you know, it's monitored now, you know, when it's not, you know, so . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Let's go onto page 11 in the workbook, which is the last page, and here are, no, it's not the last page. Let's go to page 11, yes. Sorry . . .

MAN: Thirteen is the last page.

MODERATOR: Oh, yes, 13 is the last, and we'll save that for last. Sorry about that. There, here's five specific issues that Donald Trump spent the most time talking about during the campaign, and you see them listed, one through five. They're in no particular order. Put down the number, you know, which one is most important to you, second most? Again, whether you like him or not, these issues, which one is most important to you for him to deal with or to be dealt with, second most, and then which one is the least important, or which one do you oppose dealing with?

Okay. How many people had national security and terrorism first? How many people had repealing and replacing ObamaCare first? Okay. Foreign trade? And tax reform? And illegal immigration? How many had illegal immigration last, as least important, at the bottom? Okay, a couple of people. How many people had tax reform last? Okay. And foreign trade last? Okay. Least important?

MAN: I had ObamaCare.

MODERATOR: ObamaCare, okay, that was going to be my next, ObamaCare. Who else had ObamaCare, least important? So three people. Okay. Let me ask you some specific questions, first about ObamaCare. Let's talk about healthcare because that was obviously, it's been a big issue for a long, long time. How come repeal and replace of ObamaCare has not happened yet?

MAN: It's, it covers 20 million people. What are you going to do with them?

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: A lot of states that, well, I don't know if a lot, but I heard some states depend solely on the ObamaCare, like that's the only healthcare system they got.

WOMAN: What did they do before there was ObamaCare?

MAN: They had no insurance.

WOMAN: They didn't have any . . .

MAN: Die.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: Huh?

MAN: You'd just die.

WOMAN: You'd just die.

MAN: You'd just die.

MAN: I mean, also the IRS is making a ton of money off of it. You have to pay a penalty tax if you don't have an employer, if you don't get, offer, you know, your employees health benefits, then . . .

WOMAN: Over a certain number of employees . . .

MAN: Yeah, you got to pay a tax.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Or if you, yourself, are self-employed and don't have health insurance, you're going to pay a tax if you didn't have it over the nine months or whatever.

MAN: Well, I think that the repeal and replace is the wrong thing. It needs to be improved. That's the thing.

MAN: Yeah, that's true.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: You know.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: Regardless, healthcare needs . . .

MAN: Exactly, because it was, it's such a huge thing. I mean, it's huge, so it was, that's the first crack on it. They need to improve it, not replace it.

MODERATOR: Okay. I want to hear from woman and then man next.

WOMAN: I think that it didn't pass yet because there was some people that want to totally do away with it, the more conservative people on the, in the House, and they wouldn't agree to it. And that's when, and I think some people really do want to try and improve it, but I think most people just want to do away with it. They don't, I think people don't like it just because it came from Obama.

MAN: Exactly.

WOMAN: It's not that it's a bad thing. They just, Obama did it, so they don't like it.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Man, go ahead.

MAN: Yeah, there, I agree with . . . woman. And I think that the only reason Trump wants to replace it is because he wants his name on it. You know, he wants to be recognized.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: Trump care.

MAN: I wish he would just improve it.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MODERATOR: Woman, what do you think, why do you think that is hasn't happened?

WOMAN: I don't think it's to have his name on it, because I don't think he have come up with a way to make it better. It's not an easy task, by all means.

MAN: Not at all.

WOMAN: Because somebody else . . .

WOMAN: Because if it was so great, how come the people in Washington, they don't have ObamaCare? It was good for the people but not for them.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, how about you?

WOMAN: I think they figured out that it's not such a bad deal, and that's why they didn't, did away with it like he wanted to. I was not for it, but like they said, you know, what are the people going to do, it's, I wasn't affected by it because I have always had insurance, but I also have to think of the other people that, it gave them an option.

MODERATOR: Woman, how about you, why do you think it hasn't passed or hasn't been repealed and replaced yet?

WOMAN: Like woman said, you know, I've always had insurance. To me, it didn't, it hasn't affected me in a negative way, but then I think about others who didn't have it before. And the thing with Trump, in my opinion, is, I think he's just upset because he didn't think of it, or it didn't come from him. It came from another administration, another . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. If, how many of you have, either you or your immediate family is on ObamaCare right now, anybody? Just raise your hands.

MAN: . . .

WOMAN: I have friends that are on it.

MAN: I don't think so.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: Yeah, I have friends who have pre-existing conditions. I mean, that was a huge thing with ObamaCare, a huge thing.

MAN: That's true.

MAN: You know, a lot of people who have problems, they couldn't get insurance. That was not right.

MODERATOR: Let me ask you this, changing topics, we talked about this a little bit earlier, and that's the wall, obviously, with Mexico. Do you think, you know, some of his supporters say, yeah, he means it, and it's going to happen, building a wall? Others say, no, he doesn't mean that. He means, you know, really we need over, more border security. What do you think that he wants to do? Do you think he wants to build an actual wall, or do you think he wants more border security? Man?

MAN: I heard he was hiring a lot of architects and stuff to try to figure out how they can build the wall, actually, so I think he really does mean it.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others?

WOMAN: I think it . . .

MODERATOR: Go ahead, woman.

WOMAN: I think in the beginning, he did want it, like a physical wall, but now that he's figured out actually how much it's going to cost, now he's backing down. Like maybe we don't need a wall.

WOMAN: I think he wanted the wall all along. I don't know if it's going to happen, but I think he wanted the wall.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: Yeah, the wall is a legacy, you know. I mean, it's something you can physically look at. He had to build a wall. I was looking at it right after he got elected, things that he would have to get done to prove his presidency, and one of them was actually build a wall to actually prove himself.

MAN: The promise that he, immigrants would have to build it.

MODERATOR: Let me ask you this. Donald Trump, since he's been in office and even during the campaign, did not spend a lot of time talking about what are often called social issues or values issues, issues like abortion, gay marriage. Why do you think that he hasn't spent a lot of time talking about those issues?

WOMAN: They're not important to him.

MAN: It's nothing to have to do with money, because he has . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: That's exactly what I was going to say. It's got nothing to do with his pocketbook.

MAN: . . . make him money, yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man . . .

MAN: Because if he needs to talk about those issues, you know, the way America is now, it's all about equality, and you're the same as me, and I have the same right as you. So if he starts talking about those things, it doesn't really favor him, you know, and the Republicans, overall, so . . .

WOMAN: He's a businessman. He doesn't care about . . .

WOMAN: What'd he do, just sign a bill last week to defund Planned Parenthood totally? So . . .

WOMAN: He has . . .

WOMAN: Yeah.

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: . . . you know, not a bill, but he signs, he's trying to totally defund it, so that's, he's telling his people what he thinks.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I don't think he cares enough of that, that the things that he really cares, he will focus on it, and he will make noise about it.

MODERATOR: Man, how about you?

MAN: I think like a lot of it was to build votes. Like, for instance, building the wall, I don't think that was actually a thing. I think he just did that to get a lot of votes. And, you know, I don't know. I think that he just didn't talk about those social issues because that would get him off the topic of how he really believes, and what he really believes in. For instance, one of the social issues is him giving out his tax returns. Nobody saw the missing tax returns, and it's a whole big ordeal, but if he went down that path, it might deter votes away from him. That's just my opinion.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me ask you this, and I don't want to ask too much about this, but the stock market, does the stock market have any impact on your life?

WOMAN: Sure.

MAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: Yeah.

MAN: . . .

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, you obviously work in finance, and then somebody over here works in a bank. Woman, it's you. How about those of you who don't, or how does the stock market impact your life? Woman?

WOMAN: . . . I don't follow too much, but I know that, you know, it's there and makes the world go around or whatever. But I don't concentrate on it. I don't, you know . . .

MODERATOR: Do you have like retirement, mutual funds, or anything in a 401(?) . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

WOMAN: We have invest, I have investments in it, but I do think it's, sometimes it's overly rated. I think, you know, companies can do that, but look what Enron did. But, yeah, we all have, probably, some sort of investments in it, IRAs, 401(k)s, whatever it is.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me ask you this. Bear with me. This is a question we just added because it's been in the news a lot lately, so it's a little wordy, but just bear with me here. Donald Trump has changed his position, often called in politics, flip-flopped, on numerous issues from China, Syria, Russia, to healthcare, NATO, and the Export-Import Bank.

Which comes closest? I'm going to read you two different perspectives, two different points of view, and I'm going to ask for a show of hands. So the first one is, the fact that Donald Trump is changing his position on some key issues does not concern me. Trump is not a politician, and it is only natural he change his mind on some issue as he learns more about it.

Number two is the fact that Donald Trump is changing his position on some key issues does concern me. I'm worried that Trump cares too much about what Washington thinks instead of sticking to the positions he took during the campaign. So how many say, number one comes closes to their opinion, that he's not a politician, so it's only natural he'd change is mind?

MAN: . . .

WOMAN: I'm, I don't agree with any, either of them.

MODERATOR: You think he hasn't changed his mind?

WOMAN: No, I think he has changed his mind quite a bit.

MODERATOR: Why do you think he's changed his mind?

WOMAN: I think it's because he didn't know squat before the election, and now he's, and he's just, he was just saying things to say them, because he thought that would get him votes. And I think now that he's in office, he's going like, whoa, wait a minute. I didn't know what I, he wouldn't say this to anybody, but I wasn't, not too sure about what I was saying there.

MODERATOR: Okay. So it's kind of, you are kind of saying it's natural that he would change his mind on some issues as he learns more about it.

WOMAN: Well, yeah, maybe I am.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other thoughts about his flip-flops?

MAN: I think he's a populist. You know, a populist means he tell the people what they want to hear, so they vote for him. He doesn't really care about anything, so he changes his mind. I kind of like what he's saying. I mean, I think all these things needs to be taken care of it. Immigration needs to be taken care of it. Maybe ObamaCare needs to be improved. Terrorism, I think, what he say is correct, but the way he's doing it is wrong. The way he approach it is . . . so . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Other . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: I think his mindset will change, you know, as he understands it more, because I don't think you can care about something you don't even have a basic understanding of. You know, just like a kid doesn't care about things that adults care about because he doesn't understand it, that as you grow, you learn, and then you start caring more about those things as they're maturing, is what I think . . .

WOMAN: I think so too because I don't think he's so much of a puppet, because a puppet, somebody makes a puppet.

MAN: Like a populist.

WOMAN: Populist.

WOMAN: Oh, populist.

MAN: It's a popular vote. That's all he wants, and the popular vote got to, you know, just get elected.

WOMAN: . . . say, he's a puppet. I said, he's not a puppet, because nobody . . .

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: . . . yeah . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. But really, slightly different perspective on that, I mean, not all of these issues are issues that are populist. Like Export-Import Bank . . .

MAN: But he speaks . . .

MODERATOR: . . . people don't even know what that is.

MAN: His biggest issues are . . .

MODERATOR: Pardon?

MAN: His biggest issues are immigration, tax, the ObamaCare, the big, you know, there's a lot of like little issues that may be important, but that, he don't deal with those. He deal with the big ones to get him votes.

MODERATOR: Okay. We're getting, coming towards the end now, just a few more questions. Do you usually vote, you know, you've got presidential elections. The next one is 2020, and then you have midterm elections in 2018.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Not everybody votes in midterm elections. Well, not everybody votes in presidential elections, but a higher percentage. A lot of people skip the midterm elections. Do you, yourself, and by the way, there's not, you're not going to be like, you know, hooked up to electrodes if you say, I don't vote in midterm elections. So do you typically vote in midterm elections, or did you typically not vote in midterm elections? How many don't vote in midterm elections? One, two, three, four, five. Okay.

WOMAN: I do it on and off. I mean, not always, but I've done it in the past.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Okay. But it's not something you do all the time. Do you usually, do you always vote in presidential elections?

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Do you think that the midterm elections in 2018, next, not this coming November but the following November, do you think that they're going to be more about the Republican Congress or more about President Trump?

MAN: What about the Republican Congress?

WOMAN: The people running will be for Congress, but I think, as of right now, I think people, the congressmen, Republican congressmen that lose their job, it's not because of what they're doing. It's because of President Trump.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other thoughts on that?

MAN: It's like I remember when George Bush was President. Towards the end of his presidency, he wasn't, people weren't voting for those candidates. They were voting against Bush, so it's just going to, depending on what might happen with his, with Trump's presidency, it'll be interesting to see, but it's a kind of cyclical cycle, how it works.

WOMAN: We find out tonight with Georgia.

MODERATOR: Okay. What's going on in Georgia?

WOMAN: They're, the seat, Price's seat in Atlanta, who's always been a Republican district, their, the election is today.

MODERATOR: Oh. Okay.

WOMAN: And a Democrat is, well, as of right now, they think he might win. They don't know. There's 17 people running.

MAN: I think people should be, understand about the Congress, how important it is. A congressman can be there 20, 30 years.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: The President is only there for . . . two elections or two years that he's in the middle of it.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: So a Congress, the Congress is more important than the President sometimes.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: . . . so . . .

MODERATOR: Finish this. I've got two sentences I'm going to read to you, and the first one, I just want you to finish this for me, and again, it doesn't matter how you feel about them, and let me tell you both of them, and then we'll go with one first, and then the second one. Let me see what the second one is. Oh, so I'm going to ask this question. To me, Donald Trump's presidency will be a success if, and then the other one, the one I'll ask after that, a little bit after that, is, my biggest worry about the country in the next three years, three-plus years of Donald Trump's presidency is, so, okay, let's go first to the, is Donald Trump, to me, Donald's Trump's presidency will be a success if, finish that sentence for me.

WOMAN: If the economy comes back up again.

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

WOMAN: He learns to calm down and listen to people, not just, his off-the-cuff saying things, doing things, tweets in the middle of the night, I don't think, helps him, and I think he needs to learn to listen to the people that elected him.

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

MAN: If he encourages people that actually have backgrounds in the arts or in like sciences or things like that to show moderation.

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

MAN: I think one thing that Obama was accused was that people were divided. The Congress was not working together. If he gets people to work together, he'll be successful.

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

WOMAN: He puts the people first.

MODERATOR: People first. Okay. So my biggest worry about the country in the next three years of Donald Trump's presidency is . . .

WOMAN: What comes out of his mouth.

MODERATOR: Okay. My biggest worry about the country the next three years of Donald Trump's presidency is . . .

MAN: Get us into a war.

WOMAN: He'll get us into war, yeah, he took mine.

MODERATOR: Okay. My biggest worry is? Same thing, it's the same question. I was just trying to shorten it. Anything else come to mind as a worry, a big worry?

MAN: I mean, the deficit and Social Security are definitely in my mind. I mean, taking from it, and it's to expire in 2020, that's a . . . deal.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do me a favor. Go ahead and . . .

MAN: . . . we're not getting younger . . .

MODERATOR: . . . go to page 13. And what I'm going to ask you to do is write a postcard to President Trump with either some advice for the President or asking him to work on a certain issue. Whatever you want to write, this is your chance to say what you

want. When you're done, go ahead and close up your books. If you're still writing, that's fine, and some of you still are. If you're still writing, just kind of be finishing up your last thought there.

Let me ask the group this, one last question, and that is, a week ago, Thursday, two weeks ago, Thursday, now, I guess, 12 days ago, let's go with that. I'm sorry. I'm losing track of time with all the travel. Twelve days ago, tomahawk missiles were launched by the President into Syria and . . . do you approve or, I want to just see a show of hands. I don't want to hear comments right now. Approve or disapprove of what he did, how many approve? One, two. Okay. How many disapprove?

WOMAN: Well . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, go ahead.

WOMAN: The one thing that I'm certain is like I hear people saying, and I have patched a little bit from the news, is that he did not talk to Congress about it. He just did it on his own. He gave the order, and it was done. And if so, then, I guess I disapprove. If it was something that they all convey(?), and they said, yes, then I'm for it.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: It's just him making decisions like that by himself.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me ask you this. Which was a better response? Assad in Syria has used chemical weapons against his people at least twice, that we know, a significant amount. And when it happened in, I think it was 2011, under President Obama's administration, there was no reaction from the U.S. Here it didn't, it's not like a war or anything, but it was a, you know, sending 59 tomahawk missiles, which is not insignificant. Which is the better response to the use of chemical weapons, doing no response or this response?

MAN: Well . . . I don't think that's true. He could respond at a lot of things. He has done drones and killed a lot of people over there. He just did it quietly.

MODERATOR: But he didn't do anything in Syria, and not in reaction to chemical weapons.

MAN: I don't think so that's quite true.

MODERATOR: No, it is. I mean, yeah, his other stuff was in Afghanistan, and, yes, he did use a lot of drones there but nothing in Syria. So, you know, nobody wants to

be in another war in the Middle East, or most . . . another war in the Middle East. But what was the more appropriate response? How many say, you know, Obama's response where he did nothing to Syria? Okay. How many say, Trump's response where he did this one thing? Two people, three . . .

WOMAN: Something has to be done.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, you're undecided?

WOMAN: I don't know what the right answer is, so . . .

MAN: Exactly. That's a hard one.

MAN: It's not just black and white.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: I think what Obama planned to do is, he needed to, people in the Middle East get involved. Why the United States has to fix everybody's problems? People around him were doing nothing. Saudi Arabia and other, those country were very wealthy. They're doing nothing because they used to, United States go and fix the problems. They know they have to stop out Israel and those countries, they start back, and United States say we'll go and fix it.

MODERATOR: Man, what's your thought?

MAN: I think, I was thinking Obama, he trained a lot of the rebels and stuff. He sent people to go train them, so they could fight their own war and stuff like that. And, you know, Trump, he's different. He's like I'm not going to send nobody to train you. I'm just going to go knock down whatever is, because he knocked down the place where they were firing from, so I think that was better, in my opinion.

MODERATOR: Okay. I want to thank you for your time. Go ahead and pass this up. We're done for tonight. Three things before you go, number one is, the nice folks who checked you in have your payment on the way out for your time. And then secondly, we have, as I mentioned, a group after you. It's going to be, not the exact same questions, but a lot of the similar ones.

So as you're leaving, I ask that you not talk about this, because as you know, they're probably sitting right out there if they're showing up early. Yeah, they might not be here yet. But you, just so you just kind of don't talk about it, so that they don't get

ideas and start thinking about this too much in advance. And then the last thing is, please drive home safely. Thank you.

WOMAN: Thank you.

[Simultaneous discussion]

MAN: Thank you.