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MODERATOR: Give everybody a second. Well, good evening. My name is Glen. I'll be your moderator this evening. Tonight you're participating in a focus group discussion. These kinds of group discussions are held all across the country on all sorts of different topics ranging from politics to policy, to consumer products like Coke and Pepsi.

You probably figured out from the questions they asked when they called you about coming tonight that we're going to be talking about politics tonight. And that there are no right or wrong answers, it's all about your opinion. That's why we're paying you for your time. So please feel free to jump into the discussion whenever. You know, if somebody else is talking wait until they're done. If you feel like you need to, kind of catch my eye, it's not school, you don't have to raise your hand, but just, you know, make sure that I get to see, or if somebody is done talking, just jump right in.

If you've been quiet for a while, I may ask you a question directly. And if you've been talking a lot I may ask you to hold off to make sure we get to hear from everybody, but for the most part it's fairly free flowing. The only time I'll kind of cut things off is if, you know, we've got a lot to talk about and we have only two hours to do it in, and my job is, part of my job is to get you out of here at 7:45, not to run long. So, occasionally, I may say, Man, you get the last word on this, and then we move on to something else.

As you can tell from the cleverly disguised microphones in the ceiling, this is being taped, but that is for my benefit. I do these all over the country on all sorts of different topics, and 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, much less the group that comes after you, or the one that I did the other night, and the ones I'm doing next week.

So I get a transcript and read back over that, and if I refer to anything that you say, or quote anything it is a man or a woman in Columbus. There's no, I mean, transcript

doesn't usually, when I say it doesn't usually, occasionally, I'll say, Woman, or Woman, do you go by Woman?

WOMAN: Woman's fine.

MODERATOR: Woman, you know, what do you think of that? And then, the person doing the typing of the transcript will put Woman and all that, but I don't refer to anybody by name in my reports.

Let's see what else? Oh, a couple things. I hope they asked that you turn off your cell phones and put them away. I get to have my cell phone on but for the simple reason is, as you've probably figured out, that's a two-way mirror, and I've got a colleague back there by the name of Kyle. And Kyle may, from time to time, send me a text that says, oh, ask about this, or, you know, you didn't spend enough time on that.

And the reason Kyle is not here in the room with me is it would be kind of awkward for two of us to be in here at the time asking questions and kind of, you know, jockeying to get to ask the questions, and all that. So he's back there and just kind of listening to what you have to say. But he may, from time to time. Now, the other night in, you know, in Pittsburgh, he didn't send me a text at all, which meant I must have done an okay job. Trying to think of what else.

Oh, if you need to use the restrooms, that's fine. I only have two requests on that. One is one person at a time, because if you have too many people leaving the room at once, you know, the discussion doesn't have quite as much opportunity to be as robust. And then, secondly, a little later on, excuse me, a little later on, we'll hand out, I'll hand out some workbooks, although I think they ought to be reading fun books, just have you write down some stuff from your thoughts on certain questions from time to time.

And if you're writing, obviously, when you're finished you can go ahead and use the restroom, but make sure you answer first before you go out. I'm trying to think if there's anything else. Oh, my job is to ask questions. I don't have any opinions on this stuff. Occasionally, you may 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, other times I don't.

Occasionally, I may play devil's advocate and throw a different point of view than what I'm hearing, and, you know, you can say to yourself, you know, no, doesn't change my

viewpoint. Or, well, I hadn't thought about that before. But don't feel like you need to agree with me just to make me feel better about myself. My wife will tell you I've got probably too much self-esteem. So no worries about that.

I'm trying to think if there's anything else. I'm sure there is, but, if there is I'll, you know, if it comes up, I'll bring that up. Let me start by asking, and I want to hear it from everybody. I don't want to just kind of hear once from you . . . but if you could use one word or short phrase to describe how you think things are going in the country these days, what one word, or short phrase would it be? And just go ahead and shout it out.

WOMAN: Embarrassed.

MAN: Fragile.

MODERATOR: Fragile. Okay. And I heard embarrassed.

MAN: Segmented.

MODERATOR: Segmented. Okay. Others?

WOMAN: Troubling.

MODERATOR: Troubling.

WOMAN: Disappointing.

MODERATOR: Disappointing.

WOMAN: Concerning.

MODERATOR: Concerning.

MAN: Questionable.

MODERATOR: Questionable.

WOMAN: Negative.

MODERATOR: Negative. Waiting for a couple more people I haven't heard from so far.

MAN: Same thing as, I'm trying to think of a new way to say the same thing.

WOMAN: Confusing.

MAN: Polarized.

MODERATOR: Polarized. Okay. All right. Somebody started it out with fragile, or since this is Ohio, fragile. Although, I think that's more up in Cleveland. Isn't it the *Christmas Story* house or, fragile, was that, Man that was you. Right?

MAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Tell us why fragile comes to mind.

MAN: I think a lot of the initial, well, a lot of the current topics we're hearing about right now between men and women issues, and the, in Congress, and passing some of the legislation there I think is causing some divide. I think, certainly, on a global perspective things are getting tense, I would say, between some countries.

MODERATOR: Good. And then, Woman, I believe you said embarrassing.

WOMAN: I'm just embarrassed at how our President handles himself and a lot of things, but.

MODERATOR: Okay. Somebody else said segmented. Okay. Man?

MAN: Well, I felt that, you know, there's just too many sides that are only thinking about themselves, and, or refusing to listen to other sides and come together to get things done. They're just, you know, it's like it's my way or no way.

MODERATOR: Good. Somebody said trouble.

WOMAN: That was me. It goes onto what Man was just saying. You just feel like everybody is like I'm going to take my ball and go home. Or it's if, you're not going to play by my rules you can't play instead of like trying to talk about it and trying to figure out what the other person's viewpoint is, whether or not you agree with it. But it's like we're not even hearing it now.

MODERATOR: Okay. And we had disappointing.

WOMAN: That was me. I'm agreeing with Woman, what Woman said. Our leader is representing our country in a very negative light right now, and it's really disappointing to watch him say really awful things about other races and people, and he's representing our country.

MODERATOR: Okay. Concerning.

WOMAN: Oh, that was me. Kind of what Woman had to say. It seems like everybody is out to win for themselves, and there's no concern for what is the right thing to do or working together. But it's like, oh, I'm going to win, I'm going to get my way. I don't really care about anybody else.

MODERATOR: Questionable?

MAN: Questionable in the way that he acts, you know, like a child, and especially when it comes to Twitter and attacking people and races.

MODERATOR: Okay. Just to clarify, I'm 99.9% sure you mean Trump.

MAN: The President, yes.

MODERATOR: When you said he, I just want, because I didn't, you know, sometimes you hear something and you just assume, oh, they're talking about this, and turns out, no they weren't. Negative. Somebody said negative.

WOMAN: That was me.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: I just think in general that the news is negative. The world is negative. I just don't think we hear enough good news.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, you said confusing.

WOMAN: It pretty much covers everything everybody said, you know. You know, I know there is a certain way that the government works, and I think Trump's gone in there and just trying to bulldoze everybody. He sometimes, I'd see him as a bully. He's in there just trying to bully his way through everything instead of trying to work with other people and get things done.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, do you have a, after thinking about it a little bit, do you have a, I'm just trying to get everybody to answer the first question . . . a word.

MAN: Sure. No. I think bipartisan is a good word. You know, it's, there's definitely two sides that are fighting each other at all times. I mean, today was a prime example. You know, you're like, okay, we're going to filibuster and stop Gorsuch from being confirmed. And then, they're like, well, good, well, we're going to get rid of the filibuster. And so, you know, it's constantly two sides going back and forth, and there's no unity, and no means of getting anything accomplished.

MODERATOR: Okay. Compared to a year ago, changing gears slightly, but thinking about the economy, compared to a year ago, do you think the national economy, I just want to see a show of hands on this first, and here's the three options, is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same? How many think that it's getting better? So that's one, two, three and a half. Not okay?

MAN: For the moment.

MODERATOR: How many think it's getting worse? One. And then staying about the same? Okay. Pretty much everybody else. For those of you who say that it is staying

about the same, does that mean that it's doing okay and just kind of bumping along? Does that mean it's doing poorly, but not getting worse, or does that mean it's doing well, but not getting better in your mind? If you said things are staying about the same.

WOMAN: I think it's probably where I'm falling. The numbers, you know, the S&P and things like that show that we're doing better. But I can tell you in my everyday job, and everybody else's that I know, that we are not seeing these great gains, and we're not feeling like anything is getting easier from the monetary side. We feel like the rules and regulations still keep piling up on top of us, or the ones that get taken away are ones that, it was like that one made sense.

MODERATOR: Others who said it's staying pretty much the same from a year ago. What is it that comes to mind about that?

WOMAN: I think it's too soon to tell what it's, you know, how it's going. I mean, President Trump has been in office what, 100 days, or whatever. I just don't think that we have enough data yet to really make an opinion.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else, anybody else on how it's going? Woman, you said things are getting worse than a year ago. What is your perception?

WOMAN: Sure. So I work in non-profit and education sector, and my colleagues and I really see . . . budget, all of those are getting cut. So we're worried that we won't have jobs with this new budget, because pretty much all the funding is going away. So from a job security standpoint, I'm very nervous.

MODERATOR: Okay. And a couple of you said it's getting better. When you say it's getting better, what causes you to say that?

MAN: I base that on just the stock market with like, since the election ended, and maybe it was just the election ending, but we've seen an uptick in stocks in general.

MAN: Yeah. I'm in the telecommunications industry, and I've seen a lot more hiring happening now than in the past, so I think job markets are opening up.

MODERATOR: Let's put aside the economy and jobs for a moment, and let me ask this. Putting also aside foreign policy or foreign international issues, those sorts of things, when you think about other domestic issues, which one concerns you most right now?

WOMAN: The environment.

MODERATOR: Okay. And what is there about the environment that . . .

WOMAN: Just the way we're either attacking those who believe in different climate change, or those who, you know, are for it or for against it. But neither side's even trying to come together and talking about that. And we're trying to take away the EPA's rules and regulations. At the same time, you know, we want to bring back the coal industry, and at some point, it is okay when some industries, you know, start to dwindle because others should be taking off.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other issues that come to mind?

MAN: Civil rights. Yeah. I'm just concerned about how people are being treated. You know, if you're different than the norm, and, you know, that concerns me. You know, it's . . . everyone . . . you know, I'm seeing it in society as a whole.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other things?

WOMAN: I am concerned, but I think it's the change in the abuse of drugs. And that there, especially Governor Casey passing, or, Kasich, excuse me, passing the law about the opiates and trying to take control of that. Because it has become, not just in Ohio, but across the country. You know, I think it's a disaster, and it's quite sad, and it has ruined families from very influential to the poorest of families. And not just families, communities, everything. And I think that that's a positive thing that's happening, and I'm happy about that. I think that's one positive thing that's changing.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other issues?

WOMAN: Healthcare is still in flux, insurance. I don't know where things are at right this second. I mean, obviously the Affordable Care Act is still in place, and there's some good points to that and some bad points to that. But who said bipartisan earlier?

MAN: I did.

WOMAN: Yeah. I, nobody can agree enough to put things in place that would make anything feasible.

MAN: And I agree with the healthcare. I think, you know, it's been a problem, and I think it's going to continue to be a problem. I know my healthcare costs continue to rise every single year. I'm paying more now than I ever have. And my wife even made a call to our insurance company about a prescription, and the company told her that it would be cheaper for her to bypass the insurance and just purchase it on her own rather than go through the insurance company, because she could get a discount. So while we're forced to pay for the insurance, the

insurance company is telling us it's cheaper for us to not use it. So, yeah, I've got, I don't know, I think it's bizarre.

MODERATOR: Anything else anybody wants to mention on other domestic issues?

WOMAN: Well, I kind of agree with civil rights and the immigration. And I think everything that is put out there is promoting racism or bigotry, or, you know, it's giving people an excuse or a like, oh, yeah, I agree with that. I don't want this guy here. You know, it just seems to be feeding into a negative . . . in racism.

MODERATOR: Okay. How about internationally, what international foreign, or foreign policy issue are you concerned about most right now?

WOMAN: Not following the Paris Accord.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other issues?

MAN: Yeah. What's going to happen with North Korea concerns me.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else?

MAN: Yeah. Syria is now in talks of with the attacks that happened in Syria, and now President Trump has made some comments that he thinks we should do something about it. And I don't know what that means, but it doesn't good as far as relations with that area.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other issues of concern on foreign affairs?

MAN: Woman mentioned it domestically with the environment, but it also is foreign too, working with the other countries on, you know, a solution, and they're not doing that.

MODERATOR: Okay. When you say they're not doing that, who do you mean?

MAN: Well, the President is denying global warming despite, you know, what scientists are saying. And it's, you know, it's well known that other countries, you know, and something needs to be done, and he's just pushing it aside and cutting, you know, cutting funds to these programs.

MODERATOR: Okay. Much of tonight's discussion is going to center around the new President. Woman, you got it close to right. At the end of the month is going to be the 100-day mark of his presidency, and so we're going to do some discussion. Go ahead and take one of these. As I mentioned, they're called workbook and focus group . . . and I have pens here. But they really should be fun books.

And you'll see right on the front, when you get your pen, if you could write down your name, and, your first name, and the initial of your last name. I think one more. And then turn to page two, so I know where you are or how many people are done with that and ready to move on. I need you to some creative thinking. So go ahead. It says please do not turn the page. Well, go ahead and turn the page.

If Donald Trump were an animal, what kind of animal would he be and why? So just jot down the animal and just a couple of quick reasons. You don't have to take like, it's not, you know, any long thing that you have to do here. And once you're done, good, put down your pen so I know how people are coming along. Okay. If you're still writing, just kind of finish up your thought here. Okay. Man, I'm going to start with you, what did you write, and why did that come to mind?

MAN: Jackass was the first thing that came to mind. And I put that because he constantly contradicts what he says, and most of what I hear from him, I just can't take seriously, and it's ridiculous.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: A bull. He is a bully. He's bullheaded and he's stubborn.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I had trouble with the animal at first, but predatory and self-focused were the descriptors that I came up with, so I sort of went with a big cat. That was all I could come up with.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I put gorilla, because he's a bully and wants to show off all the time, kind of. And he doesn't like to lose, and he wants to be in charge of everything. He kind of reminds me of that, you know, the gorilla beating on his chest or whatever like see me, see me, or whatever.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: I put a llama. I believe llamas are the ones that like to spit. And, you know, when the President disagrees with someone he attacks them sort of the way a llama will spit on someone.

MODERATOR: A lot of times I can kind of get a picture when somebody says an animal, or what they're, say like, Woman, when you said, Gorilla I thought of that, and of course you mentioned it. When you said llama, I had no idea what you were . . .

WOMAN: I had a bull, because it just seems like he puts his head down and he runs through the china shop just knocking things over, and some things stay standing and others don't, but he just doesn't seem to like care.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: I put snake and slimy, although snakes aren't really supposed to be slimy, so I hear. And then I wrote you can't trust the poisonous ones.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: I also said a bull. That he was stubborn, he doesn't take direction, he does whatever he wants. He has immense power, ability to damage and hurt and kill people around him.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: I put a bear. Fierce on the surface. Growls a lot. But on the other side, you know, he can be playful at times and very protective of family and friends.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: I put an ape, because of all his hair. I mean, hairy everywhere. And I said then because he has not evolved yet, and that's in a lot of ways.

MODERATOR: Okay. Here's what I'm going to do next. Go ahead and turn to page four, but hold on to page, just stay on page four. I'm going to ask you do next what's called in focus group . . . a mind map. So I'm going to show you, if you can turn around and look over here, I did a mind map when I got here real quickly. And this is literally just like two minutes of work.

And what you're see is you'll start with a word in the middle in a circle, and then you just come up with everything. The topic I chose for myself, and yours won't be the same topic was spring. So here's what I did real quick in two minutes or less. I just jotted down stuff that comes to mind about spring. So, you know, longer days, more sunshine, or at least in theory, I mean, kind of cold here today. Also means I'm going to be cooking out more. I mean, I grill out even in the winter, but, you know, you tend to do a lot more when the suns out and all of that.

Flowers, my wife and I like to put a lot of flowers in the backyard, so we're getting close to planting time. And then we've got the feeder filled with bird feed, and then of course the squirrels, that brings them into the yard as well. The dogs chase the squirrels. I've even tried like Vaseline-ing the pole, you know, so when they climb up, that's kind of fun to watch, but you have to keep doing it every few days. Baseball season, of course, has started, has it started. I like to go biking, kayaking. And we have three daughters all in college, and school is wrapping up, so we've got a couple of graduations to go to, and it's, you know, just kind of hitting, heading towards summer.

Your mind map topic, if you flip to the next page, is Donald Trump. And so just, whatever comes to mind, you know, take three or four minutes to write down all your thoughts and feelings about Donald Trump. You know, some of its just different bubbles, some of them are connected. Whatever it is you want to do.

Take another minute or so. All right. If you're still writing something down, that's fine. What I'm going to do, and Woman I'll start with you, so it's actually easiest for you, I'm going to go around and ask you each to give me one thing that you wrote down and I ask that if possible it not match what somebody else has already done. So Woman the reason it's easiest on you is whatever you give is not what somebody else has said, whatever you said. So give me one thing that you wrote down.

WOMAN: He could not exist if he didn't have money.

MODERATOR: I'm a terrible writer anyhow, so handwriting, so I'll just try and summarize occasionally. Man.

MAN: What, he has a lot to learn, and, specifically, that many people will take him literally, and, you know, so what he says can have bad consequences.

MODERATOR: Literally. Okay. And then Woman?

WOMAN: I said he's power hungry.

MODERATOR: Woman?

WOMAN: I wrote billionaire friends on his cabinet, and how is that supposed to help the working class. That was my little bubble next to it.

MODERATOR: Okay. And, Woman, I'm sorry I'm bad with names, so if I'm looking at your name tag, it's because I'm bad with names.

WOMAN: It goes in his speech, he's always saying me, me, me, and I, I, I.

MODERATOR: Okay. And, Man? Sorry.

MAN: Un-presidential.

MODERATOR: Un-presidential.

MAN: Just the way he acts, you know, not what we're used to.

MODERATOR: With a name like Man, I'll have to make sure you're first . . .

WOMAN: I don't know, he likes to Tweet a lot. You hear about him Tweeting all the time.

MODERATOR: Man?

MAN: Speaks before he thinks or Tweets.

MODERATOR: Thinks, and then I'll draw a line connected Twitter or Tweet . . .

WOMAN: I'm trying to think of something they haven't said. Don't know what he will do in any situation.

MODERATOR: Kind of shorten that to unpredictable?

WOMAN: That's good.

MODERATOR: Not trying to put words in your mouth, but that's the way you were going. And Man?

MAN: And then I also had bully, which leads to additional conflicts with everyone involved.

MODERATOR: Conflicts. Okay. I promise you we're not going to be doing everything, you know, we are going to be talking and all of that and not just doing workbook stuff. Although we do talk about it.

But now I got one more thing. Go ahead and go to page six. Okay. Go to page seven. There are two questions that I want you to answer here, and, as you know, we're already getting towards the end. We're going to put this aside for a while and then come back to the workbook for a bit. But the two questions are, the thing that I like, I'm sorry, the thing that President Trump has done so far that I like most is? And then the thing that President Trump has done so far that concerns me most is?

So, and by the way you'll note it mentions President Trump. So think of it since he took office. Don't think of it like during the campaign. Now it can be related to the campaign, but, you know, what has he actually done or not done, that concerns you or that you

like? Take just 30 seconds or so if you're still writing. And, again, just put your pencil, or pen down, I'm sorry.

Okay. Man, I said I had to start with you given your name. If there was an Eve, I'd start with, make sure she starts. But what did you like most, what do you have for like most, and what did you have for . . .

MAN: Like most list is really short. One positive thing, I'm an airplanes guy, I work at the airport. He is holding Boeing accountable for the cost of the new Air Force One, which is . . . that Boeing is saying that it's going to be way over budget.

MODERATOR: Okay. And then concerns you most?

MAN: That he can't stop Tweeting and attacking people.

MODERATOR: Tweet slash attacks. Woman?

WOMAN: I put the Supreme Court nominee. I don't know. I haven't kept up with it, but I know that he, that's going on right now. And I guess I put down for the concerns me most, they tried to get the new healthcare plan through, and when it didn't go through, they kind of put it on the back burner and are going on to other things instead of continuing with that and trying to work with the people and figure out what's going on and what they can, what they need to change or whatever, so.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man?

MAN: Mine are related to each other, now that I look at it, strangely. But there's been a positive impact on the financial markets, which is, in part, and also is my concern that he's surrounding himself with business advisors instead of advisors that are going to help him improve the state of the country.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: Mine is very broad. It's just he's, the positive thing is he's tried to keep his campaign promises. I mean, he's actually trying to do what he said he was going to do. And the negative is just that he opens his mouth.

MODERATOR: Man?

MAN: Positive is that he said he was going to try and stop jobs from going overseas.

MODERATOR: And the negative?

MAN: Negative is trying to push through a healthcare reform legislation that wasn't ready to go through.

MODERATOR: Care not ready. Woman?

WOMAN: I put the positive is he thinks he has kept his campaign promises, and the negative is that he thinks he has kept his campaign promises.

MODERATOR: Okay . . . Man?

MAN: Well, the positive is I, you know, he, I seen him shaking things up in Washington and not putting career politicians in charge of things. And the negative is, whether he means it or not, a lot of his tone and his rhetoric tends to demonize certain groups, which people will then take literally and act upon.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I couldn't think of anything that I like that he did, so I put nothing.

MODERATOR: Okay. Put a blank line there.

WOMAN: Sorry. I tried. And what concerns me the most is budget cuts to fundamental programs like the EPA, the NEH, NEA, National Parks, etc.

MODERATOR: Programs. And then Woman?

WOMAN: I wrote for what I guess I like the most is that he's bringing people to action and taking notice, good or bad, and getting people more involved. What concerns me the most is I wrote inability to inspire confidence or trust in how he represents our country. Sorry. Did you hear me in . . .

MODERATOR: Yep. No trust, no confidence. Okay. And then Woman?

WOMAN: I was actually happy that they lost at the healthcare reforms.

MODERATOR: Okay. And what you like most is?

WOMAN: That's what I liked most is that they actually lost right now at that. I hope they kind of pick it back up. But the S&P is also . . . gun sales are down.

MODERATOR: And what's . . .

WOMAN: Gun sales are actually down.

MODERATOR: And you like that, or you?

WOMAN: It, to me, it kind of makes me giggle. And then what concerns me the most is just the increasing divide.

MODERATOR: Okay. Time to close up your workbooks for now. We're not going to come to this for a bit. And my next questions are, and I'll share them both with you so that you understand that they are both a pro and a con, and that is, if you could pick one personal quality, what personal quality do you like most about Donald Trump, and then which personal quality that he has concerns you most about him? So, again, not everybody has to give an answer to each of these or anything, so just jump in.

WOMAN: What was the first one?

MODERATOR: Personal quality that you like most about him, and then, and/or personal quality that concerns you most. Let's go with personal quality that you like most, and then we'll go to the one that concerns you most.

MAN: I think that he doesn't trust the media and does want to kind of speak directly to everybody, as in Twitter. I like that, because he's trying, you know, not be filtered. On the other side, that's dangerous for him, but I like how he wants to talk directly to everybody.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else, other personal qualities come to mind that you like?

WOMAN: I like that he does, I mean, he is loyal to family. I mean, family, he is, he protects his family. I mean, he's loyal to his family. He's a family man. I don't think his family should be working with him, and his, as the President, I don't think they should have any, be involved at all in any part of what he's doing. That being said, I just think family is important.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other personal qualities or characteristics come to mind that you like about him?

MAN: I would like his intensity if it was directed more, focused in a more focused way, I guess, and in the right direction, I guess is the right way to say that.

MODERATOR: When you say his intensity, what do you mean by?

MAN: He picks something and he goes at it. So, you know, if it was goal-driven, and precise, I think it would be a good quality. It's, it waivers. It doesn't always get the job done. But, you know, when used appropriately that's a good quality to have.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any others come to mind?

WOMAN: He's not afraid of the status, to challenge the status quo. I guess that's a good thing.

MODERATOR: Okay. How about concerns, what personal qualities does he have that concerns you?

WOMAN: He thinks his opinion is the only opinion. He thinks he's, knows everything and what he says goes. And it doesn't always go. He's not the be-all-to-end-all.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others?

MAN: I think it, he doesn't take things serious enough, I think.

MODERATOR: Can you, I'm not sure, can you expound upon that a little bit?

MAN: Yeah. Where he'll like at, what was it after the election, he was saying that, he was going on and on about, you know, fraud voting. This is after the election, after he's won. What does it matter, you know? And that, and he's bringing up stuff that could only dig himself into a bigger hole, so issues like that.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other concerns?

WOMAN: I think he's too reactionary. He can't, and he's thin skinned and he can't stop himself from reacting to anything that puts him in a bad light, which is really everything, but.

WOMAN: I think a President needs to have filters more than President Trump has.

WOMAN: Like he can dish it out, but he can't take it.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: He's a businessman. I'm struggling with both questions, because one of his better qualities he's a good businessman. Whether or not you like his business practice, he's a good businessman. He makes money. He knows how to work the system. And that's what everybody wanted, a non-politician.

We all thought the same, no, okay, not all of us . . . the idea that it's like, oh, let's not have a politician. We're tired of status quo. We're tired of all this. Well, great. We've put a businessman in, and I, all the businessmen I've ever known are pretty thin skinned, very reactionary. They're exactly who he is, and it's just kind of like, I don't know if we thought this through.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other, any other thoughts on this? Let me, this year, this focus group here tonight is one of a series of groups that are being overseen by professors. I'm not a professor. I do not work for a university. I work for a survey research firm. My job is to

go around moderating groups, and they wanted to not do it themselves. They wanted to have a professional moderator. So even though if I make jokes, I still am a professional.

So they're studying the 2016 election and also the early days of the Trump Presidency. So we're doing focus groups with different types of voters. Everyone here, who when the folks called, said they were either Republicans or Independents who voted for Hillary Clinton. So I don't want to spend too much time talking about her, but I give you that information so that my asking this next question makes sense to you, and you say, oh, okay, I get it.

And these are some of the reasons we're being asked these questions. When did you decide you were not going to vote for Donald Trump, and what caused that decision? And I want to hear from as many of you as possible.

WOMAN: As early on as the second he decided he was going to run for the presidency. I've known too many businessmen. This wasn't, I didn't feel it was going to be a great choice. But just what I know from him from, you know, the social realm, and it's like, you know, you play this character and are you really going to settle down and actually figure out how to help make things better? And so pretty much right out of the shoot.

MODERATOR: Did you think when he announced that he was running for President, did you think that it was like a publicity stunt?

WOMAN: Absolutely.

WOMAN: I don't think he ever thought he would get any, I don't think, I think he thought it would be stopped immediately.

WOMAN: I thought he'd go pretty far.

WOMAN: You did?

WOMAN: Yep.

MAN: Well, you know, he invested a lot of money into it.

MODERATOR: Others, when did you decide you were not voting for Donald Trump?

MAN: When I closed the curtain in the voting booth. I had been wrestling with it for probably six months, you know, and I just finally, you know, I just closed the booth and said, eh, go with what this is. It's all I can do.

MODERATOR: Did you consider more a vote for Hillary Clinton, or more a vote against Donald Trump?

MAN: Wow. Probably against Trump. Yeah.

MODERATOR: Others, when did you decide?

MAN: I think during the debates. I think watching President Trump kind of steamroll through some of those debates and questions and just really bully his way to the top.

MODERATOR: When you, I'm sorry, Man, to interrupt, when you say debates, were you thinking of the Republican primary debates, or were you thinking of the debates against Hillary in the fall, or?

MAN: All of them. The latest ones, obviously, I remember the most with Hillary. But even the Republican primaries, with, you know, his own party representatives, I thought it was just a, I was almost embarrassed for him, the way he acted just during those debates, just, yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others, when did you?

WOMAN: It was about a week, I think, before the election, before I finally came to terms with the fact that I couldn't vote for Trump. It was definitely a vote against Trump as opposed to a vote for Hillary. Yeah. I just struggled. I went back and forth. I'm going, I can't believe that these are the choices I have.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: I think from the, just the media things that I would see about him and adding up where was saying different things, when he made the biggest joke when he says, oh yeah, could you see me being the President of the United States? And he laughed about it. I thought, if he thinks it's a joke that he would be President of the United States, what does that say about us who would vote for him? And then when I found out that he didn't pay the workers for the Trump, what is that on the boardwalk . . .

MODERATOR: Casino, hotel or?

WOMAN: Yeah. The casino/hotel that did that. And then he, when he made the statement that he just knows how to work the system, you know, about how he didn't pay a lot of things because he knows how to work the system, I thought, that's just not good morals. That's just not being a good person.

You know, just because you know how, you know what you're supposed to do, you know. You know what, he just doesn't do what's right or wrong. He just does what he wants to do. Because like I said, I don't think he could live without money. He couldn't be born to a, into normal world like the rest of us, because he couldn't exist. I don't think he has the work ethic that the rest of us would have. He wouldn't be where he's at if he didn't have the money or have the people around him to give him that. I know that he turned, what, \$1 million into what he made it, but that's because he had connections. If he was born like a lot of the rest of us, he would not be what he is now.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others? When did you decide, that I haven't heard from yet, when did you decide you weren't going to vote for Donald Trump?

WOMAN: I don't think I ever considered it, so, especially after I heard some of the, you know, the farther they got into the running and everything and got more serious about it, it just, the more things I heard about him, and what he did, and what he's done, was going to do, I just didn't, I thought it was a good idea, or good thing to get somebody in there that's not what I consider a career politician. But at the same time, I didn't think he needed to be the one going in there.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, how about you, when did you decide?

MAN: Day of the election.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: Yeah. It was a lesser of evils situation for me. And, you know, it wasn't necessarily Hillary, as soon as I walked into the voting booth either. You know, I didn't know at all what direction I wanted to go, and Hillary was what it came down to for me.

MODERATOR: Okay. Did anybody here vote in the Presidential primary here in Ohio?

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MODERATOR: Was it in the Republican or the Democratic?

MAN: Republican.

WOMAN: Republican.

WOMAN: Democratic.

WOMAN: Republican.

MODERATOR: Okay. In the, those of you who voted in the Republican, who did you vote for?

WOMAN: Kasich.

MAN: Kasich.

MAN: Kasich.

MAN: Kasich.

MODERATOR: Anybody here vote in the Republican Primary not for Kasich? I don't even remember. Did he win Ohio?

MAN: Yes.

MODERATOR: He did, yeah, okay. And then, Woman, you said you voted in the Democratic?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Did you vote for Hillary, or?

WOMAN: Sanders.

MODERATOR: Sanders, okay. Going back to the general election now, the November Election as it's called, who did you think was going to win the election, Hillary or Trump?

MAN: I thought Hillary would win.

WOMAN: I did too.

MAN: I felt sure.

MODERATOR: Anybody think that Trump would win?

WOMAN: Nope.

MAN: No. I went to bed that night, you know, and was shocked when I woke up in the morning.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do you have friends, neighbors, or family members who voted for Donald Trump?

WOMAN: Yes.

MAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Those of those who do, what were some of the reasons, I'm guessing that you've talked about it with them, what are some of the reasons they said they voted for Trump?

MAN: Couldn't stand Hillary.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: Yeah. Or concerned, afraid of her.

MAN: The most common response I got was that they didn't like the way Hillary handled being Secretary of State and that concerned them.

WOMAN: They thought she was a criminal, and that she needed to be in jail. That was the only reason they voted for Trump.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: Other friends were just, always Republican, and that's all they always been, that's all they ever do.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anybody else friends, what did they say?

MAN: I got a friend who said that he voted for Trump because he believed that he was a non-politician, and so for that reason, that he would make all the great changes that he was hoping for.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else that people heard from Trump voters that they know?

WOMAN: I'm sorry.

MODERATOR: Man, and then Woman.

MAN: I've heard, because of his business background, that I was told that it would be good for the economy. But other than that, it was mostly against Hillary.

WOMAN: Yeah. It's funny, almost the same thing. Those who voted for Trump was, it's like they are all small businesspeople. They're like he's going to hopefully help us and get some of these regulations off or try and help with the tax codes and things like that. For Hillary, the funny one that I kept hearing was that I don't want that to be the first President that's a woman. And it came down to, yep, she's a career politician. Her husband wasn't trustworthy, and she's not trustworthy, but that can't be the first woman President.

MODERATOR: Okay. I'm sorry . . . I didn't mean to cut off.

WOMAN: No. That's okay. My dad voted for Trump, and he said, from the very beginning he wasn't in anybody's pocket because he was funding it with his own money, so that was important to him.

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

MAN: Well, other than my immediately family, I haven't told anybody else I voted for Hillary.

MODERATOR: Well, we'll keep your . . .

MAN: Okay.

WOMAN: I haven't told anybody either, so.

MODERATOR: So you were reluctant, or you are reluctant, I should say?

WOMAN: Oh, yes.

MAN: Yeah. I was reluctant, certainly. I mean, I voted for Hillary, but I didn't think she was a good choice for President, but that's the way it went.

MODERATOR: So any of your friends or family figured out since the election that, you know, you probably voted for Hillary, or?

WOMAN: We don't talk about it.

MODERATOR: Oh.

WOMAN: Probably the smartest thing my family could do.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anybody else, in terms of, you know, you're reluctant to talk about that you voted for Hillary? Okay. For everybody now, again, what emotions, a couple people alluded to this, but what emotions did you feel on election night or the next morning when you learned that Trump had been elected President?

WOMAN: Incredulous, like disbelief.

MODERATOR: Okay. I'm sorry. Let me just follow up on that, and then, Woman, I'll come to you. Incredulous and disbelief. I'm not trying to put words in your mouth, but incredulous in a negative way or in a positive way?

WOMAN: Negative.

MODERATOR: That's what I figured, but I just wanted to confirm that. Woman, you were saying?

WOMAN: I was shocked. I had, from the beginning I didn't think Donald Trump would, and then he did, and I'm still shocked. Like how did this happen?

MODERATOR: Others, what was your emotion?

MAN: I was shocked also, but not in a negative repulsive way, just like intellectually. You know, I thought, you know, from what I was hearing in the media and stuff . . . it was Hillary all the way, and then all of a sudden, you know, it was like, wow, that was weird. You know, it was just unexpected.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: We had actually stayed up.

MODERATOR: Well, Woman and other, Woman.

WOMAN: We actually stayed up watching, we stayed up for a while actually watching as, you know, different polls came in and different counties continued through the election timeframe. But it was kind of like the next morning, it's like I can't change it. It doesn't matter at this point. He's now the next President. I have to figure out how to be okay with it, and either become politically active if I want things to change differently . . . so it actually was just something for me to look at from a different standpoint going now do I try to become change as well.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I remember being shocked, and I looked at my husband and said, do you believe that? And then I go, be careful what you wish for, because you just might get it. Because to me, I knew it was not going to be what people thought it was going to be and part of me feels like hopeless.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do you think that Donald Trump is changing or will be able to change the way things work in Washington?

MAN: If he doesn't blow up, I think he will. But if he, you know, I always envision him blowing up and holding his breath and saying I'm going to go home now. But, you know, if he, I think if he tones things down, you know, keeps the focus of, you know, accomplishing a mission, getting something done, I think he can do it, you know, but he needs to overcome his rhetoric.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other thoughts on is he changing, or will he be able to change the way things work in Washington?

WOMAN: I think he needs to learn how to work with the other people there. Not, he's not a sole person that can do everything, and right now, I think he's trying to be that way. He's still got that businessman mentality, which he needs that to some degree, but he also

needs to work with the other 100 or some people, or 200, you know, Congress and whomever, for whatever he's trying to go for and not work against them as much. He can't be the sole person making that decision.

MODERATOR: Other thoughts on him changing Washington?

WOMAN: I'm cautiously optimistic that, you know, he can, I think he's learning a little bit as he goes along. You know, hey, you can't move this fast. For instance, the healthcare thing, that was way too fast and not thought through. And I can hope that he can make at least some change in the good old boy network that is our government.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other thoughts about him changing Washington?

MAN: I think that there, I like to think that there's going to be, at least some in direct effect of him being President in politics and Washington. And I think that he's certainly made everyone realize that politics in Washington and Congress and everything else that's involved there is just as chaotic and can be chaotic. And I think that going forward after his term, I think a lot of people are going to realize that there has to be some fundamental changes in the way the process works.

MODERATOR: Okay. What was a Trump campaign slogan, anybody remember?

MAN: Make America Great.

WOMAN: Make America Great Again.

MODERATOR: Sometimes you have to ask a question just to get an answer. Sorry. I know that was an easy one. So what does, whether it's positive or negative, but what does Make America Great Again mean to you? When you hear that, what do you think of? Or what do you think he and his supporters meant by that or mean by that, because he still uses it?

MAN: Well, what it meant to me, I'm not sure, but what it meant to me was, you know, taking a leadership role again in the world as far as innovation and things like that. The ability for, you know, people to work themselves up out of poverty, and, you know, if you're willing to work hard, if you have good ideas and willing to work for it that you can get things done.

MODERATOR: Okay. What else do you think that he meant by that, or he and his supporters meant?

WOMAN: The beauty of that slogan is it can mean almost anything. I think, and it does mean something different to every person. I never did figure out exactly what, you know, the Republican Party or Trump actually meant by it, except that it would be different than the way things were under Obama.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: I like that. That he was talking to coal miners. We're going to make coal mining profitable, and we're going to get you your jobs back. If he was talking to educators, then we're going to bring, you know, we're going to get better at school. We're going to better at the STEM. We're going to get better at reading and writing, and we're going to get our test scores back up. If it was, you know, we're going to take the regulation away so the small businessmen can pull themselves up and not be so burdened all the time. So, I mean, it changed with every group. I think a lot of presidents do that really, or candidates.

MODERATOR: Okay. Do you think that America has not been great in recent years? And if so, why or why do you, wait, I'm not even sure what I'm asking is. Let me go back to the first question. Do you think America has not been great in recent years?

WOMAN: I think he was looking at it as what people are kind of saying. Like we aren't the strongest anymore. That other countries are, that our military isn't, we haven't won every war. We haven't, our education, we aren't the smartest. The other countries are beating us in manufacturing or in other things. We're not the first in everything like we used to be, but that's just evolution I think, just things going, progression. But I don't think we're, well, I don't know.

MODERATOR: Okay. Others, did you think America has not been great in recent years?

MAN: Well, I'll chime in on the education. I think we're letting education really fall behind. But also, you know, when it comes to like the moral compass for the world, you know, like sitting back and letting things in Syria happen like they are and so forth, and I just don't think we've been effective in, you know, keeping things like that from happening or it affecting things like that.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other reactions to . . .

WOMAN: Oh, a little bit. Just traveling overseas into Europe and the Eastern Block where it just, if they find out you're an American, you kind of do feel like you're being

treated a little bit differently. You know, it could be just be like the group you're with type of thing. But when you travel overseas, you know, if you try to get into discussion with folks and you talk about the different ways that they're doing something or the way Americans are doing something, they're like, oh, our wage is better than yours.

And you can get into some interesting conversations that way. But other people are like, why isn't, why aren't you sending more aid to this place? Why aren't you doing more for this place? And it is six of one, half a dozen of another where it's like you feel like you're being bashed all the time, but then, why aren't you helping more, so.

MODERATOR: Okay. Was your opposition to Donald Trump more based on his issue positions? I want to see a show of hands on this, its two options. So is it more, your opposition more based on his issue positions or more based on the controversial things that he said or says? How many it's based on his issue positions? So one, two, three. How many based on that he says controversial things. Okay. Everybody. If, for those of you who are Republican, if Hillary Clinton had won the election instead of Donald Trump, would you be more supportive or less supportive of the Republican Party right now, do you think?

WOMAN: Say that again.

MODERATOR: If Hillary Clinton had won the election, obviously, instead of Donald Trump, would you be more supportive or less supportive of the Republican Party right now?

MAN: I'd be more supportive, because there's the comment out there, years ago, of Donald Trump saying, if I ever were to run for President, it would be as a Republican, because, I don't remember exactly, but basically they're stupid. And that's what happened, and he won. And had he not won, then I would have more respect for the Republican Party.

MODERATOR: Yeah. Other thoughts on that?

WOMAN: I would be more supportive of the Republic Party just simply because of the balance of power.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other thoughts on that one?

MAN: More supportive . . . you know, when I did vote, you know, I kept saying to myself, well, I'm picking Hillary here, but everywhere else I'm voting Republican, you know, they'll check it.

MODERATOR: Okay. Actually, Man brought up my very next question, which is did you vote a straight Democratic ticket or did you split? How many split? Okay. Almost everybody, or everybody kind of. Let me ask you about the Democratic Party. I'm not talking about the new chair of the Democratic National Committee, you know the national party, they just elected a new one, but put that person aside.

In your mind, who is the new leader of the Democratic Party? For a long time it was Barack Obama. Then it was for a while, short while, Hillary Clinton. But who's the new leader? They're both not in office, and it doesn't have to be somebody in office, but in your mind who leads the party? When you think of the Democratic Party right now, who do you picture?

WOMAN: I can't picture anybody.

MAN: Nobody.

WOMAN: I don't.

WOMAN: There isn't one.

MODERATOR: Let me throw out some names, and tell me what you think of them, or if you've heard of them, and, you know, what comes to mind. And I'm just going to do this in kind of random order. Chuck Schumer, anybody know who he is?

WOMAN: I've heard the name.

MODERATOR: Any reaction to him? None. Nancy Pelosi?

WOMAN: You still hear from her a lot.

MAN: . . .

MODERATOR: Man you said negative. What is it?

MAN: I just feel that, you know, she's extremely liberal, and, you know, to the point where I think that she wants to keep certain groups on the government dole so they vote for them.

MODERATOR: Okay. How about Elizabeth Warren, you know that name?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Who is she?

WOMAN: She's somebody that's really . . . I don't know, I honestly don't know who she is, but I like what she has to say, she's really, she stands by her convictions.

WOMAN: She a Senator?

MAN: Her husband was I think.

WOMAN: I think she's a Senator.

MODERATOR: That would be right, she's a Senator. Man, nothing personal, her husband was not.

MAN: Okay.

MODERATOR: She's from Massachusetts, and she's been I think this is her first term still, but six years. So she, wasn't like she just got elected this past year. She's been in for . . .

WOMAN: Isn't she short hair with glasses?

MODERATOR: I believe so, yes. So but that's not a name that really means a lot to you. Bernie Sanders?

MAN: Sure.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Is he, do you consider him one of the leaders of the Democratic Party?

WOMAN: I don't.

MAN: No.

WOMAN: He's on the fringe.

MAN: A lot of people like him.

WOMAN: Yeah. But he's really popular.

MAN: But I think the party it just went back to her.

MODERATOR: Okay. Well, let's go back to Donald Trump again. When you hear what is often called the mainstream media being critical of Donald Trump, does their criticism reinforce your vote for Hillary Clinton in your mind, or do you think that the media is, you know, they're right about some things, but they're kind of over doing it because they despise Trump?

WOMAN: He just gives them, he puts it out there on a silver platter for them.

MAN: Oh, I think we have a totally, you know, biased media now. The days of unbiased media reporting news and just straight news without putting their opinions in, I think those days are gone, which bugs me. So I think anything he does, whether he, if he says it's black they'll say it's white, or vice versa.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, to answer your question, she asked me to repeat the question, which is when you hear what is often called the mainstream media being critical of Donald Trump, does their criticism of Trump reinforce your vote for Hilary Clinton, or do you think that the media is overdoing it because they despise Trump?

WOMAN: Thank you.

MODERATOR: Pardon?

WOMAN: I said thank you for repeating it.

MODERATOR: Reactions to how the press is covering Donald Trump?

WOMAN: I think you have to take into account which news organizations we end up getting that news from and the sources. I mean, a lot of those guys are just like Donald Trump now, where they're about getting their ratings. And so if it's picking on Trump right now this week, then great, that's what's going to get them their ratings. So, it becomes a little bit hard, I feel, they are picking on him, but I feel that they pick on everybody.

MODERATOR: Okay. Other thoughts about the press and Donald Trump?

MAN: I hadn't considered that before, that Hillary would be a, that it would be more logical then to have picked Hillary. But, yeah, I think with all of the coverage that Trump has had and it is a negative thing after negative thing after negative thing, I think you have to consider that Hillary would have been a better choice.

MODERATOR: Okay. Is anybody here familiar with when President Trump said, and I don't remember whether he said this or whether he Tweeted this, but the press is, and I quote from it, whatever it was, a statement or I mean, a comment or a Tweet, the enemy of the people. That was his quote, the press is the enemy of the people. Why do you think he said that?

MAN: Because he didn't like what they were saying.

WOMAN: It hurts his ego.

MODERATOR: What does that mean to you when you hear that? How do you react to that?

MAN: You know, I think that's something maybe Hitler would have said.

MODERATOR: Okay.

WOMAN: A bit defensive.

WOMAN: I am so used to ignoring what Trump says about things now that I have no reaction at all, because he has no, I don't value his opinion on the media.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: The fact that he said it makes me think that he is just concerned about what the media is saying. If that were an actual fact, if everything that the media said was negative to everyone, then, I mean, we've got a bigger problem, because that's how you get global news, how you get regional news.

You know, you have to rely on media to a large degree to find out things, just because otherwise you would live, I mean, we go back, you know 100 years where we know what happens in a 5 square mile area, and then, that's all you know. So if the media is actually feeding us false information, then, you know, we may as well go to that time where that's all you need to know about.

MODERATOR: Okay. Have you seen any news reports that you would consider biased against Donald Trump since he became President?

WOMAN: Oh, yeah.

MODERATOR: Any of them come to mind specifically? Anything you saw? I mean, you know, nobody here is a fan of his, but that doesn't mean that, you know, the press is being completely straight about him. I mean, you know, they've got their own opinions as you all have said. Is there anything that you remember that you said, wow, I'm not a fan of this guy, but that's a bit over the top from the press?

WOMAN: Rachel Maddow leaking those tax forms of Trump's, that was kind of like . . . that was . . .

WOMAN: I'm sorry, we watched that. That was hilarious.

MODERATOR: I don't remember that. What was that about?

WOMAN: It was a giant like, tonight at 9:00, Rachel Maddow has tax form. She had like two pages, and now she's saying somebody leaked it to them, and it was awesome. And it's just like, most of the show is like, just wait, just wait, we'll show you some more. They got some guy who knows tax codes, and oh yeah, this is his form. And like, it's two pages of a form . . . no different than any of our forms, and, you know, all the extras that of course you don't see where he's figuring out to get the fact that he paid \$38 million in taxes. It was a joke. It was an absolute joke.

MODERATOR: Any others come to mind? Any other situations where you thought the press, again, you don't, doesn't mean you are a fan of the guy, but where you thought the press gave him a bit of a bum steer?

MAN: Well, yeah. Like immediately after the election, I don't recall who it was, or whatever, but I just remember this one anchor person being almost when they were talking about the aftermath of the election and the results of the election, they almost had tears in their eyes. Like, you know, like is that unbiased, you know? And, you know, it's like, you know, they just couldn't, they themselves were, you know, were upset that Hillary didn't win.

MODERATOR: Let me ask you this. Who here, just by show of hands, uses Twitter? One, two, three, four. Those of you who don't use Twitter do you know, kind of know what it is, or know what it is? How about you just tell me?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: It's just not your thing. Okay. Anybody hear follow Trump on Twitter.

WOMAN: My husband does.

MODERATOR: Woman, you're husband does. Okay. Why do you think that he Tweets so much? You know, there's some days he doesn't Tweet at all.

WOMAN: I think someone took his phone away. There have been some of those news articles where they end up saying, like his daughter comes in and says, don't do that. And they were making some correlation that if she were away for the weekend that was the weekends that he was Tweeting like crazy. But it just depends on what he feels is either, from whatever information he got. He's like, yep, I'm going to, you know, get on somebody's case today because he knows it's going to make a difference. It moves the needle whichever direction when he Tweets about something, and that's got to be a great ego boost.

MODERATOR: Man, when you check Twitter, I don't know how, whether it's once a day, several times a day, or all the time, as some people seem to, do you look for Trump's Tweets or do they just kind of show up?

MAN: I don't specifically look for them. They just come up in a feed.

MODERATOR: Do you think that his Tweets help him or hurt him?

WOMAN: I think they're hurting.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: I can't imagine how they help him.

MODERATOR: Woman, you said they hurt him.

WOMAN: They do. They just, because they give fuel to all this *Saturday Night Live* and all these other things to just make fun of him, you know. He is just, he sets himself up. Like I said he just gives everybody news on a silver platter. He's a joke.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, you were saying . . .

WOMAN: Well, going on what Woman was saying, it just, to me, doesn't seem very presidential to Tweet like he does. I mean, it's just, it's just not, there's no decorum in it. There's no wisdom in it.

WOMAN: Exactly

MAN: There's no censorship. Sorry.

MODERATOR: Man and then Woman.

MAN: Yeah. Just there's no censorship in what he Tweets. He doesn't think what could result before he presses send.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: . . . not sure. It's when he sends those out that it ends up being that did any, like maybe you should had a fact checker check that before you sent that. And he's like very proud that, you know, I kept Ford from sending jobs overseas, and Ford comes back and then pretty much squashes it in saying, nope, we had this plan in the work. Your Tweet did not change our minds that type of saying. Or, you know, he Tweets on like, you know, I've been being bugged, and it's like, oh, stop it, just stop it.

WOMAN: In his mind he's like a narcissist or, he just thinks he is all that. He, really, I think thinks he controls everything and he has such power in his own mind.

MAN: I think you may have touched on something there where he just, he's got a need to be in the media all the time, and he's so careless and reckless with what he says, he just doesn't care what he says. And, you know, think about how the rest of the world, you know, sees some of those and think, wow, he's running the U.S. It's chaos there.

WOMAN: It's very embarrassing.

WOMAN: Because when you do catch him in something, he just laughs it off or makes an excuse for it or . . .

WOMAN: Denies it all together.

WOMAN: . . . denies it, or says something else. It doesn't affect him any.

MAN: Or turns it around and attacks them.

WOMAN: Right. It doesn't affect him in any way. It's somebody else's fault.

MODERATOR: Man, you get the last word on this, and then I've got to . . .

MAN: I think the tone of his Tweets hurts him. But, on the other hand, I think there's a great potential for him to talk directly to the people without being filtered through the news if he does it right.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman brought up something that made me think of a question, and she mentioned *Saturday Night Live*. How many of you have seen skits about Donald Trump on *Saturday Night Live*? Okay. So everybody, almost everybody. And I shouldn't say everybody because I think nine people raised their yes. Do you watch that, do you watch *Saturday Night Live* live, or do you kind of catch it on YouTube, or, you know, embedded in internet links and stuff?

WOMAN: Different social media, the snippets.

MAN: I DVR it just so I can watch those, those skits.

MODERATOR: And do you skip past ones that don't involve Trump?

MAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: You do? Okay.

MAN: Well, I make sure I see the opening because, you know, that's great, but then I just DVR the rest of it and watch it the next day.

MODERATOR: Okay. And do you watch it to get the political part, or you just like the whole, you like the whole show?

MAN: I enjoy, yeah, I just enjoy it, yeah.

MODERATOR: And then do you think, you know, a lot of you are Republicans, obviously, you're not Donald Trump fans, do you think of Donald Trump as Republican, or is he just kind of his own, Man, you brought up earlier that he said, oh, if I run, I'll run as a Republican?

MAN: Yeah. I don't think he's a true Republican.

WOMAN: No.

WOMAN: No.

MAN: He's his own.

MAN: He went down the road that . . .

WOMAN: Got him into office.

MAN: Yeah. That brought him to the office.

MODERATOR: Why do you think that, and you're not the first people to say this, you know, you see it in polls that a lot of Republicans are like, well, he's not a true Republican, why do you think the Republican Party selected him?

MAN: He got the votes.

MODERATOR: All right. But, okay.

MAN: He's got, he has somebody . . . the votes. I mean, he's saying the things that are going to get the votes from this group of people. And then he's saying the things that will get the votes from this group of people and those groups combined equal . . .

WOMAN: I think he's sort of like an evil genius. Whatever he can play and sell is what he was going to do, and that's what he did.

WOMAN: Yeah. He could never run as a Democrat.

MODERATOR: What do you think, well, I think we talked about that, we cannot ask those two questions. Go ahead and go to page, in your workbook, page nine, and jot down, again, you don't have to like the guy to say this is, these are issues I think it's important for him to be successful on. And while you're doing that, I'm going to visit the little moderator's room and be right back.

Sorry about that. Okay. If you're still writing, go ahead and finish up. I'm going to, in the interest of time to make sure we get to everything or most everything, not ask you what you wrote and go ahead and close up again just because we're not going to use this again until the very last, one of the two or three very last things. So let me ask this. When it comes to government, do you trust government more now than, now that Trump was in office than when you did when Obama was President, doesn't make much of you're a difference in terms of your perception of government, or you just trust government less?

How many of you, show of hands, how many trust government more now that Trump is in office? Hands? Okay. How many say, eh, it doesn't make that much of a difference? Three, four, five, six. So, and how many trust government less? One, two, three four. Okay. Let me ask you about a few controversies that have been in the news, and if you

haven't heard anything about this, say that as well, but do you believe that President Obama ordered wiretaps on Trump before the election, yes or no?

How many say yes? Okay. How many say no? Okay. Everyone. Do you believe the Trump campaign team worked with people in the Russian government during the campaign to impact the outcome of the election? How many say yes? One, two, three, two and a half, we'll go with that.

WOMAN: Maybe.

WOMAN: I'm kind of uncertain on that.

MODERATOR: How many say no? One, two, three. The rest of you are uncertain. I was surprised that when I asked about foreign policy and international stuff, nobody said Russia. Nobody said, you know, there's a lot going on with Russia. What is your thoughts, I mean, it's pretty controversial, you had, let's go back to the previous administration, the Obama Administration, there's criticisms of them because, I don't know if you remember this, but in 2012 he said to, you know, he thought that, President Obama thought he was, you know, just having a private conversation and was on a live mic, he said, you know, just give me time I'll be able to do more after the election.

And of course, Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State came up with that reset button in 2009 and said, hey, you know, things were tense between Russia and the U.S. under the Bush Administration, but we're going to change things. You know, we're going to have this reset button. And people said that was too much kind of kowtowing to the Russians.

Now the criticism is that the Trump people are, you know, the President himself is too supportive of or too admiring of Vladimir Putin. Talk about which, and that, you know, his people, some of his people may have talked to the Russians before the election to either get information or pass information along or something. Talk to me about what you're thinking about this whole Russia thing.

WOMAN: I think it's blown out of proportion. I just do. I think it was a nice news story, and it just got blown way out of, so I tend to ignore it.

WOMAN: It's the Obama birth certificate. It's just something to start off the campaign. Well, let's focus on this. But like his foreign policy, to me, I guess, shouldn't, fine, somebody in his administration talked to somebody in the Russian government. And now they have back door dealings on how do you fix an election? I mean, that's a different opinion.

But one would think as a good person that seems to be going in that direction and wants to be in politics, talking to other governments and having conversations with them doesn't, I don't know, seem out of the realm of norm to me. Not being in politics myself, but if that Russia is invading other countries and potentially helping other foreign nations, you know, bomb their own people and hurt civilians, that's where the foreign policy is really, from a Russian standpoint, is different than, yeah, okay some of his, you know, his inner circle was talking to somebody in Russia.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anything else on, any other thoughts on the Russian controversy?

MAN: I believe that Donald Trump probably had some personal business ventures that could benefit with some Russian ties, but I think going as far as to say that Russia was able to influence the election, I think, is pretty farfetched.

MODERATOR: Okay. Going back to the yes or no on these controversies. Do you think the press purposely low-balled the estimate of the crowd at Trump's inauguration? Yes, or no. Do you, the press low-balled it, or no they did not? How many think yes, the press purposely low-balled it? Okay. How many say no it did not? And then some of you just haven't given this any thought, or it's not that, okay.

And then do you think, going back to Russia, do you think that Attorney General Jeff Sessions intentionally mislead Democratic Senators when he said he hadn't met with Russians about the campaign?

MAN: No.

MODERATOR: No? You don't think it's . . . okay. Anybody think that he did? Okay. It's just not a big deal.

WOMAN: Not malice at least.

MAN: Yeah. He did meet him. You know, he may have met with them or not, but I don't really think, you know, they met . . . specifically about the campaign, and the, you know, them influencing it and things.

MODERATOR: Okay. Now I'm going to mention some current issues that President Trump has been dealing with, because he's President, so a lot of these are coming up. So just share with me one word or short phrase that comes to mind. I want to make sure I hear from everybody, but not necessarily, not on every issue, but if you've been quiet for a couple

issues, please feel free to jump, you know, I want you to, I would encourage you to jump in. So what we'll do, we'll call this kind of a lightning round where you, you know, give just a quick reaction. The Supreme Court Justice nomination?

WOMAN: I'm sorry, what was the question?

MODERATOR: Supreme Court Justice Nomination, what comes to mind when you hear that?

WOMAN: In regards to Trump?

MODERATOR: Yes. Is it a good thing, did he make a good choice, bad choice, don't, you know, what are you hearing?

MAN: Positive. I like it.

MODERATOR: Positive. Okay. Other reactions?

WOMAN: Gorsuch. Right?

MODERATOR: Right.

WOMAN: I couldn't say his name. I don't see anything wrong with him.

MODERATOR: Yeah. His name is Neil Gorsuch. Before tonight, and somebody else, I think Man you may have mentioned it earlier, or somebody did, maybe it was Man, I'm pretty sure it was a guy down at that end of the table, that's why I mentioned you two. Before tonight, had anybody not known his name, Gorsuch?

MAN: I hadn't really . . .

MODERATOR: Okay. Foreign trade, how's he doing on that?

MAN: Jury is still out.

WOMAN: I don't know.

WOMAN: Yeah. I don't know.

WOMAN: Well, his clothes are still being made over there.

MAN: Well, and it came out that he's not going to force Ivanka's line to go be domestic, domestically, and so it's kind of, you know, I don't think that's right.

WOMAN: Right.

MODERATOR: Okay. Has anybody heard of something called the TPP?

WOMAN: Yeah. It's Trans-Pacific Union. Is that, the one Trans.

MODERATOR: Trans-Pacific Partnership is what I think TPP stands for. Does anyone know what that is, or what happened with it?

WOMAN: Isn't that the trade deal that goes along with us and kind of like the Philippines, our trade?

MODERATOR: Yeah. Countries like the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Vietnam, basically a lot of the Asian countries.

WOMAN: Is that the . . . one with . . .

MODERATOR: Well, it was President Obama took the lead.

WOMAN: Obama did it and Trump took it.

MODERATOR: Yeah. And, Trump, right after he got into office said, no, it's dead. We're not, we're not going to push forward on this, and the Asian countries are unhappy about that. Do you think that trade deals help in general or hurt in general the U.S. and jobs in the U.S.?

MAN: Well, they can help, if it's negotiated to where things are fair, you know, but, you know, if it's negotiated in, we ask a lot and just give in, you know, and things aren't even, then I think it can hurt. But if it's done well, I think it can help.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me ask this, NAFTA, has NAFTA been, had nothing to do with Trump, obviously, and nothing to do with Obama, it was actually done in the '90s and it was passed by, it was Bill Clinton, but it was also passed by Republicans in Congress. So it was a bipartisan thing. Do you think that NAFTA has helped the U.S. or hurt the U.S. and jobs?

WOMAN: Both.

MAN: Job-wise?

WOMAN: I think, I just, I'm sorry, I think both. You know, we, sometimes need things cheaper made, but hopefully that has left more openings with the higher paying jobs here. If the market is looking for cheaper made clothes and it's being made in, you know, Mexico, then that's fine if the better skilled trade jobs that pay more still staying here.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, you were going to say?

MAN: Obviously, I think for the average American, or the like, or maybe lower-end wage workers, I think it's hurt. I think NAFTA has helped more the executive realm, but I think it's hurt the, you know, labor force.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anybody else have an opinion?

WOMAN: Doesn't Trump, didn't he campaign saying that was the worst, most awful deal that was every created and that, by Clinton, and that it has destroyed our country, and all this, isn't that what he claimed?

MODERATOR: Yes. Did you think that, even if you don't agree with him on others, do you think he's right about that, or do you think that he's wrong about that?

WOMAN: I think that was, I don't know enough about it, but I knew it was a dig at the Clinton's period and another one of those cheap shots, you know. Again, I don't know enough about it, but isn't that funny, he goes elsewhere for everything he wants to do. When it works for him, it's good. If it doesn't work for him, it's awful.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anybody else have an opinion on NAFTA, that it was good, it's been good or bad for the country? We've got one who says it's mixed. One who says it's probably bad, except for the people at the top. And then Woman is saying it's pretty hypocritical of Trump to use that issue because he's . . .

WOMAN: Because it's, yeah,

MODERATOR: It's his clothes that he wears, or whatever.

WOMAN: . . . yeah, he, he and his family make money off of it. Yeah. It works for them, but.

MODERATOR: Let me ask about, and I, this is not, I might say this word wrong because I've heard it pronounced different ways, but opioids, did I say that right?

WOMAN: Opioids.

MODERATOR: Opioids, yeah, opiates.

WOMAN: We're talking pills.

MODERATOR: Well it's . . .

MAN: Or heroin, or, yeah.

MODERATOR: Yeah. Heroin.

MAN: Or OxyContin.

MODERATOR: Issues like that, you know, heroin, opioid abuse, meth, is anybody here, and I'm not trying to get too personal on this, but is anybody hear been affected in their own family by that? I'm just trying to get a sense of how deep that's going. I see two people nodding their head yes. Okay.

MAN: Well, not the family, but in our community. Like, you know, like the suburbs of Columbus that had always thought, you know, were immune to that stuff, kids are dying in high school.

WOMAN: I know so many people, a lot in this area.

MODERATOR: Okay. And then, yeah, let me bring that to the next circle. We started out with family. How about the next circle, which is kind of your neighborhood community, do you know people who have been affected by it in your own community? I'm trying to get a sense of how deep this is. Woman is saying no. Man, you're nodding your head yes.

MAN: Co-workers son.

MODERATOR: Co-workers son. Okay.

WOMAN: I have to, yeah I've, since I've found it, I know everybody knows somebody who knows somebody who's, it's just the change just goes on and on and on. It's really, it's quite unbelievable that everybody that has someone in their family.

MODERATOR: Is there anything that the President or Congress should be doing about this, could be doing about this?

WOMAN: Well, absolutely. that's what I felt was good about Kasich is where do they get these drugs? You know, I mean, they're a controlled substance, so at least now he's making it, I mean, that he has set forth that you could only be on them for a certain amount of time.

And that's going to help a little bit. I mean, you always have, with anything you do there's a yin and yang, but you got to start somewhere. And now the funding too, because it's also affected the insurance rates. And look, the police now have to, ambulances, all that have to do the NARCAN, and like they say, it's not just a thing where, you know, kids or, it's an addiction. It's a brain dysfunction.

It's not just somebody deciding to want to be mischievous or wants to get on it. It actually is a brain dysfunction after that. So that's why these people get to the point where they steal and they do the things that they do that affects the whole community. And then it's just a trickledown effect, so you have to treat it as a disease. Not as, you know, you just don't lock these people up, because they're bad people. That's not what it is.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other thoughts on this issue?

WOMAN: It should stick more state and local, not feds. The insurance, I mean, insurance is by state, and these problems are more in different communities within those states, and they've taken different, you can't put a blanket rule on this.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me change topics and ask about the wall. Do you think that Donald Trump means it when he says he's going to build a wall along the border with Mexico?

MAN: No. I think he's being figurative there.

WOMAN: No. I think he can do it.

WOMAN: I think he really wants to build a wall.

MAN: In his mind, yeah.

MODERATOR: Okay. Well, let me go, a number of people have said things, so I'm going to ask you each to elaborate. Woman, I'll start with you. When you hear him talk about the wall, what do you hear, what does that mean to you, what do you hear?

WOMAN: I think he physically wants to build a barrier. You know, granted there's already fencing in a lot of places down through there, but then, you know, I don't agree with the way he's dealing with the people that are already here either.

I understand they came here, a lot of people come here for a better life, and they're here for a certain amount of time and they're supposed to go back to their country and don't, I don't agree with the way he's just snatching them up and throwing them back in their countries. And I think building a wall is not the right way to do that either, because it's, you know, I've heard it be described as like over in Berlin where the wall was there dividing the country. And that was dividing the country, that wasn't even dividing two different countries. That was, you know, one of what, East and West, or something. And I think he's kind of got that mentality of what he wants to do.

MODERATOR: Let me ask this, anybody here say, look, I'm not a big Donald Trump fan, but I like what he's, or I agree with him that we need a wall, or even if it's not a wall, like a stronger, you know, border security?

WOMAN: I do.

MAN: Yeah. I think we need to enforce our laws. But then again . . . raising walls and enforce them, not look the other way and just let people come across all the time.

MODERATOR: Okay. So do you think that he ought to build a wall, or do you think he ought to just get like more resources down to the border to help?

MAN: More resources.

MODERATOR: Are you opposed to a wall, or do you just?

MAN: Physically a wall?

MODERATOR: Yeah. A physical wall.

MAN: Well, physically, I don't think it would work.

WOMAN: Because they'd dig under. They'd make tunnels.

MAN: But, you know, figuratively, I just, the image of a wall goes back to like the Berlin Wall, and that's keeping people in. But, you know, but, yeah, I think a wall is the, the way that we perceive across the wall would be negative.

MODERATOR: Woman, what are your thoughts on border security?

WOMAN: Well, I think he should go more towards regulation and enforcing our immigration laws instead of looking the other way. Like how sad that I don't think a wall is, it's only symbolic, I don't think it will stop what's going unless we change the way we deal with it to begin with.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman?

WOMAN: I agree. I think, you have rules for reasons. And that's in everything that you do. And, you know, it's not fair to say you have to follow the rules, but you don't have to follow the rules. These people took the time and stood in line and did what they were supposed to do. If these people don't follow the rules and don't do what they're supposed to do they knew when they did that what was, could happen to them.

If you don't follow the rules, then you're taking a chance that you're going to, if you're caught, you're going to be sent back. Now you're going, you're taking the chance, and you're going to put your family through that. Well, then when you get caught, you have to go back. That's the rules. Because these people did what they were supposed to do. I know that sounds harsh, and I know it sounds awful. I wouldn't want to be separated from my family, so I don't know that I'd take that chance to put them through that.

Although I get it. I get we're lucky to be born in the United States. But you know what? There has to be rules and they have to be followed. You can't let, that's why there are rules. You can't have chaos, people just doing whatever they want to do, period.

MODERATOR: Okay. Man, what are your thoughts on the wall and border security and illegal immigration?

MAN: I completely agree with increasing border security, checkpoints, watching identification, monitoring immigrants coming in. But I think the idea of building you know, a one-up of the Great Wall of China across the bottom of the U.S. is ridiculous. I can't imagine how big of a wall that would have to be to be effective and how much money it would cost. It's just crazy.

MODERATOR: Okay. Woman, how about you?

WOMAN: Ditto. I mean, and making Mexico pay for it when they're not going to pay for it.

MODERATOR: That's actually my next question. If the wall does get built, and the price tag that doesn't necessarily mean that's what it would up being, it could be more, could be less. Generally stuff costs more rather than less, but its \$26 billion. Woman, who do you think would end up paying for that, taxpayers?

WOMAN: Most likely we're going to pay for it.

MODERATOR: Pardon?

WOMAN: We're going to pay for it. Mexico is not going to pay for it. They don't have any money and they don't support it. It would come down to taxpayers.

MODERATOR: Okay. Anybody think that they need to find a way to get Mexico to pay for it?

WOMAN: He talks about, you know, charging them extra taxes and tariffs. Doesn't matter. Still going to come back to us. Whatever is getting shipped across the border that we end up buying is just going to cost more, so even if they tax it more on their side, they're going to tax it more on our side.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other thoughts on illegal immigration, and?

WOMAN: The rules don't, in my opinion, still need to be, they need to be reevaluated. The illegal immigrants that are here that have been here for 20 and 30 years starting to figure out different ways to try and deal with it, trying to deport everyone that is here illegally, that's mind numbing, and I can't imagine that's cost effective either.

The, even the way, like, you know, come and be students here is ridiculous. And then my sister-in-law, it's just because my sister-in-law is from the former Soviet Bloc, and she

just, she has a dickens of a time just trying to make sure that her student visa is where it needs to be. Because they're like why can't you go to school in your own country? Because what she wants to do actually isn't taught there. I'm sure it's taught, and she's its statistics, and she's crazy smart. But every year I get a call from several different government agencies, well, do you feel she's a threat? I'm like, you have to stop. You have to stop calling me. Lose my number.

MODERATOR: Okay. Let me change the subject and ask about the stock market. A couple people mentioned it early. But since the election, the stock market has gone up more than any, after, more than after any new President was elected in history, with one exception, and that John F. Kennedy in 1960. The stock market, as a percentage basis, obviously it was a lower number, but as a percentage basis it went up more in 1960 than it did, in early 1961 than it has now, but that's been on the only one. Why do you think the stock market has gone up?

MAN: Betting on deregulation.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: Changes in business-related laws.

MODERATOR: Pardon?

MAN: The potential for changes in business-related laws.

MODERATOR: Okay.

MAN: Yeah. I'd say that there's a better potential that the taxes are going to be favorable for businesses and so it's a good time to invest in them if they're going to thrive.

MODERATOR: Does the stock market have any impact on your life?

WOMAN: Yeah. My retirement.

MAN: Sure.

MAN: Retirement.

MODERATOR: Does anybody feel like, no, it doesn't affect me at all? Okay. Let me ask this. Of those of you who are a Republican and not Independent, do you, are you more inclined in to, in the 2018 elections, and the governor is up here Ohio. Right? Yeah. The governor is up. So you've got that. You have the congressional elections, and you have the state legislative elections. Are you more inclined to vote Republican in 2018, or are you more inclined to vote Democrat in 2018 to get some balance to Trump?

MAN: Republican.

MODERATOR: Republican? Okay.

MAN: I would look Republican first.

WOMAN: Same here. Although it depends on the person a whole lot. I don't know who's going to be running yet.

MODERATOR: You've had a long string, I don't know how many years, but a long string of Republican Governors. There have been the occasional Democratic Governor. Is it time for a change, you know, in voting for a Democrat for Governor?

MAN: Well, Kasich has been in for eight years, but prior to that was a Democrat.

MODERATOR: Ted Strickland, was that his name?

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Because he just ran for Senate.

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: I remember being out here for that too.

WOMAN: Or mayor or something, primarily Democrat.

MODERATOR: I got two, a couple more questions, and then we're almost done. I'd like you to, I've got two sentences I'm going to read to you. So finish this sentence for me. To me, Donald Trump's Presidency, project ahead to three and a half years from now, and the next election is coming up, to me Donald Trump's Presidency will be a success if? And by the way, the next question is, my biggest worry about the country in the next three plus years of Donald Trump's Presidency is? And then fill in the blank. So finish this sentence, Donald Trump's Presidency will be a success, even if you don't like him, what do you think would make it a success?

MAN: If he can tone down the rhetoric and get the business, if he could get things done.

MODERATOR: Okay. To me Donald Trump's Presidency will be a success if?

WOMAN: If he can figure out how to unite the country instead of putting everybody against each other.

MODERATOR: Okay. To me Donald Trump's Presidency will be a success if?

MAN: Sad to say it's coming to this, but I'm in a mindset it'll be a success if we don't get in a war with anybody.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MODERATOR: To me Donald Trump's Presidency will be a success if? I'm looking for one more, and then I'll move on. Okay. I'll move on. My biggest worry about the country in the next three plus years of Donald Trump's Presidency is? Finish that sentence.

WOMAN: Make America a laughing stock.

MODERATOR: Okay. My biggest worry about the country in the next three plus years of Donald Trump's Presidency is?

MAN: Going to war.

MODERATOR: Okay. My biggest worry about the direction, I'm sorry, my biggest worry about the country in the next three plus years of Donald Trump's Presidency is?

MAN: Turning Americans against each other.

MODERATOR: Okay. One more. My biggest worry about the country in the next three years, three plus years of Donald Trump's Presidency is?

MAN: Degrading the quality of life of Americans.

MODERATOR: Okay. Please go to the last page in your workbook and use that . . . to write a postcard to President Trump with either some advice for the President, or asking him to work on a certain issue.

Take some more time, but if you're done, or when you're done just go ahead and put your pen down and close up your book. Okay. Be finishing up your last little thought on the postcard. I can tell with Woman's laugh that she signed it with love. Okay.

I have one last question for you, and that is, thinking, going back to healthcare, we talked a little bit about, you know, the whole Obama Care and replacement and all of that, but thinking about you and your family, will you personally be, and don't worry about what anybody else here says, I'm just going to get a show of hands, I may ask a quick follow up, we don't have a lot of time, but will you and your family personally be helped, or hurt by changing the current healthcare system known as the Affordable Care Act also called Obama Care?

So would changing that help you, hurt you, or again, if it's no impact, then don't raise your hand, but how many people would be helped by changing Obama Care? Okay. How many people would be hurt by it? One, two. Okay. So everybody else, eh, it doesn't really affect you, is that what you're saying?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: It's hard to tell.

MAN: I know that when Obama Care was put in place, my premiums at work immediately shot up. Now I don't know if you rebuild it or it gets repealed if it will go back down, but I do know that, you know, I definitely saw a negative when the healthcare came in. So maybe repealing it will help things go back down.

WOMAN: I don't know if they repeal it whether or not my \$10,000 deductible a year is going to go away. I don't know where I'm supposed to come up with \$10,000 a year, by the way.

MODERATOR: Okay. Any other thoughts on repealing and replacing Obama Care or Affordable Care Act? Okay. I want to thank you for your time tonight. A couple of quick notes before you go. First and foremost, just go ahead and leave the workbooks there. I'll just come around and collect them.

Secondly, we have a second group after this. Some of the questions will be different, some will be the same, but I ask that as you leave, and you're probably tired of talking about this anyhow, but you talk about other things rather than what we were talking about tonight. Thirdly, and most importantly to you, the nice folks who checked you in will have your payment for your time on the way out. And the last thing would be please drive home safely.

WOMAN: Thank you.

MODERATOR: And just go out the way you came down, this hallway, and make the left and stop when you see the money envelopes.

WOMAN: Poor you. You've got to listen to this, all this again.

MAN: So how many of these do you do day?

MODERATOR: Just a couple.

MAN: Oh, yeah.

MODERATOR: It's better at night, because during the day it's hard to get, unless I'm doing like senior citizen healthcare type stuff, that can be . . . in the day because they're available.

MAN: All right. Thanks. Good luck.

MODERATOR: Yeah. Thanks. Have a good one.