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Group 1: Transcript Registered Voters - English - Texas
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[0:18] **Mod:** How are you all doing?

[0:20] **Group:** Good, good!

[0:24] **Mod:** Thank you so much for being here. Now, if you could all move your (spanish), name cards I call them facing me. My name is **Mod** and I'm the moderator today. I know some of you guys have masks on but please feel free to keep them on if you're more comfortable that way. If you will leave them on and you don't mind when you're speaking if you can just kind of pull them down because sometimes it's hard to understand what people are saying when they're speaking. So thank you again for being here. My name is Laura, I just want to go over a couple of rules about what our conversation is for tonight. I don't know how many of you have ever done a focus group before, but it's a lot of fun, get to have a great conversation. We're gonna be covering a lot of topics and what's important here is we want to know what your feelings are and your experiences. So the great thing about these is that it's not a test. Yay! There's no right or wrong answer, it's really just about your feelings and experiences. And what we're going to learn today, as I got your little intake forms, is that we'll have great differences, different experiences for sure. So that means if someone says something that you feel differently, please speak up. This is not a (spanish) where (inaudible). But I think we're going to have a great, respectful conversation today, if someone says something you disagree with, we're going to be talking about the big "P" word, politics, so at some point in the conversation if someone says something just be respectful and offer your opinion in terms of if it's different, or maybe the same.

[1:48] **Mod:** So we'll find some very interesting conversations. We are recording this session today just so that you know I'm not sitting here taking notes. This allows me to pay attention to our conversation, and not feel like I have to be taking notes and writing everything down. We will be spending an hour and a half here, we won't be taking any breaks so I promise to get you out on time. And, also this is super important, when we create the report we won't be mentioning any of you by name. We will only be saying your first or second initial. This is important because this is anonymous and we want you to be as open and honest as possible. We'll be talking about a lot of things, organizations, people today. I have no association with any of these, I'm an independent moderator that had to do this and travel all over the country. It's been nice! We haven't been in a facility in awhile because of COVID, so it's kind of been a hiatus. So I'm back on the road, getting to talk to groups of folks about some really cool things so I'm

excited to be here with y'all, going back in this crazy covid/post-covid world, we'll talk about as part of a thing.

[2:59] Also, it's my job to make sure that everyone speaks, so I might call on you if you're all quiet. If you're (Spanish for quiet) I'm going to call on you. It also doesn't mean I need to call on you, so if you feel like you want to say something and you want to jump into that conversation, just speak up, don't wait for me. Let's just speak one at a time, that's the most important thing. Just of course be respectful of people when they're talking about their opinions and experiences. Everything you say in here will be confidential. What happens in the focus group room stays in the focus group. It won't end up on YouTube or Facebook or anything like that, it's just for the purposes of research. OK, so not to worry about that. Any questions before we get started? No? Ok great. What I do want to do, after this whole thing about how I want this to be a conversation and we're all sitting around a living room, chit chatting, I do want to go around the room just this one time so we can introduce ourselves and maybe tell us a little bit about yourselves.

[3:55] So I will start, then we'll go around the room this way. So, as I mentioned, my name's Laura. I actually live in San Antonio, I'm married to mariachi, never sings to me though, ladies, just so you know. Bait and switch. Let's see what else, I don't have any children, I have a couple of dogs and that's what I do. So we'll go around here and just a little about yourselves. So, we'll start off with K, I can't see your name, I'm going to move your water if that's okay.

[4:21] **K:** My name is K; I am a teacher. I live here in Dallas, no children, and I have one dog.

[4:33] **Mod:** Nice, nice. Thanks for being here K, appreciate it, thank you.

[4:35] **J:** I'm J, I'm a software developer here in Dallas for the past 20 years, originally from California but moved here.

[4:45] **Mod:** Nice - how long have you been here?

[4:50] **J:** 20 years.

[4:51] **Mod:** Oh wow. You might as well have been a Texan.

[4:52] (group laughter)

[4:54] **An:** I'm An, I'm a healthcare attendant for special children and I have three grown daughters and I have five boy grandchildren. No granddaughters.

[5:10] **Mod:** No granddaughters. Thank you An for being here, next.

[5:11] **V:** My name is V. I'm a patient care technician at a children's hospital and I have one son and a dog.

[5:20] **Mod:** Great thank you V.

[5:22] **D:** My name is D, I have two kids ages 3 and 4, they're very close about 10 or 11 months apart. I'm a licensing coordinator for a life insurance agency.

[5:44] **Mod:** Great, thanks, next?

[5:41] **S:** I'm S. I'm married, have three kids. They've all moved out. (laughs) Me and my wife started young so they're - you know - but I'm self employed in the heating and air conditioning also slash remodeling, you know,

[5:55] **Mod:** Your busy season is about to start! Get ready.

[5:57] **S:** Yes, and I've lived in Dallas all my life. Born and raised here.

[6:03] **AD:** I'm Ad, I'm a counselor. I grew up in Irving and just recently moved to Ana? Texas so I'm a little farther away, and I have two kids.

[6:14] **Mod:** Do you go by Ad or Ad?

[6:18] **AD:** Ad,

[6:19] **Mod:** Ad, thank you.

[6:20] **C:** Hi I'm C, I have 6 kids, when i say that everyone gets surprised (laughter). My oldest daughter will be 29 and my baby is 7 years old. I'm self employed, we do landscaping and fencing and I'm born in Dallas.

[6:38] **Mod:** Thank you C for coming.

[6:39] **Mod:** So we are just going to get this conversation started off by - this is a really general question. What are some of the things that are concerning you right now?

Anything concerning you right now just kind of in your daily life, could be anything. Everybody got different little-things going on.

[6:50] **D:** You wanted us to say gas prices?

[6:53] Group laughter

[6:53] **C:** I was going to say that too...

Group agreement on gas prices

[6:56] **Mod:** Gas Prices?

[6:58] **AN:** Gas prices, cost of living,

[7:00] **Mod:** cost of living, yeah

[7:02] **D:** Shortage of labor, like supplies from what I hear, chips in vehicles.

[7:10] **Mod:** OK, and **V** you say the cost of living is there anything specific about the cost of living? Is it just like, anything specific?

[7:15]: **V:** Uh, rent and maybe like buying a home right now is very expensive.

[7:22] **C:** It is so much.

[7:24] **AN:** Groceries.

[7:28] **C:** Milk and eggs raised up a lot.

[7:29] **Mod:** Is that something that happened recently or has it been going up incrementally, or like all of a sudden?

[7:34] **AN:** It seems to me that every time I turn around something has gone up.

[Group agreement]

[7:38] **Mod:** What else, anything else?

[7:40] **S:** Just shortage, shortage, yeah.

[7:43] **Mod:** And in your case S, what shortage?

[7:45] **S:** Well you know, like heating and air conditioning, buying equipment and stuff, sometimes I have to wait on a specific, you know, equipment, or different sizes or stuff like that, parts where normally you know, you wouldn't have to wait.

[8:02] **Mod:** What about, where do you go to learn about things that are happening in the community and the world around you, where are some of the places you go to learn about this?

[8:10] **C:** I go on the internet. Google.

[8:11] **K:** Online.

[8:12] **Mod:** Internet, ok, K says Online. Where do you go online specifically?

[8:17] **K:** Yahoo news.

[8:18] **Mod:** I'm sorry Yahoo News?

[8:18] **K:** Mm-hmm.

[8:19] **Mod:** I'm sorry I'm having a little trouble understanding you with (gestures to mask) Yahoo News, Anybody else?

[8:25] **D:** I go on MSN, yeah just because that is the site that pops up on my browser when I'm at work. But I also listen to podcasts and also get a lot of my information from there as well. From different podcasts. So I guess it just depends on what you are listening to as well.

[8:41] **Mod:** OK, yeah and do the podcasts you listen to are in English or Spanish?

[8:48] **D:** English.

[8:49] **C:** I go to Channel 4. And I follow it on the Internet, too.

[8:53] **Mod:** Do you watch it on TV or?

[8:54] **C:** I have an app.

[8:55] **Mod:** Oh you have an app, so the tv station has it, the local station has an app that you go to?

[9:00] **C:** Yes, ma'am.

[9:01] **Mod:** And when you go to the app, do you like reading or do you watch the videos?

[9:04] **C:** I read everything just (gestures to scrolling) one by one, there's a lot.

[9:11] **AN:** The news.

[9:12] **Mod:** And do you watch it on TV or?

[9:15] **AN:** On TV, uh-huh. Yes, but if there's something that concerns me I Google it and see what I can kind of find out.

[9:23] **Mod:** J what about you? Where do you go and [unintelligible] about what's happening in the community?

[9:25] **J:** Well, it depends on what the particular topic is.

[9:30] **Mod:** Can you give me some examples?

[9:23] **J:** Usually, when I get home, I have Channel 23 on in the background. And it's like, oh I just... if I hear something that's interesting or has something happening then I'm like, oh. I'll look into that.

[9:38] **Mod:** And what's channel 23?

[9:39] **J:** Univision

[9:40] **Mod:** Univision? Okay.

[9:42] **J:** And so that's on in the background. But if it's something I'm more into, I'll usually google it the same way. Sometimes, YouTube too.

[9:50] **Mod:** Sometimes YouTube, okay. Well do you go to different places to learn about local versus state versus national versus what's happening in the whole world, or is there- AD?

[10:00] **AD:** I use Facebook to see the local. There's all the community groups that'll post events, they'll post what's being in construction right now. So for local it's like the best. All our neighbors and there's one specifically to our neighborhood so- (inaudible)

[10:14] **Mod:** Oh yes, so you have a Facebook group? Okay.

[10:17] **S:** I also have the neighborhood app. Yeah, it usually lets you know what's going on around the area.

[10:25] **Mod:** V, what about you? Where do you go to learn about local versus state versus world news?

[10:31] **V:** CNN.

[10:32] **Mod:** CNN? Okay?

[10:33] **V:** Yes, CNN and also on Instagram, I follow a page for the neighborhood.

[10:39] **Mod:** Oh, so you have Instagram? Like a group on Instagram? Oh, I didn't know they did that on Instagram. C what about you? You said the Channel 4, that's local.

[10:47] **C:** Channel 4 and I (inaudible)

[10:51] **Mod:** Anybody else? D, where do you?

[10:54] **D:** Google. Google is for local.

[10:57] **Mod:** Is it Google news or do you just Google?

[10:59] **D:** No, just google. I start googling. You know, I find a page that kinda seems like they have a lot of accurate information. You know, some can be just off pages, like they seem made up, so I don't even bother messing with them. Not too much on local. I'm not too involved in the local. I do follow some pages on my social media sites that are specific to Dallas, but other than that, I'm not too far on local news.

[11:21] **Mod:** So you guys have mentioned everything from Univision to podcasts to Facebook, and everybody has different things. So which of these, obviously there's a level of trust, perhaps, is that fair to say that you trust these? Is there one that you trust more than the other? Or how did you come about trusting these particular sources of news? Do you trust one better than the other? Can you talk to me a little about that?

[11:47] **AN:** For me, I just can't even remember how many years I've watched channel 8. If I watch something else like channel 4 or 5, I don't know, there's just something about it. It's the same news, but to me it's just not...

[12:04] **Mod:** Is it something about the people who do it or the way they present it?

[12:06] **AN:** I think so. I think it is. The way they announce it, the way they go about it. But that's just me personally.

[12:12] **Mod:** That's okay. Yeah.

[12:15] **S:** You know I'm, over a year ago since we moved over to Ben Wheeler, Texas. We don't even have a television, you know? And it was by choice. So we've kinda kept it that way because of the way things are going around the world and stuff. I mean I still get the news from my phone, stuff like that you know, as far as weather, what's going on. But staying away from television has been enjoyable for me, you know? Cause I mean, it can really, you know, you can waste a lot of time. I'm not saying you guys do, but I know I can, so I try to stay away from that and my wife will. And we notice we get a lot done around the house!

[13:01] **Mod:** Is there anything that makes one news source more trustworthy than the other?

[13:06] (Crosstalk: "No", "Not really")

[13:07] **C:** You know there's Spectrum. As soon as you turn it on they have the news there too. It's from San Antonio.

[13:14] **Mod:** Yeah, yeah, Spectrum News? It's like the cable company?

[13:17] **C:** Yeah the cable company. So I turn my TV on, I watch that a little bit, then interesting, I go to Channel 4, my app. But I mean, I trust the news. I mean the app, I trust it. I don't see why they wouldn't put accurate information.

[13:32] **Mod:** Okay. Is there... are there some news stations that you don't feel are trustworthy? Because obviously y'all have chosen the news stations that you watch. Are there any news stations that you don't trust? What makes them untrustworthy to you?

[13:48] **J:** I mean it depends. I mean sometimes some news outlets try to sensationalize the news and make it just outrageous just to catch people and bring them in, and so that makes them a little bit less reputable for me. And so if I have, like more, she was saying, CNN or MSNBC, some of them are... they have a longer history of bringing you the news and so you would think that they would be more accurate and trustworthy.

[14:13] **D:** I'm a little wary on almost all the news stations just in general - I keep like an open mind. So like he said, yeah, this news station might try to do this and this news station might try to do that, but what I do, whenever I find something that I'm not sure about or that I'm interested in, is that I want to see that on multiple different, like, if it's on CNN then I feel like it should be on Fox, or they should have something pertaining to that specific topic that I'm looking for. So like, if only CNN is playing it, well I mean, why is only CNN? That's what I question, like why is no one talking about this? Is it real, or is it not?

[14:49] **Mod:** And how do you check to see if something is real? How do you know if something is real or not?

[14:52] **D:** Well they normally have videos. Like I mean if you ask gas prices, someone could say the gas prices are twenty dollars in California, but I haven't seen a video of someone outside a gas station in California. But if they were to have a video or they were behind in California then that lets us know gas prices, or just things of that sort. You know, videos. You know? But videos can also be, not altered, but portraying the wrong thing at times too.

[15:20] **Mod:** K, you were gonna say something?

[15:22] **K:** I was gonna say the same thing (points to D)

[15:23] **Mod:** Same thing that like, um...

[15:25] **K:** Well, whatever I hear, like if I hear it in different platforms and different places, then it's not so much about trusting it because everybody just, you know, takes their own side, but it's more so if I hear it in different places, it's like 'okay' and I'll go Google or research a little more on it too.

[15:44] **Mod:** So the more that different news outlets, I don't want to put words in your mouth, So the more that different news outlets are reporting on something, the more that you trust that that story is true because multiple sources are reporting on it? Is that what you mean?

[15:56]: **K:** Right. I just feel it's like, okay. It's probably... if a lot of people are reporting it, then it's probably more secure, it's true.

[16:06] **Mod:** I want to talk about social media a little bit. We hear a lot about 'Social media, social media'. In your own words, what is social media? What is that? AD, what's social media? When I say social media, you can give examples, it can be whatever you want. What is social media to you?

[16:22] **AD:** I think it's a community where you can keep in touch with people you went to highschool with, childhood friends. A place that people will post funeral information, that maybe, It's easier to contact everybody on there so that they can spread the news to people who aren't on social media.

[16:37] **Mod:** And what examples are social media to you? So like, can you give me any examples of social media? Like different platforms?

[16:44] **AD:** Like Facebook versus others? Well I think Facebook is one of the biggest ones to be able to post events, to be able to post and tag people in it. I'm not very familiar with like instagram or any of the other ones.

[16:56] **Mod:** But you think you consider Instagram social media?

[16:59] **AD:** Yeah. I consider Instagram, Twitter. I've never used Twitter but I know it's very popular.

[17:04] (Crosstalk Laughter)

[17:06] **C:** My daughters on that one, Twitter. I don't understand it.

[17:09] **Mod:** You don't understand Twitter?

[17:10] **C:** I do not. I don't understand how to mess with it. But I have snapchat, and instagram and facebook. I like them too, but sometimes I just wanna get over, you know, not have them, you know what I'm saying? Like sometimes I just want to delete them off for a little while and-

[17:23] **AD:** Take a break.

[17:24] **C:** Yeah, because sometimes it gets like, people post stuff and you wouldn't imagine.

[17:28] **Mod:** Yeah. V, you said yeah?

[17:30] **V:** I feel like it can be very overwhelming.

[17:33] **Mod:** In what way?

[17:35] **V:** Just, especially like news. I feel like, depending on the people you follow, it can just be overwhelming with information. And sometimes, usually, it's negative information. [Unintelligible] What's going on.

[17:49] **Mod:** What about you J? What about social media, do you trust it? Is it trustworthy? Do you go on social media?

[17:53] **J:** Um occasionally, they always say trust but verify, it's something you have to look into and just because somebody said something doesn't mean it's necessarily true. But yeah, Twitter is a big one, and Facebook was huge and Snapchat and Instagram but each one of them has their own niche that they provide service for.

[18:15] **Mod:** Is there one in particular that you like?

[18:17] **J:** Not necessarily, like they said, news is usually bad. That's why it's news, cause it's real events. It does get to be too much, sometimes.

[18:30] **Mod:** What about TikTok? Is that a social?

[18:31] **C:** Oh I like TikTok

(Group laughter)

[18:40] **C:** On mine it's just mainly positive, like Christian stuff. I don't really see the other.

[18:41] **Mod:** How much do you trust the news that you get from social media? How much do you trust will be accurate and true, that the news we get from social media is true?

[18:49] **D:** I don't trust that too much, cause you can make up anything and it can go forever.

[18:57] **Mod:** Well, you know, A said something about like, you know, stuff that's happening in her neighborhoods, versus maybe what's happening nationally? Do you think it could be that social media...

[19:06] **D:** The local stuff I will believe, when I see it on my social media, I believe that like 85-90%, you know, they'll have like a video and a story behind it. But when it's about stuff outside of my neighborhood, outside of Dallas, it's like oh you know, that I'd have to actually go do some research in to believe it. You know a lot of the time some of it is like completely false.

[19:35] **Mod:** So, you know, C mentioned that she looks at an app, like, of the news -

[19:36] **C:** Channel 4

[19:40] That's not social media is it?

Group - C & group: No

[19:41] **Mod:** Okay, no? Well, what about like newspapers that are online, so like the Dallas Morning News, or stuff like that? Is that...if they're online, that's not social media is it?

[19:50] Group: No

[19:51] **D:** No, I wouldn't say that's social media for me, either.

[19:56] **Mod:** No? You don't think so? Well, what about, like, newspapers that are online, do you still consider them newspapers?

[20:05] **D:** Yeah, I consider that in newspaper.

[20:10] **Mod:** Even though it's online?

[20:12] **D:** Yeah, it's not like the person across from me in this room, like us talking is social, but if you actually worked for the Dallas Morning News then what you put out - if you put it on your social media, it's social. But if you put it on their news website, and it's on an app, then like, that's not social media, that's verified through your work force.

[20:30] **J:** What do you mean by newspaper? I mean, do you mean like news outlet, or?

[20:39] **Mod:** Yeah, I mean like, well I was thinking specifically print outlets. You know, you've seen a lot of print outlets, you know, like Wall Street Journal, for instance. They have an online but-

[20:41] **J:** Most of the newspapers now are behind a paywall so you can't really access them. So that kind of, brings it back to other news outlets, like Yahoo or CNN, that are usually more, uh, free to have [unintelligible].

[20:55] **Mod:** So that's one of the problems that you found, trying to access, online print?

[20:59] **J:** Yeah, like, when you try to look up a news article on the New York Times, or Wall Street Journal there's only a set amount of news articles that you can look at before they block you off.

[21:04] **Mod:** Does that make you want, I'm sorry, go ahead V.

[21:07] **V:** No, I agree with that, cause I usually look up the Dallas news and after a while -

[21:10] **J:** It's very annoying.

[21:10] **V:** ...oh, it will tell you you have to subscribe.

[21:18] **Mod:** Does that make you want to subscribe?

Group: No, laughter

[21:20] **C:** On Snapchat they have news, too

[21:23] **Mod:** On Snapchat they have news?

[21:24] **C:** Yeah, like, you know like how with... this happened with Will Smith and everywhere... like, it's everywhere. So that's what I mean like they have... they have it on other news, too.

[21:40] **Mod:** Anyone else want to comment before we move onto the next topic? Um, S, anything -

[21:43] **S:** Oh, no.

[21:43] **Mod:** ...that you want to mention? All right, I'm gonna move to... um, all of a sudden I got like postnasal drip, so I'm gonna be drinking water so, I'm sorry I'm gonna be hopefully not gulping too much water here. But I think the Texas allergies are getting to me. I want you to talk about... to describe, and anyone can do this, what it means to be a good citizen. And I'm not talking about citizen in the legal sense of the term like "American citizen", I don't mean that, I mean like a good citizen as in, in the community. What kinds of things does a good citizen do, and what kinds of things does a good citizen not do? Just, generally speaking. What do y'all think, anybody?

[22:22] **C:** It could be anything?

[22:23] **Mod:** Anything. There's no right or wrong answer, not a test.

[22:26] **C:** For me, well I mean me, personally, like if I see someone in need I'll try to help them. But that's me, you know, like I just feel like -

[22:38] **Mod:** So a good citizen helps somebody?

[22:36] **C:** ...somebody yeah, they need, you know... there's a tonne of people that's [unintelligible]. But, you just go by, I just go by what I mean.

[22:49] **Mod:** Okay, what others things do good... does it mean to be a good citizen?

[22:52] **An:** Well, I kinda agree with what she's said. I'm the same way, I just believe that you live your life at good standards, um, you try to do good, as much as you can - That's what i've always told my girls, just live your life to where you don't have to hide anything, you know, be a good citizen and just be yourself

[23:17] **Mod:** S, what does it mean to be a good citizen to you?

[23:18] **S:** I think we just need to know that, you know, everyone's here for the same reason, you know? We're all just trying to make it, you know, make ends meet. So, just be friendly with each other, you know, and abide by the laws, you know, what have you. You know.

[23:37] **Mod:** Mm-hmm. K, good citizen - what does it mean?

[23:29] **K:** Pretty much everything that they touched on, and also keeping the community clean.

[23:46] **Mod:** Clean? Okay. And how would someone do that? By like, what does that mean?

[23:49] **K:** There's somebody that don't care, they they throw things out the window -

[23:50] **Mod:** So, they litter?

[23:50] **K:** ... in parks, so, just not doing that.

[23:55] **Mod:** Mm-hmm. Anybody else, what does it mean to be a good citizen?

[23:57] **AD:** Yeah, like anything ethical and conscientious in your decisions. And honesty, and -

[24:02] **Mod:** Mm-hmm.

[24:02] **AD:** ... kind of what everyone else said kinda, checking in on people, I know I've noticed a big trend trend with anxiety, depression, since Covid, and it's just sky-rocketed, and the suicidal ideations, a lot of people struggling behind closed doors.

[24:15] **Mod:** Yeah.

[24:16] **AD:** So, checking in if you see these signs: "Okay, I noticed you're more withdrawn", things like that. That's important.

[24:32] **Mod:** Do y'all think that culture, or being Latino, shapes the way we understand what it means to be a good citizen? Or, do you think we have sort of a different perspective of what it means to be a good citizen, or is our perspective pretty much the same as everyone else? And we can have difference of opinions, I'm just wondering

how does Latino culture, being Latino, shape the way we view what it means to be a good citizen, or does it?

[24:48] **AD:** I think your childhood is a big piece of it, if your parents were very ethical I think you might tend to follow the same trend, or if they were extremely unethical you might be like: "I wanna be the complete opposite". So, you see a lot of different common threads between, you know, who are your role models growing up.

[25:02] **Mod:** Anybody else?

[25:03] **An:** Strong beliefs.

[25:04] **Mod:** Strong beliefs.

[25:06] **An:** Yes, in childhood, your upbringing.

[25:11] **Mod:** Okay, anybody else? There's no wrong answer, this is not a test. I noticed that no one said voting. Um, does anybody want to talk about what does voting... do you have to be a voter to be a good citizen? How does voting intersect with being a good citizen? What does that mean?

[25:39] **D:** I don't think it does, if anything, if you vote or don't vote, I don't think it defines if you're a good citizen or not in my personal opinion. Um, but i do think if you want change, you should vote for what you believe in, you know, instead of complaining about it, you know, go out and actually do something.

[25:50] **J:** Now, are you referencing that into Latino culture or?

[25:55] **Mod:** However you want... However. Talk to me about what you're thinking

[26:04] **J:** Cause I don't think voting goes into that facet since um, you know, our culture I don't think we are big voters, in my family. I know historically they weren't big voters, but I think they were just more-

[26:16] **Mod:** what contributed to that?

[26:17] **J:** ...more the fear of being in like a government office and then being scared of them getting persecuted, something outside or inside the law.

[26:27] **Mod:** Mm-hmm. C you're agreeing, do you agree with what J is saying?

[26:30] **C:** I vote, but really my family doesn't vote.

[26:36] **D:** I agreeing with some of that too. I'm [unintelligible] my family probably doesn't vote as well, from what they tell me like-

[26:39] **Mod:** Let [unintelligible] finish, then I want to hear from you.

[26:43] **C:** I'm [unintelligible] on voting, I mean, I really, really, did never vote either. But...case and time like... one little vote that counts. I mean, I vote, but my family never voted.

[26:58] **Mod:** what are some of the reasons, you think, they give for not voting?

[27:00] **C:** The same reasons he's saying, like they're scared, you know? Because, they're scared just for, you know, on how we say it, the government.

[27:04] **Mod:** What's scary about the government?

[27:06] **C:** I mean, not scared but, you know?

[27:11] **J:** They don't trust it. Even if they're citizens now, their experiences with the government, with public assisting, public housing, has not been great, and so that has, like, it's traumatized them in their lives now.

[27:25] **Mod:** Okay. And D you were saying your family doesn't vote?

[27:29] **D:** Yeah, citizen or no citizen, not that they do anything wrong or anything, but they would be prefer to be away from the law. Like just be at peace without them involved, because normally it's not a good sign if they are involved.

[27:44] **Mod:** So what I'm hearing then is that they see voting as connected to government somehow or connected to law enforcement somehow, they combine these two, is that what you think J?

[27:55] **J:** (Affirmative nod)

[27:56] **An:** I also believe that in our culture, because I've heard it so many times, it's like "I don't vote because it's really not gonna make a difference" the government is going to do what the government is going to do.

[28:09] **Mod:** Mm-hmm. V?

[28:10] **V:** I hear that a lot from my family members, as well.

[28:15] **Mod:** What do you say to them? When they say that to you? Because you vote, right?

[28:18] **V:** Yes I vote. I think, like D said, it's just, you know, I want to make a change if I can and if my vote counts then, I'll do it.

[28:35] **Mod:** And, spoiler alert: everybody here is a registered voter and has voted. So, having said that, I want to go around the room and we'll go this way this time, and I just want you to tell me really quickly sort of your voter registration story. How did you become registered to vote? If you could just tell me really quickly.

[28:46] **C:** I became registered to vote because of my daughter, she is 20 years old. She votes and she's like telling me "Mom, you need to vote, you know it counts" and I'm like "no it don't count" and we know...

[28:59] **Mod:** She convinced you?

[29:01] **C:** Yeah she convinced me so I went to vote. And so, I mean, it's a little hard there with everything because how all these (hand gestures) but I did vote.

[29:07] **Mod:** Yeah. And it's hard because they all, these what?

[29:09] **C:** You know all the who you're voting for different... yeah.

[29:16] **Mod:** Right, like it's a lot. Ad, what's your voter registration story?

[29:19] **AD:** Um, I think I got registered when I was 18, I don't remember waiting too long. I haven't voted consistently if there's not a matter that I really care about. I do kind of have the mentality of [gestures to V] I don't know if my vote really gonna make such an impact so that's kind of been my excuse.

[29:39] **Mod:** And so you said just now that there's things that, um, that when you don't know about?

[29:41] **AD:** Like if I don't really care about a subject, like if I'm really passionate like okay, if someone really cares about animal rights or somebody really cares about this

topic and I want to support them, then I'll make the effort to go out. But if it's, people who are, to me, like similar, if no one really sticks out then I don't wanna waste a drive especially now with gas prices (laughs) I have to be very cautious about driving anywhere, since I live in the country now and everything is at least 30 minutes away. I'm going to make a conscientious decision if it's worth it to me.

[30:12] **Mod:** And you just mentioned, what are some candidates or issues that would make you be more compelled to vote?

[30:15] **AD:** Um- I think mental health rights, I think LGBT rights, I think just certain niches that I see on a daily basis that need attention. I think those would get me to react.

[30:28] **Mod:** Okay, S?

[30:31] **S:** I would say that probably, you know. Well.

[30:35] **Mod:** Like your registration story, how long ago was that?

[30:36] **S:** Yeah, I mean, when Trump started running for office, that's when I started voting.

[30:40] **Mod:** Okay-were you registered before or after?

[30:44] **S:** No, I wasn't registered before, and uh, but you know I got to thinking about what you had said you know, I mean yeah. It's those things, where is it going to change anything, you know? But then you get to talking to people and they're like yeah, your vote does count, it will.

[31:01] **Mod:** What people? I'm sorry C, but like what people?

[31:03] **S:** Just family, family and friends really, you know.

[31:06] **Mod:** And did you find the registration process difficult?

[31:09] **S:** Not really! So, ever since then I'm like, wow, you know, it's really been good, a good experience for me because uh, you know, used to, like you would say, you know, that government's gonna do what their gonna do, you know like what you were saying. But, once I started registering and started you know getting into it, or started voting, and I'm like, man, you start looking at things and start getting involved and you know, so.

[31:44] **Mod:** D?

[31:45] **D:** I got into it when Trump and Biden were going at it, you know I had friends on both sides, um, I did gamble on who was gonna win, so that's, that is one of the main reasons why I went and did it.

[31:57] **Mod:** Wait you actually gambled, like put a bet?

[31:59] **D:** Yeah, like who's gonna win.

[32:00] **Mod:** Like put money down?

(laughter)

[32:01] **S:** Yeah, I put money down and I won. But I didn't like, uh, I liked Trump's policies. I just didn't like him as a human being, like he wasn't bringing our nation together, he might have been good for my company but as far as bringing us together I didn't think he was bringing us together. So that was one of the big reasons why I was against it. That kind of got me into - this has been the most I've been into politics, probably the biggest.

[32:25] **Mod:** Have you voted in any other elections or presidentials?

[32:28] **D:** No.

[32:31] **Mod:** So you only vote in presidentials. S, how about you?

[32:32] **S:** Just this one.

[32:35] **Mod:** V, what's your voter registration story?

[32:37] **V:** I think I got registered at school. So, community college sometimes they would have people like out, and then i walking by and then they just told me to register. For me, I think it was, it was Trump when he started running that I wanted to go vote. But, overall I think for me it was a lack of education on the topic because, my family was, they were never big voters, so even now i feel like I lack the education of, you know, I didn't even know that there was different types of elections and it was all because for me it was a lack of knowing.

[33:15] **Mod:** A, what about you?

[33:16] **A:** For me it was my mother, she was a big voter, and she was the first one in line and she made sure we were voting, so that was her for me. For always.

[33:29] **Mod:** And, do you vote in a bunch of elections, or do you just vote in presidentials or...?

[33:31] **A:** I'm sorry?

[33:32] **Mod:** Do you vote in all the elections, or presidentials, or?

[33:34] **A:** Ah, just presidentials.

[33:38] **Mod:** Just presidentials, okay. J?

[33:39] **J:** For me, I think it was back a long time ago when I was in school, I don't know if I can vaguely remember when it happened. But, it was a harder time voting back in those days, cause I worked in retail. And, in order to find the time to get off work and stand in line for hours and then vote, that did make it a bit more of a challenge. And so, back then it was just a presidential election that I voted for. But now that I've grown up more and had more time, usually to research what's going on and who stands for what. Cause there's so many elections, there's just so many. And usually people end up winning because there's not the votes there to vote for someone else.

[34:22] **Mod:** And K, what's your voter registration story?

[34:29] **K:** Um, mine's presidential as well and, it was back in college as well, in the presidentials.

[34:37] **Mod:** And you voted in presidentials? Yeah, yeah. So, my next question is think back to past elections that you voted in. What do you remember about the election and what made you vote or interested in that election? Issues? Candidates? Some folks had mentioned Trump. Are there others, any other issues or candidates or other factors that might have compelled you to vote? Can you think back on an election and share what made you want to go vote? Anybody? Can you think of anything?

[35:05] **D:** Um, I can't speak probably too much for the past because it was mainly what I said, like, I feel like we're being torn apart instead of brought together, but moving forward, I would say, you know, if our economy doesn't get better, just all together, like

not just gas prices, but everything all together, the economy itself, then I would probably vote the other way. I wouldn't say I vote one way or the other. It's what's best, what I feel is best in my personal opinion.

[35:37] **Mod:** And we'll talk about that a little bit later on, because I'm gonna delve into that a little bit further. But sticking to the topic right now, just about voting. So, I think V mentioned it a little bit or someone else did, but thinking about the times when you don't vote. So local elections or non presidential, because it seems like most of you are voting in presidential, but these non presidential, what are some of the things that are leading you, aside from J because I think he said he's been voting in a few more, but for those who have only voted in the presidential, can you share a little bit about what are those factors leading to you not participating in the locals? We talked about information overload. Are there other things? Can you all share a little bit more about what's um, what's contributing to or what's making you less interested in these particular other races aside from presidentials? Anybody?

[36:30] **J:** I don't think they're at all very much advertised of when they are. So you're like: "wait, what happened? Who's going where?" So it doesn't really matter.

[36:40] **Mod:** Right.

[36:41] **J:** So it just passes by.

[36:43] **Mod:** Okay.

[36:45] **AD:** You know, just like he said, they're not very known. I don't really know much about them.

[36:49] **J:** Yeah, like who votes for the comptroller, or you know, the sheriff who is actually elected and all that.

(Cross Talk: Affirmations)

[36:57] **C:** Like City Council.

(Cross Talk: Affirmations)

[37:01] **J:** Like Judge elections. I'm like, 'I didn't even know they were elected like that'. Like they just popped in there.

[37:07] **AD:** So it's not advertised as much.

(Cross Talk: Affirmations)

[37:11] **S:** Yeah. The only time they do it is when it's almost time to elect, you know, or to be elected.

[37:17] **Mod:** Yeah. And the times that y'all have voted, how did you know to vote in the presidentials? Cause it's all over TV, or?

(Cross Talk: Affirmations)

[37:25] **C:** And because everybodys talking about it. Everyone. And they put the little picture on facebook that they vote. So like...

[37:36] **Mod:** Alright, well as you all know there's a piece of paper in front of you. I'd like for you to just quickly put your first name, and um, I think everyone's got a different first name, so just put your first name on that first page. And I'd like you to turn to the first page, page one, and you'll see there's a list of some different issues. And for each one, I'd like you to indicate how important this issue is to you on a scale from one to ten. Where one is not important and ten is very important. And you can use any number between one and ten okay? Then when you get finished putting a number with all of these, then I want you to put a star next to the one that is the most important to you. So one through ten, where one is not important. Ten is most important. It could be any number between one and ten. And then put a star next to the one that is the most important.

(Silent Writing)

[38:48] **Mod:** And then when you get done just put your pencil down so I know you're done.

[40:00] **Mod:** Okay, what I'd like to do is, with a show of hands, is I read out each one, tell me if it's the one you put the star on, okay? Okay, so how many put a star on the Coronavirus, raise your hand.

[40:11] (A raises hand)

[40:12] **Mod:** A did, one person. Okay, how many put a star on the economy? Raise your hand. (S, D, and A raise their hands). Wait, you only have one star though.

[40:21] A: Oh, just one?

[40:22] S: Oh, you only use one star?

[40:23] Mod: Yes, I'm sorry. Start again. So you're doing 1-10, but you only put a star next to the one that's the most important to you. All right? Sorry, so let's start again then. So, you only get one star. So, think about what you want your one star to be, quickly. Okay, all right, and then we'll start again. Ready?

All right, so who put a star on Coronavirus? Raise your hand. Zero.

Okay, who put a star on the economy? Raise your hand. (D and A raise their hands). One, two.

Who put a star on inflation and rising costs? (J and V raise their hands). One, two.

Who put a star on voting rights? (S raises hand). One.

Who put a star on immigration? (C raises hand). One.

Who put a star on healthcare? Zero.

Who put a star on education? (A and K raise their hands). Two.

Two, four, six, eight, and I think that's everybody. So then, everything else is zeroes? Or not? Nobody put a star on any of the other ones, correct?

[41:29] **Mod:** Okay, I'd like to talk a little bit about some of these ones that you all put as a most important issue. So let's start with education. Uh, A few of you all put that education was the most important issue to you right now. Can you just tell me what makes this issue important to you?

[41:49] **AD:** I think access to education is really important for people to get out of, like, the cycle of poverty. I know growing up my mom was an educator so that was a big, big fuss. 'If you don't go to college you have to move out and go work in a fast food joint' and she always threatened us. So we always knew 'Okay, education is a priority. That's how you're gonna learn new things. That's how you're gonna help other people get educated'. So that was kinda the way I was raised.

[42:13] **Mod:** And when you think about education, and when I say the word education, does that make you think of college or does that make you think of middle school or like 1-12? When I say education, what do you think?

[42:29] **AD:** I do think of college. I do think of just doing your research on certain topics. Getting training on certain things. I do think that's a big wealth of knowledge whether you have a college degree or not. I think trainings and spreading the knowledge, it doesn't matter what platform you're on.

[42:49] **Mod:** K, what about you? What is it about education that's so important to you? Tell me about that.

[42:54] **K:** So yes the students and college, but more so the teachers and everything that's going on right now with them. Everything that happened with Covid. The impact it had on the whole education system and the teachers. There's a lot of shortage and a lot of them are leaving because of everything that's going on. They're not given the respect. So education, not just where you go educate yourself in college and all that, but more so the teachers and administration and everything that going on with all that

[43:29] **Mod:** Mh-hm. Anybody else? Uh, Let's talk about inflation and rising costs. There are a couple people who put inflation and rising costs as their most important thing. Tell me what it is that makes this issue so important to you.

[43:51] **J:** Did you mean the economy?

[43:52] **Mod:** I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Well, I'm kind of going out of order. But inflation and rising cost right now.

[43:57] **J:** Cause I think I was the only one on that one

[43:59] **Mod:** Oh, I though there were two people on that did inflation.

[44:01] **V:** Yeah, it was me too.

[44:02] **Mod:** Yeah, I thought there were two. So tell me a little bit about what makes this so important to you.

[44:10] **J:** I mean for me, it means the money I have now is just worth less every year. And so that's just a big- that's a bummer. It's not great. And so the longer it goes, and

the higher the inflation goes, you're just working for less money and it's just, it's a net loss.

[44:26] **Mod:** Who do you blame for what's happening right now with inflation?

[44:29] **J:** That's a really complicated question. You can blame the government, you can blame the labor shortage. But I mean, there's a wide range of culprits that could be the cause for that. But uh...

[44:45] **Mod:** V?-

[44:46] **C:** And the taxes too with that. Because I'm just saying, you work all day thinking you're gonna get a big check, and then by the time you get your check, they took out two to three hundred dollars out for taxes. And so you didn't even make- You see what I'm saying?

[44: 59] **Mod:** So taxes is like one of the issues here.

[45:01] **C:** No-

(Crosstalk)

[45:05] **C:** I'm just saying, you know, because my husband works all week, you know, from 6-8 because of construction. And you would think he gets a big check, but he comes the same every- That's why I tell him 'you get the same amount every week and you work different hours', you see what I'm saying? But the taxes. And he, I mean, it's just...taxes.

[45:24] **K:** And the pay is not added up to the cost of living nowadays.

(Cross talk)

[45:30] **Mod:** What are saying V? The wages?

[45:31] **V:** Yeah wages. I feel like, I work in healthcare, so, I feel like even then sometimes it's hard to make ends meet if, even though you work a full time job, and you know, you put in work, and you just- Everything is so expensive, groceries, rent.

[45:50] **J:** And you're expected to be okay after working, what, 40-50 hours a week? And at the end of the month, it's like, 'Oh, I'm short'.

[45:59] **AN:** I work in healthcare too, and you'd think healthcare is at least, kind of at least...It doesn't pay very good.

[46:14] **Mod:** Anyone else want to comment on inflation or rising costs? We had a couple folks talk about the economy, so who are the ones that said the economy. D and AN? So when I say economy, what does that mean to you D, when I say economy?

[46:29] **D:** Almost like a whole bunch of different little sub groups. All, you know, how are they all doing for America. So I kind of think the economy has a lot to do with inflation and rising costs. You know, I think all that money that we got for free, that they gave to everybody, I think that has a lot to do with inflation. I think you can't say just because you gave everyone a hundred dollars, you know, that then a hundred dollars really isn't a hundred dollars. Like yeah we gave everybody thousands of bucks, but it has to come from somewhere. Like, then we have a billion dollar company but each product costs half a billion, so you really only have two pieces for each thing. So I think that had a lot to do with it. So the economy, you know, gas, oil, all that together has a lot- those two kind of go hand in hand. I had that one at a 10, the economy and inflation. So those were like the most important for me.

[47:24] **Mod:** AN, you put the economy too right?

[47:26] **AN:** Oh yes. It seems like everything has skyrocketed, and salaries are at the same. You know, everywhere you look you have to pay more of what you're paying. Insurance, health care, everything, and your salary is the same.

[47:47] **Mod:** And who do you blame for that?

[47:51] **AN:** The government.

[47:52] **Mod:** The government? Okay.

[47:55] **D:** I'd agree, yeah. I blame the free money that we received. Even if we didn't receive the free money I think that inflation has been going up. I just think it went up like three times, or however much, I don't know the number, but I blame the government.

[48:10] **Mod:** Okay. I think C, you put immigration.

[48:12] **C:** I said immigration, yes.

[48:13] **Mod:** And tell me what is it about immigration that-

[48:18] **C:** I mean personally I wish there was something that you know, I mean there's good guys that come here to work. My husband comes and, I mean I'm thinking of my husband. So we're trying to get his green card, but it's just, I mean he has everything he- I mean he's a good guy and stuff, but I wish they had more law, more stuff that he can- you know like a Mistido. Like back in the day a lot of people got their green card through our Mistia. I wish they had something like that for him. I mean I'm a citizen. I'm trying to get his paperwork, but it's just hard because they have butts here, there you see what I'm saying? That's why that's important to me.

[48: 52] **D:** If I could just touch on hers. My grandmother, she's been here since my whole life, since I've been here, and she's still an immigrant. And she's tried to get her green card and they want her to know like the first four presidents of the United States. I mean, I told her 'I can barely do this test, and I went to high school here, everything, the whole nine here, and that test is not easy for me, so why would it be easy for you'. And you know, she's just a normal citizen, well she's not a citizen technically, but she's just a normal woman, working. But I've seen what she has to go through and the money she has to pay, you know the money is an issue as well, but just testing the history lessons, you know, they need to go to school here just to get their citizenship. It is difficult. I've seen it though, and I don't know if she ever will be able to get her citizenship.

[49:48] **C:** I wish there was a law. Like you know, when Biden became president, supposedly he was gonna do some kind of immigration. That's what he said, that's why I voted for him, but he hasn't even done nothing about that.

[49:58] **Mod:** S, I think you put voting rights, right?

[50:01] **S:** Yes

[50:02] **Mod:** Okay, can you tell me a little bit about voting rights- (inaudible crosstalk)

[50:04] **S:** And only because early on, like I said, when Trump was running for office that's when I decided to, you know, kinda step in. And just from what I saw and like from what you were talking about, you know, there was something about his policies. I mean, I like his policies, but you know, as far as some of the things he would talk about I didn't care for, you know, but uh, yeah. That kind of-

[50:31] **Mod:** Is there anything specific that you can think of that bothered you?

[50:33] **S:** ...I mean he was for the people, you know? I feel like he did a lot for the economy, you know? I remember early on Obama said that 'you can't run this like a business'. Apparently he did and he did a great job I thought, you know?

[50:51] **Mod:** Let's see. Is there anything on this list- Well actually I want to talk about a couple things that no one really marked as their number one importance, but let's talk about, um, well actually C's the only one who talked about immigration. Is there anyone else who'd want to comment on immigration? I guess D you spoke about immigration. Anybody else wanna?- (inaudible crosstalk)

[51:12] **J:** I mean like they were saying, the process is too convoluted. It's too hard, it's too expensive, and it takes way too long for normal people that should be citizens to get their citizenship. It's unfair.

[51:25] **K:** And they're bringing all these people from other places, but yet the ones that they have here, they won't allow them to legally be here.

[51:32] **D:** I think that like, some of these immigrants, I'm almost sure, like, if they were to be able to pay double taxes then what a normal citizen pays, they'd be all for it, just so they can work legally here in the United States, instead of having to do it through different ways that they do. But we have a lot of people in-home that we need to take care of. You know, I understand people do seek asylum for whatever reasons, but we have an issue in-house but I think we should take care of that before we actually start taking care of out-house like Ukraine or Mexico or Salvador or even anywhere else like how we're bringing in immigrants. Like, you know, we have a lot here we need to take care of first.

[52:12] **Mod:** What about abortion? What are some of the numbers that y'all put on abortion?

[52:15] **C:** I put 8

[52:16] **Mod:** 8?

[52:16] **J:** Yeah

[52:18] **K:** Of 10 it's a 32

[52:19] **Mod:** 10

[52:20] **AN:** 3

[52:20] **Mod:** 3?

[52:21] **V:** I put 6

[52:22] **D:** 3

[52:22] **Mod:** 3?

[52:24] **S:** 10

[52:25] **Mod:** Okay. For those of you who put abortion, tell me a little bit about what makes this important to you. Has it always been something important to you, or is it only recently become of importance?

[52:35] **K:** It's always been important, but more so recently because of everything with the presidents. It just became a bigger topic. But it's always been something that's really important to me.

[52:47] **Mod:** Do you feel it's going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

[52:53] **K:** Uh, it's going in the wrong direction I feel like.

[52:57] **Mod:** Alright, anybody else wanna comment about abortion

[52:59] **D:** I think it's going in the wrong direction. And I think our governor recently made it illegal here in Texas. I mean, I don't think he should have that right to speak on what women go through, cause we're men. We don't go through that process. So I'm not saying that he shouldn't, but I don't think it was right for him to make that-

[53:19] **Mod:** And it's okay if we have a difference of opinions by the way. I know this is kind of a challenging topic, but I want to be respectful for everyone because people may have a difference of opinion and that's okay right? I just want to make this a safe space. So we can have a conversation about this pretty openly. So don't feel like we have two people saying one thing, so it doesn't mean you can't speak up on the other side. So thank you D for sharing that. Anyone else?

[53:43] **J:** I mean, mostly over these last few years it's been going in the wrong direction especially with how the supreme court is being, uh, how it's loaded now, and how the

difference of parties- They say their political views aren't supposed to influence their decisions, but we can't do that. We're human. It happens.

[54:02] **Mod:** What about border security? What did y'all put on border security?

[54:08] **D:** I put 5.

[54:08] **J:** Yeah.

[54:09] **AN:** I put 6.

[54:09] **Mod:** 5? 6? 5? Anybody else? AD what'd you put?

[54:15] **AD:** I put 1.

[54:16] **Mod:** You put one?

[54:17] **V:** I put 2

[54:18] **Mod:** You know it's interesting because I recently read in the newspaper that Governor Abbott said he was going to win over the hispanic vote because of border security.

(Crosstalk)

[54:28] **D:** I believe in the wall. Like, well I don't think we should have open borders, like at all. Nowhere in the United States I don't think we should have open borders.

[54:37] **Mod:** Okay. Anybody else? V?

[54:39] **V:** I'm sorry. I didn't hear what you said.

[54:40] **Mod:** I said that, uh, cause I was kind of listening to the numbers and it seemed sort of low. I think I can make that generalization for a lot of you. It seemed like it was low on your priority list, but yet Governor Abbott recently mentioned that he was going to win the Hispanic vote because of his position on the border, and I just wondered what your thoughts were on that? It seemed like it's not something that-

[55:02] **D:** I'm not sure he'll win the Hispanic vote, but I'm sure he'll win the vote on that alone. If he was going against someone who said that they believe in open borders, I don't think they have a shot at winning here in Texas.

[55:11] **Mod:** Alright. V what are your thoughts

[55:13] **V:** I don't believe in an open border, but I don't find it like, I guess- I find it okay with the way it is.

[55:19] **Mod:** And what does open border mean to you?

[55:22] **V:** Um, so open border, that means anyone can come in and out, correct?

[55:27] (Cross talk affirmations)

[55:32] **V:** I mean I do feel like there has to be some form of security just because of the cartel, and everything going on. But, um, I feel like it's okay. Like that's why I don't- it's not like a high priority for me right now.

[55:46] **Mod:** AN what about your thoughts about border security?

[55:49] **AN:** I kind of have mixed feelings on that-

[55:50] **Mod:** And when I say border security, what does that mean? So D shared that like, when I said border security D immediately went and talked about the wall. What does border security mean to you?

[56:01] **AN:** Basically the wall. Open border around- I have mixed feelings on that. For example, her husband (references to C). He came here. He works day in day out. But then you also have people that take advantage. So that's where my mixed feelings are.

[56:19] **Mod:** When 'People take advantage', what do you mean? Who takes advantage of-

[56:23] **AN:** Her husband works all day, and then you have other people that just don't work and get all the benefits. So that's where my mixed feelings are. I think part of our situation, I'm not saying all of it, but part of our situation is because of, uh, circumstances.

[56:41] **Mod:** Was there anything anybody else wanted to comment on that before we move on? Is there anything on the list that was missing? Is there something that's really important to you right now that you were like 'oh that's not even on here'.

[56:51] **J:** I think she was saying (points to C) uh, taxes.

[56:54] **Mod:** Taxes, okay. What else?

[56:56] **D:** I was thinking the wall, but like when I seen border security, I didn't think of a wall. That's not what I thought of when I thought of border security. That's why I didn't put it high. Like I don't really care for too much security, but as long as we have people watching it. So I guess it kind of threw me off a little bit so that's why I spoke.

[57:14] **Mod:** Taxes. Okay what else? Is there anything else missing that you all thought about?

[57:18] **V:** What about wages? Does that fall under any of this?

[57:20] **Mod:** Wages? What do you think? Would wages be it's own or do you think it'd fall under the- K says it might fall under the economy.

[57:27] **J:** The economy or inflation and rising cost.

[57:30] (Crosstalk agreement)

[57:31] **Mod:** It seems like the economy is kind of a catch-all phrase here. We're getting a lot of stuff. Anything else? Okay we said wages. Anything else?

[57:40] **D:** There's one that didn't fall on here and it pertains back to- I don't know what it would go under. Like I said, I didn't like Trump as a person. I don't know how to say it, like, I felt like he tore people apart. Like yeah he ran, like he said, he ran-

[57:57] **Mod:** So like extreme partisanship? Is that important to you right now? Cause the question here is what issues are important right now?

[58:07] **D:** So like even though Trump ran this country really good, I still would not vote for him even in the next four years because I didn't like the type of- the way he- I don't know how to say it on the paper.

[58:17] **Mod:** Right, that's good. Next, well what about crime? Crime was not listed in here was it?

[58:24] (Crosstalk confirming it is not)

[58:25] **Mod:** What are your thoughts on crime right now?

[58:28] **AN:** Scary (inaudible)

[58:30] **Mod:** Scary? And I'm gonna... D, I'm gonna hold you up a little bit just because I want to hear from other people. You're a really great sharer, it's a really good thing, but I'm gonna ask you to hold off for just a minute. K, What do you think about crime?

[58:44] **K:** Um.

[58:45] **Mod:** Is it important to you right now or is this not-

[58:47] **K:** I mean it's important, it's just, crime's there. It's rising and I mean...All this is- I wouldn't really say- It's important, it's just this is more important.

[59:00] **J:** I mean the worse things get with the economy and people's wages, I mean, the more crime rate there is because people are put into desperate situations and they seek desperate solutions.

[59:12] **Mod:** And S, what are your thoughts about- is crime something that should've been added to the list here? Is that an important issue right now?

[59:17] **S:** Yeah, I think so. I think to me it falls under the democrats. You know, I feel like, you know, they've got an agenda you know? And they're causing all this chaos.

[59:34] **Mod:** Okay, and we're gonna talk a little more- In fact that'll be our next section we go into, so I'll ask you to talk about that a little bit more. Anyone else want to comment about crime? Is that an important thing right now? Anything else happening?

[59:50] **AD:** I think it could have included like mass shootings, cartels, all of that I think are kind of the subtopics in them that are important to be consider.

[1:00] **K:** The whole Black Matter situation was causing a lot of crime, the riots.

[1:00:02] **Mod:** Black Lives Matter?

[1:00:05] **K:** Mm-hmm. A lot of riots, people, it's just increasing because of that.

[1:00:10] **Mod:** Okay.

[1:00:11] **K:** And everything having to do with the cops and what happened a few years ago, rioting and going against them, yeah.

[1:00:19] **Mod:** Ok, well now I'm going to move on to more talking about the partisans and different parties, so um, specifically when we think about the two major political parties, if you had to say what each party stands for today, what would you say? And I'll start with V. Again, no right or wrong answer and I'd expect you to have different opinions.

[1:00:53] (D flips page forward)

[1:00:53] **Mod:** No cheating!

[1:00:53] Group laughter

[1:00:57] **Mod:** So what do you think the parties stand for?

[1:00:58] **V:** I'm gonna go blank here I really don't know.

[1:01:05] **Mod:** That's okay, and it's not a test, that's fine, anybody else? Anyone but D.

[1:01:11] **C:** Republican and Democrat right?

[1:01:12] **Mod:** Yep.

[1:01:05] **C:** Democrat, well, I think I'm Republican, and Democrat is more like, I have a friend she's a Democrat, so we always argue about that and we're like, you know she's more like everything with the President, what's his name? you know you said (points at D) that's her. You know, she told me everything that we voted for Biden, everything he did is good and you know what I mean, I don't know how to explain.

[1:01:49] **Mod:** That's okay, J you were going to say something?

[1:01:50] **J:** I mean I don't really think either of the parties stands for anything anymore. They're both, they're both just self interested and like, how much money they can get, for themselves, money and power.

[1:02:00] **Mod:** Has that ever changed over time? Was it ever different?

[1:02:02] **J:** It seems to just be getting worse now because it's more in your face and there's information that you can see now.

[1:02:08] **S:** I think it's always been like that.

[1:02:10] **J:** (Agrees with S) Yes, it's always been like that, but now we're seeing more of it because of all, we have more access to technology and it's all over social media and the news, like oh that's how things actually work, like i don't know if you ever seen the show House of Cards, people were saying the first two seasons were amazingly real how that came to life, that's how it actually works.

[1:02:31] **S:** I think both parties, I feel like, they withhold a lot of information from the people.

[1:02:41] **K:** What it goes back to, I think it's more, the Republican party is more conservative and the Democrats are a little more liberal and over the years, they've just become... more issues have been talked about and they think the whole, what do you call, LGB- the gay community, and all about it, abortion, and all that has been brought in even more and I think that's what separates them they're more conservative, and the other ones are more liberal. But then there's other issues too, so. I would say I'm more Republican but I don't agree with everything that they stand for either. And I do go with other aspects of the Democrat party, but I think that's what separates them in my view. Conservatives and liberal.

[1:03:10] **Mod:** Conservative versus liberal. V what do you think? Now that people have talked about it a little bit, what are your ideas?

[1:03:32] **V:** I think like you (J) said is very, I don't feel like it's even about people anymore, it's more about just power.

[1:03:51] **Mod:** Do you think it's always been like that? Or think it's changed recently?

[1:03:52] **V:** No, I think it's always been like that. I think just now we're more informed, because of all the different outlets, like we have social media, we have news, I think that's why we're a little bit more informed about topics.

[1:04:10] **Mod:** Ok, we'll talk a little bit more about this one, but we're going to go to the second page, did you want to say something D?

[1:04:19] **D:** I was just gonna say I honestly couldn't tell you what they stood for either, I barely got into politics not too long ago and I can't tell you... my friend had asked me questions and I answer them and he said "Oh, why did you vote that? Sounds like you're a Republican", but i told him I didn't like the other person, but i couldn't tell you what each party stood for as well.

[1:04:56] **Mod:** Well this might be a little challenging but I'm going to ask you all to give it your best shot. So it says here list three, but you don't have to list three just list what you can. So fill out each box, so what are some pros about the Democrats, pros about Republicans, cons about Democrats and cons about Republicans. And it could be anything in the world, it could be candidates, it could be policies, it could be whatever you want it to be. I mean, you don't have to list three but I do ask that you add at least put one thing in each box, at the very minimum. Just think of some pros and cons for each of the parties.

[1:05:18-1:08:07] *Group works on handout*

[1:08:09] **Mod:** Ok we're going to talk about each box here, so let's start with the pros about Democrats, what are some of the things you guys wrote?

[1:08:17] **K:** I think they're more for the people.

[1:08:20] **Mod:** More for the people, ok anybody else? What did you write in the pros about Democrats

[1:08:27] **J:** They sometimes help people.

[1:08:30]: **Mod:** Sometimes help people, okay.

[1:08:31] **An:** I wrote the same thing as she did, for the people.

[1:08:32] **Mod:** For the people.

[1:08:33] **S:** Same thing.

[1:08:35] **Mod:** Same thing.

[1:08:36] **AD:** Pro-immigration.

[1:08:37] **Mod:** Pro-immigration, okay, V what did you write about the pros about Democrats?

[1:08:40] **V:** I wrote about immigration as well.

[1:08:46] **Mod:** And what did you put, just wrote immigration?

[1:08:47] **V:** Um I believe there's more of a pathway to immigrate, to citizenship at the top with Democrats, but...

[1:08:54] **Mod:** Okay anybody else? D what did you put under pro democrat.

[1:08:56] **D:** I don't know if this is accurate, but I think i heard something about taxing the million and billionaires more than anyone else which they should.

[1:09:05] **Mod:** Okay, C what did you put?

[1:09:08] **C:** I don't know, I misunderstood the question, I put something way different.

[1:09:12] **Mod:** Okay, well now that you know the question, do you want to scratch out and put what you would think. Well, what do you think are the pros of democrats. You can just say it. What are some of the pros?

[1:09:20] **C:** Um, probably the immigration too.

[1:09:30] **Mod:** Immigration as well, in terms of like creating a pathway to citizenship?

[1:09:31] **C:** Mh-mm.

[1:09:32] **Mod:** Okay, what about pros about Republicans, what are some of the things that you've written down? What are the pros on the Republican side?

[1:09:41] **J:** They're very effective at getting people elected.

[1:09:43] Group laughter

[1:09:44] **Mod:** Effective at getting people elected, and what do you mean by that?

[1:09:50] **J:** I mean they have tons of federal judges, the supreme court, they got Trump elected, they're very good at it.

[1:10:00] **Mod:** What else, what are some pros of the Republicans? What did you write down, anybody? Look at your paper, what did you write down?

[1:10:06] **K:** I put pro-life.

[1:10:07] **Mod:** That they're pro-life.

[1:10:09] **S:** Yeah (agrees)

[1:10:13] **Mod:** Is that what you put S, as well?

[1:10:14] **S:** No, that's another one that I was gonna put.

[1:10:15] **Mod:** What did you put down?

[1:10:16] **S:** Schools.

[1:10:16] **Mod:** What about schools?

[1:10:17] **S:** I mean, you know I hear they, you know they're wanting to bring back, or not bring back, but they're wanting to do more pay for teachers, security, you know, things of that nature.

[1:10:35] **Mod:** So you would say that it's pro that they kinda are prioritizing education right now?

[1:10:38] **S:** Right, right. Yeah.

[1:10:40] **Mod:** With respect to security and teacher pay, and anything else?

[1:10:44] **S:** Yeah.

[1:10:49] **Mod:** Okay, D what did you put on your pros of Republicans?

[1:10:49] **D:** I put tax outside foreign companies.

[1:10:51] **Mod:** Taxing outside foreign companies?

[1:10:52] **D:** Well I didn't put company, but I did put like foreigners-

[1:10:55] **Mod:** Foreigns. Yeah, foreigners? For-eigns. Okay, people, or things.

[1:10:58] **D:** Yeah, like overseas, yeah like oversea companies or whatever. And I put build the wall. Well I put just the wall. Didn't write it all out.

[1:10:52] **Mod:** Okay, anybody else? Pros about Republicans that we didn't get a chance to talk about? C?

[1:11:18] **C:** I put taxes.

[1:11:19] **Mod:** Taxes? In that, they're, um, about... what about taxes?

[1:11:27] **C:** They don't take so much taxes.

[1:11:28] **Mod:** Okay, so you said that they were like for lowering taxes?

[1:11:30] **C:** Yeah.

[1:11:31] **Mod:** Okay. Well, let's talk about the cons of Democrats, what are some of the cons that you all see in respect to Democrats? What did y'all put down?

[1:11:44] **J:** In the majority of the time when they try to do something, they fall short.

[1:11:46] **Mod:** Fall short.

[1:11:47] **J:** Yeah.

[1:11:48] **Mod:** Can you give an example?

[1:11:50] **J:** Healthcare, um, taxes.

[1:11:54] **S:** Defunding the police (laughs)

[1:11:55] **J:** Yeah, well that's kind of a...,they gave them more money but it kind of backfired and um, and was misused. But yeah they usually fall short in basically everything. Very disappointing.

[1:12:10] **Mod:** You're disappointed. Do you put that... where do you lay that disappointment or the blame, is that local, national, state? What do you...

[1:12:12] **J:** Since Texas is more of a Republican state, it's more of a national. Um, like Senate and congress, and you know.

[1:12: 28] **Mod:** So, kinda congress is kind of disappointing you?

[1:12:28] **J:** Yeah.

[1:12:32] **Mod:** Anybody else? What did you put as the cons of Democrats?

[1:12:39] **An:** Unnecessary money spent.

[1:12:40] **Mod:** Okay. Can you give an example of like?

[1:12:45] **An:** Like they say we're going to build, for example, the wall, or whatever. That was money spent where it was just started, not finished, but that money could have gone to something that was really necessary at the time.

[1:13:01] **C:** You know what I put, when you say that, I just thought about... I told you I have a friend who voted. She seems like she's always right and, the Democrat party, when we talk, everything's right with her. That's what I put. You know, they always seem, I don't know, her personally I'm wrong and she's right all the time, in everything. With the Democrat party.

[1:13:23] **Mod:** So the Democrats are like, not flexible or open minded to other perspectives -

[1:13:28] **C:** (Nodding), Yeah.

[1:13:28] ...is that what you're saying they're like, they're always right no matter what? Okay. Ad, what did you put as a con for Democrats?

[1:13:36] **AD:** Uh, I put pro choice.

[1:13:46] **Mod:** Okay, okay. Anybody else? Cons for democrats. S, what did you put?

[1:13:48] **S:** I actually, I didn't put anything on that.

[1:13:49] **Mod:** Okay, well if you think of something throughout just jot it down for me.

[1:13:54] **Mod:** Cons about Republicans, what are some of the cons that we put under Republicans?

[1:14:00] **AD:** I put anti- LGBT, transgender rights.

[1:14:01] **Mod:** Okay. Anybody else?

[1:14:08] **J:** I've got a little bit too many to list, there's gun control, abortion rights, lgbtq rights, military spending.

[1:14:13] **Mod:** Okay, so you listed a bunch of issues there. Okay, D what did you put under cons?

[1:14:19] **D:** Trump.

[1:14:20] group laughter

[1:14:23] **D:** If they didn't have Trump and they had someone else they probably would have won.

[1:14:26] **Mod:** Okay, V?

[1:14:29] **V:** Um, Abortion, gun rights, and Trump. I didn't know I could write them down until now so I just changed.

[1:14:33] group laughter

[1:14:34] **D:** I didn't have much to put down, so I'm sorry.

[1:14:37] **Mod:** No, no, there's no right or wrong answer.

[1:14:38] **D:** I don't know what policies go for what group too well.

[1:14:46] **V:** I will say that when I saw cons and Republicans, that's the first thing I thought. (Trump)

[1:14:50] **Mod:** Trump, Trump was the first thing that popped into your mind? Okay.

[1:14:51] **V:** yeah

[1:14:56] **Mod:** What about the economy? Where would y'all put the economy in? Where does the economy fall in these four squares?

[1:15:06] **An:** The Republican, as a con.

[1:15:06] **Mod:** As a con, can you say more?

[1:15:08] **J:** Wait, what do you mean?

[1:15:08] **Mod:** Like if you had to stick, like, the economy is that like a pro, is that a good for Democrats or is that something that the Republicans do well, or is it something that Democrats don't do well?

[1:15:27] **An:** I don't think the Republicans are doing too good.

[1:15:28] **Mod:** Okay, An doesn't think that the Republicans are doing too well on the economy. Okay.

[1:15:30] **D:** I'm probably vice versa on that, for right now, just cause I said Trump, he did run a good economy, uh, but then we printed all that money. So, I don't put the blame on Democrats and Biden as of yet, because you know you have to get over that hump, like yeah, Trump spent some of those checks too so we had to get over that kind of hump and kind of let Biden, kinda see what he is going to do with it. So like right now, I haven't put it completely down, we'll see what happens in the next coming year, for me, to see if that's a pro or con for them. (Democrats)

[1:16:00] **J:** I think it determines a little bit on the timetable you're looking at. Because usually the economy is a result, is a direct result, of the previous administration for like the first two years, I think. And then the other guy, the current administration gets their shot and they mess it up or improve it how they can. But I think it's neither of them have done a very good job.

[1:16:04] (D agrees with J)

[1:16:24] **Mod:** So, who do you think is doing a better job on crime? Who do you think is doing a better job on crime? The Democrats, or the Republicans?

[1:16:24] **D:** That's a hard one, too.

[1:16:33] **S:** I said the Republicans because, I think, when Trump was in office I mean he created a lot of jobs, you know, and I think that brings down crime.

[1:16:38] **Mod:** Okay, okay.

[1:16:43] **Mod:** Anybody else? Who do you think does a better job on crime? Anybody?

[1:16:54] **AD:** (Gestures towards S)

[1:16:54] **Mod:** You agree with S? You feel the same way?

[1:16:54] **AD:** (Nods in agreement)

[1:16:56] **Mod:** Okay, what about immigration, who does a better job on immigration? Democrats or-

[1:17:02] **K:** Democrats.

[1:17:02] **Mod:** ...Democrats say K, okay, anybody else?

[1:17:09] **D:** I might say Democrats, that's more of a pro for them than it is for the Republicans. They're willing to work with them and I feel like the Republicans aren't even trying to work with them.

[1:17:17] **J:** D You're spot on there.

[1:17:19] **K:** There are more pathways.

[1:17:21] **D:** Not everybody's a criminal. In my opinion.

[1:17:24] **Mod:** What about abortion, what's making one party better or worse than the other? And we might have differing opinion based on what we've been kinda talking about. But I'd like to hear from both sides, if we could. So, who do you think is doing a better job at it addressing abortion right now?

[1:17:44] **J:** It depends on which way you lean.

[1:17:46] **Mod:** What do you mean? Say more.

[1:17:49] **K:** Republicans are pro life and the Republicans are, yeah, trying to take off abortion, like not...

[1:17:57] **Mod:** Mm-hmm. So, as a result, you think they're doing a better job at it? Is that what you mean - versus--

[1:18:01] **K:** Better at, yes, compared to the Democrats they're-

[1:18:14] **Mod:** They're making progress, they're pushing their own agenda on that particular issue?

[1:18:15] **K:** ...abortion is being pushed nowadays. They're trying to make it a thing, Democrats. They're trying to make it okay. Whereas Republicans try to stray away from it. So it's not a thing. I mean it's a thing, but you know. Just the Democrats are more for it and the Republicans are against it. So if you're going against it, then the Republicans are doing a better job at it but if you're for it, it's basically the other way.

[1:18:38] **Mod:** Okay, J say more.

[1:18:39] **J:** Yeah, kinda on the opposite side of that, as the Democrats are on a better... even bigger progress for that to make it ,uh, a law. And, the Republicans are trying to get rid of it entirely. So, Republicans are doing bad at that, kind of now with the Supreme Court but we'll see how that plays out, but the Democrats have better leverage on there. For now.

[1:19:15] **Mod:** Okay. Yeah, When I talk about these, I guess it's like, you could look at it two ways, whether-

[1:19:20] **D:** Whether you think it's right or wrong

[1:19:25] **Mod:** Whether you think it's right or wrong, versus are they pushing the agenda forward, right? Are they having success in that issue or is it back to their own goals? Yeah. Overall, who do you think is more successful at pushing forward their agenda, the Democrats or the Republicans.

[1:19:34] **D, J, K:** Republicans. (group nods).

[1:19:35] **D:** I think the Republicans are way stronger.

[1:19:37] **Mod:** Republicans.

[1:19:37] **J:** Yeah.

[1:19:39] **Mod:** Why is that, do you think?

[1:19:44] **J:** They're better organized, they have more money and backers in the whole conservative community, um, kinda banded together. And they have, just, millions.

[1:19:56] **Mod:** Is that good for the Latino community or bad for the Latino community?

[1:19:58] **J:** I think it's bad. It's like one of those things, death and taxes, it's going to happen, and if you have less access to it it's going to get more dangerous and people are going to get desperate. So, it's gonna to cost more money.

[1:20:15] **Mod:** Okay, anybody else think it's not bad for Latinos that Republicans are being more successful right now? Or maybe think differently, I don't know. Thoughts? S, what do you think?

[1:20:26] **S:** I don't know. I thought just the opposite. I didn't think they were very successful.

[1:20:37] **Mod:** Republicans? Okay. What makes you say that?

[1:20:38] **S:** Because it almost seems like Democrats are coming across something , you know.

[1:20:42] **Mod:** Like what?

[1:20:43] **S:** I mean, just going against everything that we, you know, that people in the United States, something that we want. Like, say, for an abortion, I think abortion is wrong, personal opinion, and they're all for it. And you know, I feel like, they don't have a leg to stand on, I mean, I don't know I could be wrong.

[1:21:15] **Mod:** Okay, I think abortion is one of these kinda issues that makes us think, and it makes me think, about, you know, how does your religious upbringing, how has

that played on how you view politics and issues, and just personally how would you say religion has shaped your perspective on a lot of these issues? Has it been something that's been very strong, or you could say it hasn't really shaped much?

[1:21:35] **K:** I think it plays a big role. I don't know, I'm a teacher so my kids, Republicans are more like for Christ and I think Democrats are, like I said, more liberal. You know, they're not... they don't follow the beliefs, they have different beliefs. And even my kids, a lot of them are Christian, and a lot of them talk about the church and a lot of them talk about their parents, um, going towards a certain side, just because they were talking about those topics of abortion and gay marriage and, all that. Even though I don't like Trump, but because he's Republican what he was, he was going against all that - that, um, goes against Christ, I guess? Then they went and voted for him, because of that. Not... I don't like him but because the other party I was against, I was against what the other party was trying to push, so faith does play a big role.

[1:22:42] **Mod:** Okay. An, what about you?

[1:22:43] **AN:** I forgot the question.

[1:22:44] group laughter

[1:22:48] **Mod:** So did !! Just like, you know, how does religion shape the way you view these particular issues on abortion? It could be any of the issues, all of the issues we've talked about.

[1:22:59] **AN:** Um, well for example on abortion, I have mixed feelings on that, also. I don't believe in it, but everybody is different. Everybody goes through something different. So my thinking is if they take it away, it's not fair for each woman. Each woman has their own belief. So that's my opinion on that.

[1:23:33] **Mod:** Okay, does anyone else want to comment on that as we get to the last of this? Or, maybe there was something that I skipped over, like I stopped D from talking like a couple of times, cause... But, you know, is there something that you want to comment before we go to the last part of this?

[1:23:46] **D:** Just on the abortion part, cause like I'm not for abortion, at all, like I'm religious too. But that's not going to... I shouldn't get to choose for the next person, you know, what if they were assaulted or whatever, and that baby, you know, they shouldn't have to keep that baby if they don't want it. I know it's against the Lord, but I think they should have that right themselves. That we shouldn't get to make that decision for them.

But I understand what she said, like, just for those in general like you might completely vote against one or the other, but that's not me. But, I can see it like 100%, just like she said, like just for those specific reasons like someone might feel like they're voting for the devil per se, or for Christ against the devil, whatever. Me, personally, I'm not for it. But, I will not also take that right away from someone else. I don't feel like I have that.

[1:24:38] **Mod:** V what do you think about that?

[1:24:38] **V:** I agree with that, I feel that everybody, or every woman in that topic should have the right to decide on their own body and if they wanna move forward with a pregnancy, or not. And I feel like them just totally banning it is very hazardous and I feel like it's just gonna backfire in other ways.

[1:24:59] **Mod:** Okay. Anything else that we talked about, the entire time, that maybe I kinda went forward and we didn't get to touch upon it as much as we want to? Okay. So, now we're going to turn to page three, this is the last exercise. And really we're trying to question like - what would need to change in order to get more Latinos to vote in local or presidential elections? So I guess that's really... you know what? Before you go to the paper, let me ask you that question. But, before you go to that, what do you think needs to change in order to make Latinos vote in local or presidential elections? Latinos specifically, our community, what would need to change? It could be something systemic, it could be something philosophical, it could be a whole number of things. Is there anything you all could think of that would need to change?

[1:25:56] **C:** Immigration

[1:25:57] **Mod:** (repeats) Immigration.

[1:25:57] **C:** Because sometimes people don't go, if they're illegal they don't want to go take, you know, they probably have their kid from here they don't want to go with them, because of that reason, they're scared.

[1:26:07] **K:** I think that's the main thing, immigration is what's stopping them so if it's something that's gonna help them. Then that will make them go.

[1:26:16] **Mod:** So that would help Latinos, they would go? Okay.

[1:26:17] **K:** (Nods)

[1:26:19] **J:** More of engagement on topics that are crucial to them, like healthcare and jobs, and childcare costs and stuff like that. Engagement, like a big campaign to engage them on Facebook and all the news stations too, get them engaged to let them know that it's going to happen.

[1:26:40] **Mod:** Do you think it should be around issues or around candidates?

[1:26:41] **J:** Issues, cause sometimes candidates aren't great but the issues are important. Like you (D) were saying - Great, but Trump got issues.

[1:26:56] **AN:** Educate us as Latinos, in whoever's running, not just show up the day before like they were saying, you know, a lot of people don't even know who's running and what they are voting for, or what they are not voting for.

[1:27:16] **Mod:** I'm sorry, go ahead V.

[1:27:16] **V:** I think educating from a young age, too. Because, like I said, it's not till now that I'm starting to learn more about it and I think educating our youth about it is important from the beginning. That way, they can be more involved.

[1:27:33] **D, Mod:** Schools (group agreement). Okay. All right, now we'll go to this final one, sorry about that, just wanted to get that question in. So, this is just a quick exercise so when you finish this, you can just put your pencil down and then walk out. Make sure you check out, but one thing I just need to ask a huge favor as you're leaving. There's another group that's going to be coming in, so there may be a few people sitting out there. So, don't talk about what we've talked about so they don't know what we've discussed here today. Um, and I want to thank you all and you can just leave everything here. So, question number one, what one action could government or elect officials take that would make a difference, or change things, for the better for you personally? And then, number two, what's one action that government or elect officials could take to make a difference or make things better for the Latino community? And it could be anything. So, the first one is what can they do to make things better for you personally, and the second is the Latino community? Yeah, you can just leave everything here. Make sure you check out with the young lady, or the young man, at the front.

[1:29:15] **D:** Hey, on my way out, there was one thing that we didn't speak, and I know it's a little late but-

[1:29:20] **Mod:** That's okay!

[1:29:20] D: ...but it was gonna be the one on drugs.

[1:29:22] Mod: Oh, what was it about the one of drugs?

[1:29:24] D: But, just all the money they spent trying to stop them, and they're still getting in one way or another.

[1:29:29] Mod: Mm-hmm.

[1:29:30] D: Um, should they be legal or should they not be? [Unintelligible]

[1:29:34] Mod: Uh-huh. Okay.

[end]

Group 2: Transcript - Non-Registered Citizens - English - Texas
Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 6:00 pm

[0:01] **Mod:** Anyway good evening, my name is Laura, and I am the moderator this evening. My role as the moderator is to facilitate this small group discussion and make sure that we cover all of the information that the researchers are interested in learning about. We'll be discussing a whole lot of topics tonight and I really just ask that you just be open and honest as possible about your answers. Chances are we are going to have different experiences and opinions, and that's cool, like we want to hear from everybody. It's also my job to ensure that we do hear from everybody. So, if you get to be quiet, I'm gonna ask you to be involved and participate in the discussion. There's a lot of really interesting stuff that we will be talking about tonight, so time will go by really fast I promise.

Before we begin I wanted to go over a couple of basic rules. If we could just speak one at a time, that really helps. Because we are recording the session tonight. That way I don't take notes, I can really pay attention and concentrate on our conversation, and I don't have to be worried about doing that which reminds me I have to record on here....um, so, did I not do that? Yes.

[1:01] A couple of things about the recording, you will be anonymous when we write our reports, we will not refer to you by name. Actually, even when we do the transcripts it will just be the first initials of your names. And I say that because I really want you to be as open and honest as possible when we have this discussion, okay? And the video we are taking, it won't end up on YouTube or it won't be a TikTok sensation, sorry! It's just not going to happen. But, um, so, also, um, let's see what else. Because we are recording I'm going to need you to speak in a voice as loud as mine. So no quiet talks, make sure you speak loud. And if someone is speaking if you could just wait, and let them finish, before you jump in. Um, obviously I want to make sure that everyone talks, but I don't necessarily want to have to call on you. If you could, you know, just jump in and have a conversation, it's like we're sitting around in someone's living room, with your favorite beverage, just chit chatting and having a conversation. So if somebody says something and you're like **E:** that reminds me of this! Please feel free to jump in.

[2:02] And like I said, if you don't talk though, I will ask you to speak. Um, we're going to go about 90 minutes, I know we started a little bit late. So hopefully nobody has any issues if we go 5-10 minutes late. Are we okay if we go just a few minutes late since we started late? Okay great. Any questions before we get started? No? Okay great. Well we're gonna start just one time, go around the room and introduce ourselves, maybe

say a little bit about ourselves? Then go this way. I'll go first. My name's Laura, I don't live here, I live actually in San Antonio. A little bit about myself: Um, I have two dogs, and they will not let me sleep in the morning, if I don't take them for a walk. So I have to be a diligent mom, take them for a walk. And they will just bark louder and louder and louder, and they will not stop until I take them on a walk. So that's my story, I don't have any kids, my dogs are my children. So I'm a professional focus group moderator, so I get to do this all over the country. It's a lot of fun cause we're finally back in person, haven't gotten to do this in awhile. So I'm enjoying being back in the room and talking with folks. So we'll start here with J and go around.

[3:06] **J:** Yes, so I'm J. [discussion about name pronunciation] Same thing. As long as it ain't nothing else. My name's J, I'm the opposite of you. I've got a boxer and a yorkie that have to sleep with us in the bed. I've got one set of twins, and they're a handful. They say it's a blessing, but man.

[3:29] **Mod:** It's a lot.

[3:30] **J:** Yes. Take it day by day. Yes.

[3:32] **Mod:** Well thank you J for being here. Next.

[3:35] **C:** My name is C. No kids, uh, I do have a bird as a pet. And I live in Dallas.

[3:43] **Mod:** A bird, what kind of bird?

[3:45] **C:** [unclear]. I've had it for 35 years. It's yellow, like the typical yellow with a little bit of green, and yeah.

[3:51] **Mod:** Yeah. It's not a [unclear] then. When I think of a bird, I think of a [unclear]

[3:55] **C:** It kind of is, yeah it is. But it's not the type that talks. Yeah the green ones are the ones that talk. This is not like that.

[4:04] **O:** The small ones?

[4:06] **C:** Yeah, yeah.

[4:06] **Mod:** I used to have ones when we were little in Mexico, and it would be like [talking]

[4:10] **C:** Yeah these one is not, you know what I mean.

[4:16] **Mod:** Thank you. [discussion about name pronunciation]

[4:20] **C:** People just don't know how to pronounce it, it's just [name pronunciation].

[4:24] **Mod:** Okay, great. I will call you both. Next we have [name]

[4:28] **O:** Hi my name is O, I have a cat and he will not stop eating. He's always always wanting to eat. Um, yeah I live in Dallas. I mean I live in Irving, yeah. That's pretty much it.

[4:40] **Mod:** Okay great. Thanks O. Next.

[4:41] **A:** Um, I'm A. I have two dogs, a pitbull and a great dane. The pitbull she's 10 years old, and we've started putting diapers on her, because she pees likes every single night now. She just doesn't care anymore. She's like, we're gonna wash her covers and they're gonna be warm when she gets them.

[4:58] **Mod:** (laughs). That's a big dog too, right.

[5:04] **A:** Well no the Great Dane is bigger. Than the pitbull.

[5:09] **N:** Uh, my name is N. I stay in Great Prairie. And I have a cat and no kids. My cats a good cat.

[5:15] **Mod:** Doesn't eat like (unclear) like O's. (laughs). How did you get your cat?

[5:20] **N:** Uh, well, I had a girl cat. And a friend gave em to me, cause she had just had a baby, and she wanted to make sure that everything was alright. Come to find out that she had got out, she had got pregnant. And she told me it was a boy cat. But it was a girl cat. And we had a boy cat. So that happened with him.

[5:40] **Mod:** Aha. Well thanks. Next?

[5:44] **R:** I'm R. I don't have no pets for those reasons. I love animals but I just gave up on that whole situation. Just extra work. I'm a graphic designer, I live in Eunice. I have two kids. I'm just, you know, outgoing.

[6:02] **Mod:** Thank you, R. Next?

[6:06] **E:** My name is E. I have three sons, and I have five dogs.

[6:10] **Mod:** Yay! Another dog lover.

[6:14] **E:** I have Frenchies.

[6:18] **J:** Are you a breeder? Or?

[6:19] **E:** (nods)

[6:20] **Mod:** Okay thank you. (discussion about name pronunciation)

[6:28] **L:** My names L. I go by my middle name. I have four boys, and a dog, she's a bit older, a German Shepard. Keeps me very busy. I live in Duncanville, not even a year that I've lived in Duncanville. Lived in (unclear) most of my life. But um, other than that, I just enjoy music and my kids.

[6:59] **Mod:** Cool. Well thank you all for being here. I'm gonna start the conversation just very generally, so what are some of the things that are concerning you right now? Like what are some of the things that are on your mind and concerning you? Anyone can....

[7:04] **C:** Fuel prices!

[7:05] Group agrees on fuel prices

[7:08] **C:** Fuel prices, and they're still talking about Covid. That magically kind of went away for a minute, when the war started, the invasion of Ukraine started. So that magically kind of went away a little bit. So, but it's still there on the back burner. So I'm sure it'll come back once everything is resolved with Ukraine and whatever, Russia. Yeah but gas prices are just crazy.

[7:28] **J:** It's just the inflation.

[7:32] **E:** Paying back all that stimulus that's what it is.

[7:35] Group agrees

[7:35] **J?:** Mhm. Gotta get the money one way or another.

[7:37-7:42] unclear

[7:42] **Mod:** What's concerning you right now R?

[7:43] **R:** Uh, all the issues what are happening with the...uh... what is it? The democracy? And the way that the country is kind of going to me is a bit worrying right now.

[7:55] **Mod:** Okay. We'll talk more about that as we get into it, so I'll stop you there. N, is there anything that's concerning you right now?

[8:00] **N:** When he said the inflation, everything going up. Right now I'm working two jobs just to, just to make ends meet. I just started working at the AT&T Stadium. Plus the warehouse.

[8:12] **O?:** The uncertainties.

[8:13] **N:** And then doing side like odd jobs, kind of like this, just to get extra money to make things, you know, work out. And then too, I'm by myself so it's hard, when you don't have anybody with you.

[8:22] **Mod:** Well thank you for coming and helping us tonight. Um, so where do you go to learn these things about what is happening, here in the community and world around you? You said gas prices.

[8:35] **C:** Twitter, I don't really do news, like local news or national news.

[8:35] **O?:** My job.

[8:38] **Mod:** A you were saying?

[8:39] **A:** Oh I said Twitter.

[8:41] **Mod:** Oh so you have Twitter? You use Twitter a lot.

[8:42] **J:** Social media.

[8:45] **Mod:** You use social media, what social media do you use?

[8:46] **J:** Twitter, Facebook (points towards A). Anything you can just log in from an app.

[8:49] **Mod:** But what do you use?

[8:52] **J:** What do I use? I use Facebook.

[8:55] **Mod:** Oh okay. L?

[8:58] **L:** I use Neighborhood App. It's like a local app, you know. If you don't wanna know, and like I said, what concerns, right for me, is also, drugs, and violence is going on, crime. And there is stuff, I wouldn't even think! I'm from Oakland, so it's not foreign. (unclear) but literally two weeks ago, they killed somebody in front, it's a real (unclear). But it's like, you know, crime is more concerning you know because we want to be safe, safer. Children or kids you know. And I see that as being out of control, especially young people.

[9:25] **N:** The school shootings also.

[9:27] **L:** Yes. That's what I see on that app. And that's just a local app, hey you know there's a shooting in your area. This happening, we're all getting that stuff.

[9:37] **Mod:** Yeah, so you mentioned that NextDoor, that's a local app so you're obviously going to get news from just local stuff going on. But then there could be state vs national.. Do you go to different places to get state vs national stuff O? Like where do you go to kind of get your information?

[9:53] **O:** Really it's just my job. Cause like, I'm work on a computer most of the time. So every time I open Windows it's just news, all the time. So I just see, I just scroll through there sometimes.

[10:07] **Mod:** So when you say that, can you explain how that works? Is that part of Microsoft Word, or?

[10:13] **O:** Yeah, no. So it's just, when you go on Windows, and the internet just, I think it's the engine, when you just open it.

[10:20] **C:** Or it's your email. That's mine. Normally I get like, like an email about the most kind of breaking or the most important news of the day. National, statewide, and you know.

[10:30] **O:** I tend to just, not even get on my phone about news. I just try to like (puts hands up) take it off.

[10:35] **L:** Like if you have an iPhone, and you like, download, you like apps like CNN. Stuff like that. Washington Post. You know what I mean, um, New York Times. I like to follow those. So when I scroll over on my iPhone, it'll give me all the updates on news.

[10:52] **A:** Oh yeah, I know what you're talking about.

[10:53] **C:** I like that better. Because I mean a lot of times, especially like Facebook, you can kind of trust some of that stuff, but some of it, you know this is not true. Waste of time, yeah.

[11:05] **J** agrees

[11:05] **Mod:** So, going to what C is saying, which media sources do you trust the most?

[11:10] **C:** Me personally, it would have to be like the actual news apps, like Fox News, CNN, whatever it is. Whether it's on the TV or on the apps, I have the apps as well.

[11:22] **Mod:** A what were you saying?

[11:22] **A:** Oh we were both (points to N) agreeing on Twitter.

[11:24] **Mod:** Twitter, you trust Twitter?

[11:24] **A:** Yeah.

[11:26] **Mod:** Is there anything, a particular person, or entity, or whatever on Twitter that you trust more? Like or that you follow? Or just the Twitterverse itself?

[11:34] **N:** I just like the Twitter, cause they don't really restrict anything on Twitter. Like they do on Facebook or Instagram. You're gonna get blocked for posting certain things... But Twitter...

[11:42] **A:** It's very raw. Like, a lot of things don't get deleted. Like you can go days later and see things that people posted on Facebook or Instagram that would have gotten deleted there. So I just feel like it's a more raw news source.

[11:58] **O:** Now that you all are saying that, now I'm thinking about it. TikTok doesn't uncensor anything. I've seen so many more videos about Ukraine and Russia.

[12:05] **A:** But it does get deleted though.

[12:05] **O:** It does get deleted. But like if you, if somebody does repost it, and a lot of people see it.

[12:12] **C:** But how truthful, do you guys feel that information is? Like on Twitter.

[12:15] **O:** Well it's a video, people in the war.

[12:19] **C:** Okay, okay.

[12:19] **O:** Like you can see tanks, or they'll just show you drone strikes.

[12:22] **L:** So like, a lot of those, sometimes it's from old wars.

[12:25] **O:** I guess, yeah you're right. I did hear that some.

[12:28] **L:** Like, they bring up stuff from the past, being like, it's going on now. You can't always be 100% on that.

[12:32] **O:** Cause in 2008, didn't Russia attack Ukraine or something? They invaded Ukraine in 2008. So. Some of that footage is from back then.

[12:40] **C:** And what happened with Facebook, a couple of years ago, there was a lot of. Well, when the last elections were going on. There was a lot of stuff, that was just popping up that was not even real. So, I don't know. Personally, I've never tried any of that, Twitter. But Facebook is definitely not, like a reliable source for me to get true news.

[13:01] **R:** Yeah, no, I never look at stuff on Twitter like that. I usually, uh, I Google stuff. Like if it pops in my head, like "You know what, what's going on with Russia right now?" So I google it, and I'll see different things that pop up. A lot of times too you know I'll end up at Youtube, so I'll see stuff on there. But you know that stuff too can be manipulated.

[13:20] Group agrees

[13:21] **O:** I agree with that on Youtube. That's just, a lot of its....

[13:23] **Mod:** E what about you? You've been quiet over there.

[13:26] **E:** You know, just whatever pops up on Facebook. Like the, Fox News, or the CNN, or, I have them liked on my Facebook so whatever pops up.

[13:35] **Mod:** So, like what do you trust more? Cause, in the old days we'd call it network news vs cable news. What's the difference between cable news and network news? Which one do you trust most. When I say that do some of the younger people in the room not know what I'm talking about?

Crosstalk

[13:47] **Mod:** So you don't know what that means?

[13:52] **R:** Like I watch the news because I feel like I got to keep up with what's going on. But my mom's always telling me: "Aw, it's manipulated; it's fake. Or it's nuts". So now I'm like, well, yeah, it could be, it could be. You know, supposedly some of the people that own a lot of the channels have the capability of manipulating stuff. So you kinda feel like, you don't know, like I don't know what to believe anymore.

[14:14] **A:** And I find that so crazy. Cause when I talk to my grandparents about anything, it's always so hard. Like if I say that I read something that wasn't on the news. It's like, how do you know it's real? She only trusts what she sees on the news. I just find that so crazy

[14:30] group agrees

[14:33] **Mod:** And how, how is it that you're different from her? How did that happen?

[14:36] **A:** Well, I don't know. Like with me, sometimes I become obsessive over things. So if I see something, like say Apple News, I'm not subscribed to it so I can't like see what they're putting out. But I'll see the topic or whatever, and if it catches my eye, I'll look one place, then I'll look at TikTok, twitter, something like that . So I'm getting like different sources, so, um, I guess, I don't know, like. But she's just like, one-stop-shop. She sees it, she believes it.

[15:06] **Mod:** So does anyone know the difference between network news and cable news?

[15:09] **O:** Network is...

[15:11] **L:** Current, like channels like local channels. Is it like network? And cable, is it like CNN, the big channels, Fox? NBC, MSNBC?

[15:23] **O:** A big network of all the big cable companies together under one network? I don't know anything!

[15:26] **Mod:** Anyone else?

[15:26-15:30] crosstalk

[15:31] **R:** You say what?

[15:32] **Mod:** Network news vs cable news.

[15:39] **O:** Cable is like DirectTV,

[15:42] **Mod:** One at a time, one at a time. Go on O.

[15:43] **O:** It's like, I'm pretty sure, I think cable is like direct to viewer dish. And network just be like, the main Fox News, ABC, all of em. Like together.

[15:53] **L:** Local news, like channel 8 news in Dallas.

[15:56] **E:** I haven't watched the news, like the actual news, in how long? I don't know.

[15:58] **O:** Yeah me neither. This is the first time I even have talked about it.

[16:01] crosstalk

[16:04] **E:** Now it's just subscriptions, like Hulu, or Netflix. I haven't watched live TV in like....

[16:10] **L:** I have the stream, the AT&T, I have the package where I even get the Mexican news. News from other countries, from Salvador-

[16:19] **Mod:** I was going to ask you about that. What about Spanish media vs. English media? Do you trust one more than the other?

[16:20-16:30] Crosstalk. Group agrees on trusting Spanish media more. O says something about overreacting

[16:31] **Mod:** Wait wait, one at a time guys. Love this. But lets let N go first.

[16:37] **N:** I kind of disagree with that. I think the Spanish news is no filter, I think they go more in-depth. Cause sometimes they show, more graphic stuff on there that they don't show.

[16:48] **O:** Like (unclear) stuff like that?

[16:50] **E:** But those are more like entertainment.

[16:53] **N:** Like with the war and all that. They show more videos. Like what he said what you probably see on TikTok that gets removed, they show it on there.

[16:59] **J:** But they make it so much more interesting too. Just the verbage and the wording that they put into it.

[17:05] **L:** I also have CNN in Espanol. I go to CNN Espanol.

[17:08] **Mod:** Do you trust that more?

[17:10] **L:** Um, you know, I just watch it. You know, to confirm I go to different ones to see if they all go together, to see if they all say the same thing before I'm like okay then it's true. Even TMZ, sometimes you know. I will make sure that, that they're all okay so it's true.

[17:30] **Mod:** I wanna talk a little bit right now about social media, uh, and I think E said she gets a lot of her news from Facebook, right? How much news do you get from your social media, like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram? How much news do you get? A lot of it, all of it, some of it?

[17:42] L and O nod, C shakes head.

[17:44] **R:** I don't get a lot of it.

[17:46] **E:** Whenever you log in. Whenever you log in and get on, if it pops up on the news feed. That's how I see it.

[17:50] **Mod:** That's how you see it.

[17:51] **R:** I usually just use it for social media purposes. You know, just to see profile pictures, stuff on myself. I don't get the news on there. I get my news more like from watching Channel 11, Channel 5 or whatever on the TV.

[18:10] **A:** I guess that has to do with, what, like he said (points to O), the algorithm. If he's more focused on those type of things, that's what is going to pop up on his feed.

[18:15] **L:** I like, it depends what pages you like too, or nothing will pop up really. Like I like, I do like like the news channels on Facebook, so I do get often on Facebook, I do get a lot of news on there. Because I choose to like those pages so I can get notifications on whats going on

[18:32] **Mod:** How much do you trust that the news that you get from social media to be accurate and true?

[18:40] **R:** Half. About 50%, yes.

[18:40] **O:** 50-50. You kind of have to do your own work too. Like it's cool that you saw it from this place and that place and everything, but like do you trust that deep down, like would you ask yourself "what I just saw do you really trust it"? That's what I'm saying, 50-50. It all depends on really that.

[18:57] **C:** And there's things, that you can immediately, like tell, this is BS. And there's some stuff you're like "oh, okay, where's the research?"

[19:07] **L:** And there's other versions, that come out later. Like you know, everybody said later they change the story. So, that's why I think all of us are saying 50/50, because we can't trust the government no more, cause they say one thing, the other part of the government says one thing. And it's like, you know, what is it?

[19:24] **R:** and they're right both of the times.

[19:28] **Mod:** So, um, I'm gonna move on, unless someone else wants to make a comment before we move on to the next topic? Anybody else? Okay. Now I'm gonna ask you, generally, describe what does it mean to be a good citizen. And when I say good citizen I'm not talking in the legal sense of a citizen. I'm talking about citizen, like in society. What does it mean to be a good citizen? What does a good citizen do? What does a good citizen not do? J?

[19:56] **J:** It's kind of, well that's not really tough. But I guess it's just doing your obligations. Going out, helping out in your community. Keeping it in reach, whether that be social or having that also too, communication. That would be a big key.

[20:14] **Mod:** Mhm. Okay, anybody else? What does it mean to be a good citizen?

[20:19] **R:** I would say, it also has to do with not participating in criminal activities as well. You know, cause if you're involved in that, then obviously, there's a cost, and you obviously end up in jail. So I would say, not taking part of crime. And being good to others.

[20:35] **Mod:** Okay, being good to others. Anybody else?

[20:38] **O:** I would say like, learning, like learn stuff yourself and try to teach it to your community. Like whether it be agricultural or like some skill or something. I mean that sounds hard, cause I don't know a lot of people that would just sit there and teach someone.

[20:54] **Mod:** I'm sorry, go ahead. I think a device (L's) is ringing. Yeah yeah yeah. ANYbody else what it means to be good, go ahead L.

[21:01] **L:** I would say, I think yeah, it starts from home. You as a family, your children, you can also teach them how to be good citizens. How to keep peace, you know. Be peaceful because that will help the whole community as well. And, um, obey the laws. Like you say, it might not always be about laws, but when you obey, people, you say little things, you obey big things. So I think just being peaceful. You get along with your neighbors, you know what I mean. Helping each other out. Um, be tight, communicate, you know, be friendly. I think that helps a lot.

[21:39] **Mod:** Okay, um. Do you think of yourselves as good citizens?

[21:44] **L:** Yes.

[21:45] **J:** Depends on what day of the week it is (group laughs)

[21:48] **R:** (unclear) think of yourself as a bad citizen. Technically, I think most people think that.

[21:56] **Mod:** E, E you're kind of quiet.

[22:00] **R:** Unless your face is popping up on one of those, like you've been booked in the county jail, and like see you everywhere.

[22:06-22:11] crosstalk

[22:12] **E:** Especially in traffic, sometimes you wanna flip people off when they cut you off. It just, like he said, it depends on what day of the week it is.

[22:18] **L:** You can get shot for that now.

[22:19] **O?:** Yeah, I've been hearing a lot about that now.

[22:23] **Mod:** What about, uh, being civically engaged? What does it mean to be civically engaged?

[22:28] **O:** Like, you go to court, and you do your civic duties.

[22:31] **R:** I think it means, like be involved in your local government and your community. And go to the hearings, like when they have the speaks (?) and all that stuff, with, all that. That'll probably mean that you're connected.

[22:45] **Mod:** N, what?

[22:46] **N:** The town hall meetings. And stuff like that.

[22:48] **R:** Exactly.

[22:50] **Mod:** So the civically engaged, would go to a town hall meeting. Okay, what else.

[22:55] **R:** That's what it sounds like, yeah.

[22:57] **A:** Or even within your own like, suburb. Like some places they have the HOA, which is the home owner association. I feel like that could be included as well.

[23:07] **O:** Or like, neighborhood watch?

[23:08] Group agrees.

[23:09] **E:** Yeah, like that type. Ring has that. Like, you have your, they have their own little.

[23:14] **Mod:** Oh Ring has that?

[23:17] **O:** I've never been (unclear).

[23:23] **Mod:** Um, let's see. Have you ever been asked to register to vote?

[23:27] General agreement in group

[23:28] **C:** Yes, all the time.

[23:29] **J:** With your drivers license. Like when you renew it, or when you first get it too. It prompts you, you can check it off.

[23:35] **Mod:** Uh huh. And did that happen to you recently?

[23:28] **J:** Um, not when I renewed my license I haven't

[23:43] **Mod:** C you said all the time?

[23:46] **C:** Recently when I went and tried to get my CDL. Commercial license.

[23:50] **Mod:** Oh, commercial driver's license. Got it. Sorry I didn't know what that meant, okay. And how did it, was it on the machine? Or was it somebody?

[23:58] **C:** It was, no, it was on the like, on the like the form you filled out. They give you the option, do you want them to kind of pretty much enroll you or register you.

[24:07] **Mod:** Uh huh, okay. Anybody else? Can you share a story? Of someone asking you to vote? Yeah?

[24:14] **L:** If you like, apply for benefits. Like for medicaid or CHIP or anything like that. They'll ask you do you wanna vote, they'll ask you.

[24:22] **Mod:** But how about you personally, have you been asked to register to vote?

[24:24] **O:** Yeah whenever I signed up for this. Like how I wrote, on the "are you registered to vote" and all that. That's the first time I ever. And then I said, well I told my

coworkers about this. And they were like, yeah, well have you ever actually registered to vote? And I was like no, I never even known how to do that or been told.

[24:43] **R:** Sometimes you have like political conversations with people, and they're very into the whole voting... And they'll be like "are you registered?"

[24:54] **E:** Especially the last election, they would be like "who did you vote for?"

[24:55] **Mod:** And what do you say when they ask you that?

[24:58] **R:** Uh, I'll be like yeah, but sometimes you don't because you don't wanna vote. Sometimes you don't feel like you don't wanna vote for either or.

[25:06] **L:** I say I'm neutral. I'm neutral, you know, I have, I just say I don't agree with either party so.

[25:16] **O:** Yeah, that's what I say, I don't agree with any of them.

[25:18] **L:** Yeah, I just say neutral.

[25:19] **Mod:** Yeah, C?

[25:20] **C:** I say no it is unfortunate, but that's what happens. Just like the last election, you didn't want to go with one or the one before. You know, like you don't like either one. So you like, you don't want to vote, to like, mess it up. So you know, it's kind of the same thing.

[25:36] **Mod:** A what about you? Have you been asked to register to vote?

[25:40] **A:** Um yeah I have.

[25:41] **Mod:** And how did you respond?

[25:43] **A:** Well I was in high school. And I did register. But also, I remember there was like this whole debate with one of my teachers. They were like "you need to vote for this, like against Trump, you know." And I was like, well what if I don't agree with them? And they were like, well you don't want him to be in office. And I was like, well why does my vote have to go towards someone I don't agree with, even though they were I guess less worse than the next party or whatever. So yeah.

[26:11] **Mod:** But you're not registered to vote right now, right?

[26:12] **A:** Well. I don't know how it works, like does it go away? Like I registered, and I was just like... well..

[26:21] **R:** You have to do it every yeah right. Wait, not every year, every four years, is it every four years?

[26:28] **L:** I think it's every year.

[26:28] **O:** Where do you even go? I don't know what you even do.

[26:31] **A:** You can do it online, and mail it. You know you print out the things and mail it in.

[26:40] **C:** I kind of thought that when you do, like, it's kind of for that cycle if you will. And then after that, it drops.

[26:47] **Mod:** What do you mean cycle?

[26:48] **C:** Like the, uh, the voting cycle for example. So whenever you have to vote again for whatever it is. So, you know, four years later or whatever it is. After that it drops, and you have to re-enroll again to be back on the rolls, as they call it.

[27:06] **Mod:** E?

[27:07] **E:** No I'm saying, is it the same thing, when you're electing the mayors, and the city councils.

[27:14-27:19] crosstalk

[27:16] **Mod:** What are you saying, is it the same?

[27:19] **C:** It is the same. As far as I know.

[27:25] **E:** Cause I've seen it, where they do advertisement like say "come register, come vote". Like I know they've done it at my church. They have the, little voting, well they did before Covid.

[27:32] **Mod:** But you're not registered to vote, are you? (E shakes head). But you're involved in your church? Okay.

[27:38] **R:** Can you lose your right to vote?

[27:40] crosstab, group says yes.

[27:43] **Mod:** What about you N, have you ever been asked to vote?

[27:46] **N:** Yeah at the pride parade. They asked me to vote but I've never been registered to vote.

[27:52] **Mod:** Okay. And what did you respond, what did you tell them when they asked you to register to vote?

[27:55] **N:** I was there to party. I was there to party.

[28:00] **Mod:** Oh, you said you were there to party.

[28:02] **N:** Yeah, like I wasn't there to talk about that.

[28:05] **Mod:** Um, so I guess O was like, he didn't even know what it did to, to entail to register to vote. What about actually, um, does anyone, I guess you answered it. How to actually like register to vote.

[28:18] **O:** Yeah, I've never been told how to do it. (unclear)

[28:23] **E:** I know that libraries, I know that they used to.

[28:25:00] **Mod:** So, um, [laughter] what about, uh, I guess, my next question is, um, what are some reasons that people give for not registering to vote, besides not being eligible?

[28:38] **A:** Wait -

[28:39] **A:** repeat that?

[28:40] **Mod:** What are some of the reasons that people give for not registering to vote, besides the fact that they're just not eligible to vote?

[28:45] **C:** A lot of times, if you don't like either, either, neither candidate, that's just like, like, like for instance, four years ago, or whatever, I didn't really care for Trump. And I really didn't care for Hillary, because, I mean it was just a messed up situation either one. And so, it's just like, you want worse or you want ... a little bit more than worse, like...

[29:04] **Mod:** Mm-hmm

[29:05] **C:** I...

[29:05] **Mod:** So, for you it was the candidate...

[29:06] **C:** It was not even, yeah. It was about conscience. I'm not gonna vote for somebody that, that I don't agree with.

[29:11] **Mod:** But what kind of candidate would you vote for? Just curious. Wh... what's the -

[29:14] **C:** There has to be something going around that has to entice me to even, do it.

[29:17]: **Mod:** There hasn't been anyone, lately?

[29:18] **C:** No! it's just like -

[29:20]: **Mod:** ... Okay.

[29:21]: **C:** Well they, well the last round, with like Joe Biden and all that, yeah he was the Vice President at some point in time but that was like, years ago. You can't compare -

[29:28] **Mod:** Right

[29:28] **C:** ...the way he was eight years ago to now.

[29:31] **Mod:** Is there anyone on the ballot that you thought would have read your vote and made you wanna register to vote, at all?

[29:36:] **C:** At the beginning, yeah but they dropped out -

[29:38:] **A:** Bernie Sanders?

[29:39:] **C:** ...very soon.

[29:38:] **Mod:** Who was that?

[29:41] **C:** Uh, Bernie Sanders was kinda almost like Biden, like, they have the, the will, but I just think that they need to retire.

[29:48] **Mod:** Which one did you like, C?

[29:50] **C:** I like Beto from here, to Texas, to me that was a good option, like there was other good options, even the guy that, the gay guy, I thought that was a good option. That was one of the people, they are fresh, they have a lot to offer, but they just get kicked to the curb because, you know what, let's just get them out of it because this one has the name, and this one has the backup. (**L/A?** says money). Even though, I mean, to me like right now it's just like, yeah we, I mean, he's there but like he's not somebody that I would...

[30:17] **E:** But he's running again, no? Beto?

[30:20] **C:** I believe so.

[30:20] **E:** Right?

[30:21] **N:** That was who they wanted me to vote for at the parade.

[30:25] **C:** Yeah, I mean there's not enough fresh options, good options. You know, people that literally have a lot to offer, but...

[30:29] **Mod:** Well, Beto, you said he's running, right? Do we know what he's running for?

[30:31] **E:** I believe he's running for -

[30:32] **C:** Yeah, I know he's trying to run for governor, I believe.

[30:37] **E:** For Texas governor, yeah.

[30:38] **Mod:** Is that enough of a reason to make you wanna register to go vote and vote for him?

[30:41] **C:** It might, yeah.

[30:42] **Mod:** it might?

[30:42] **C:** Yeah.

[30:42] **Mod:** Okay.

[30:42] **C:** I mean, cause, I mean -

[30:46] **L:** You don't want Ted Cruz?

[30:47] **E:** We want Ted Cruz out [laughs].

[30:50] **J:** Ted Cruz...

[30:50] **C:** I don't know, to me, like they've been Republicans here forever here in Texas.

[30:56]: [unintelligible exchange between L and R]

[30:56] **C:** And this is like, the same, like, the same thing, you know? It's just like, I don't know. I just...

[31:02] **Mod:** Yeah. So, J, what do you think some of the reasons people give for not registering to vote, besides just not being eligible?

[31:08] **J:** To be quite honest, some people just get lazy -

[31:11] **Mod:** Yeah.

[31:11] **J:** ...and just don't know how to deal with it.

[31:12]: **Mod:** Mm-hmm.

[31:12] **J:** And just, to me, it's like a burden, to other people. It's like they don't, really don't care. It is what it is, you know?

[31:18] **Mod:** And to you?

[31:18] **J:** For me?

[31:20] **Mod:** Mm-hmm.

[31:22] **J:** [Sigh] It's kinda the whole sense in really, no offense to anybody, that I don't think that your vote matters, to be honest.

[31:31] **L:** Mm-hmm.

[31:32] **J:** When they're up there, they're gonna do what they wanna do.

[31:32] **O:** Yeah absolutely.

[31:33] **L:** That's what they've shown these last, probably a lot of them.

[31:37] **R:** Yeah.

[31:38] **C:** I think that it's -

[31:38] **Mod:** Wait a minute, wait a minute. Uh, go O, what?

[31:41] **O:** No, I was just gonna say, like, that's why like cause every president, every presidential election, or every president that's been elected, they're all really the same. They'll all say something and then, when they get into office it's like, completely different. You know, just like...

[31:56]: **Mod:** Okay, C. Go ahead.

[31:58] **C:** [I know that we don't have much time?]

[32:00] **Mod:** Oh [unintelligible] I'm sorry! I'm sorry! [unintelligible] We're gonna get good!

[32:05] **R:** What you were saying makes a lot of sense because if you look at it from that perspective, they're like "okay, well, all the states voted this guy, this guy, but then they get up there with the electoral votes and the, uh, you know, whatever they have to add up these other stuff, and especially after the last, ah, election, where it kinda got funny with the cheating cause, they were cheating. Somebody said that somebody was cheating. So it's like, you start feeling like, "well why would I need to go vote? When, it really doesn't seem like it matters?" It just kinda seems that way for some time.

[32:35] **Mod:** A, what do you think?

[32:38] **A:** I agree with him. No, because like, when he was saying, like, with the electoral, um, votes. If that's... I believe if those are more, then our vote doesn't matter. So -

[32:50] **R:** Well yeah you're right...

[32:53] **A:** So people start feeling, you know, like their vote doesn't matter. So why go out and do it?

[32:59] **E:** And it's not just lazy, sometimes it's just we're busy, like, who has time for those sitting and standing in line -

[33:05] **A:** Right.

[33:06] **E:** ... like I remember for the election the lines were super long, like I didn't have time to be sitting there two hours waiting and, I got things to do, you know? I have work, I have kids, I have dogs, like...

[33:14] **C:** I think that when you know it's work day, then you do get off and do what a lot of people did when Obama got elected. You know, a lot of people like were determined to get in there.

[33:26] [Multiple interruptions]

[33:28] **E:** Let's be honest, Obama won because he was Black.

[33:31] **C:** That's what I'm saying, though. People are determined to get -

[33:33] **E:** And Biden won because they wanted to get off their butts.

[33:38] **C:** That's what I'm saying, though. With, right now, with Biden, is it's like, they were just trying to get the guy out. And literally wipe out everybody else that had a lot of possibilities, but they didn't feel that either one of them was gonna beat him up, like, out of office so they were like "No, we gotta go with this guy." This guy should be retired, like, I'm sorry, like he's a good guy but he had his good moments.

[34:00] **Mod:** Look, E talked about having to stand in line for hours to go vote, is - I mean, what other people in the room can talk about what does it take to vote, what does it entail to vote? Is that, like, what's that task actually consist of? J, I mean, do you know?

[34:15] **J:** I don't know to be honest.

[34:15] **O:** Well, I would say, like, deep down, like, as a citizen, I guess that's the whole point of why America's America because you get to be in a democracy where you get to vote. But all of that kind of went away throughout the years, like, with technology, you just... there's just so much information and like, and then you, it just gets mixed up and then like, there's just... I don't know the Internet has messed a lot of traditions and it's just a new world, like...

[34:45] **Mod:** You think it's, it's the Internet? Or social media?

[34:49] **O:** Uh, social media, real life, real, like anything, everything. Ever since the internet came to, like, into our lives as a human kind, like it's just changed everything.

[34:57] **E:** You don't know what you believe, cause this person's saying here that this one's saying here.

[35:00] **O:** Yeah. And just with information. It all just gets mixed up.

[35:04] **L:** I really... one of the reasons they don't, people don't vote anymore is like lack of trust. [Unintelligible] these past few years, how they promise and promise, president and you know when their campaigning, "Yeah, well then I'm gonna do this. Yeah, I promise you I'm gonna do this" and when the time comes, they become president. Nothing happens with what they say, they start their term, they know the work, they don't, um, you know, meet up with what they promised. So, I believe that a lot of people, you know, now they've lost that hope, that faith, that, you know.

[35:35] **Mod:** Everybody in the room here, are not registered to vote? We asked if you were registered and you said no. As a show of hands can you show, even though you are not registered right now, how many people have voted in the past, if you have ever voted before

[35:41] **C:** Correct

[35:41]: [General agreement amongst members]

[35:49] **A:** [raises hand]

[35:48] **Mod:** So just A, is the only one who has ever voted before okay. Um and then I think we already kinda covered this like what are the reasons why people don't vote, you just said that [gestures at L] can anyone else add to L's comments about voting

[36:03] **R:** I think that sometimes people don't vote because they don't have the proper ID or its expired or something, they're like oh I can't do it so they don't do it. I think if their ID is like expired or something like that or you don't have the proper ID you can't do it, but overall like if, now that I am noticing that we all come from a Hispanic background so I don't wanna say that Hispanics don't necessarily care to go vote, cause that would be a lie, but there is I guess a group of us who really don't care to some extent you know. Like yo the life is still gonna go, they're still gonna elect somebody, they are, it's like a tv show really, it's like okay who are they gonna pick, who are they gonna pick, and you might have your favorite person, like oh I really like him, but like but like you know, I really didn't like Biden I was really hoping for something else but he won and it was like okay well nothing we can do. Now like I was telling you it's funny to me with the things that are going on, so I think people deep inside, like now knowing she is the only one who has voted. I mean I don't know how long everyone has been in this country but I have been here for like 30 years and I have been in situations where people are like you should vote, you should vote, but it's like I didn't like Bush, I never liked Bush, I liked Obama but I was like he's gonna get it regardless,

[37:29] Unidentifiable female voice: That's exactly what I thought

[37:29] **R:** I think it's you know, at the end of the day you are gonna vote, if you feel like you really want to push it out there for that person for the most part I think we don't have control of that

[37:39] **J:** Life is gonna go on if you vote or you don't vote. Simple as that.

[37:43] **Mod:** The light is gonna go on?

[37:44] Group: No life [general correction]

[37:45] **Mod:** oh life, life. Okay A.

[37:50] **A:** Um yeah I wanted to say that I don't think like it's necessarily that people don't care but sometimes they just don't cater to black or brown people, so what they are saying is just not like, oh i forgot what I was going to say, it was like...

[38:15] **J:** It just doesn't go with the people, like all these bills are passing

[38:19] **A:** But it's not for us.

[39:19] **O:** Yeah, it's not for us in the sense of color or racial but it's also not economical

[39:28] **C:** It's not with us in mind I guess

[38:30] **Mod:** What was that C

[38:31] **C:** It's not with us in mind.

[38:37] **O:** Cause like really I don't know what they have changed or what they have done but like every presidency but like what do they really change can anybody give me an actual explanation what they do other than make wars and stuff?

[38:50] **Mod:** Anybody else comments

[38:52] **R:** I mean there was Obamacare.

[38:55] **O:** Oh right yeah, I guess

[38:57] **R:** Which you know...

[38:58] **N:** I never got interested in voting because my family said pretty much what they said, that it's like rigged and it's a waste time and I kinda just followed in their footsteps and overtime seeing it on tv they were right from what i have seen because I knew a lot of people who were saying they were going to vote against Trump and like he still won so it's gonna happen anyways.

[39:22] **Mod:** All right I want to move on to you got a piece paper in front of you so put your first name on the front page and then you're gonna go ahead and turn to the first exercise here it's not school so your no gonna get graded no right or wrong answer okay so here is a list of some different issues for each one I want you to indicate how important the issue is to you on a scale from one to ten where one is not import at all and ten is very important and you can use any number between one and ten and then

when you're done I want you to put a star next to the one that is most important so your only gonna put one star next to the one that's the most important to you okay and then when you get done put your pen down so I know that you're finished.

[40:08] **A:** So I have a question. So um would we say we are for these things

[40:16] **Mod:** No. How important it is to you in your life right now. How important this issue is for you 1 means eh it's not that important no me importa I don't really care ten is like it's really important to me.

[40:28] **C:** What did you say about the star, I missed that.

[40:29]: Umm put a star next to the one most important

[40:34] **C:** Not a number, just a star?

[40:35] **L:** But it's one to ten?

[40:36] **Mod:** You'll still put a 10 and then a star next to the one

[40:40] **L:** So it doesn't go from like 10 9 8 7, So it could be like ten ten ten [laughs]

[40:44]: **Mod:** well you know you can put whatever you want but it's one to ten you can put all tens if you want you could put all ones, zero's well zero's dont count. one to ten.

[40:53] **A:** Oh so we don't have to put them in order?

[40:56] **Mod:** No, no each one individually so like you're gonna say the coronavirus how important it is to me one would be eh it's not important to me kind of important, five is sort of important, ten it's really important then the economy, so each one you will write individually, but then you will put a star next to the one that is most important one of all of them.

[41:31] [Silence while everyone does the sheet]

[42:33] **L:** Can we have more than 10?

[42:34] **Mod:** That's okay. No no no, you're not doing...

[42:36] **L:** No I know what you mean

[42:39] **Mod:** You're not doing.. Each one is one through ten, you can put two that are ten.

[42:40] **L:** yeah yea yeah

[42:48] **Mod:** Okay now I'm gonna ask for a show of hands. Are you done A? [directed at A] Ok you good? Okay um im gonna ask for each one if you put a star next to it raise your hand okay?

Coronavirus? Anybody put a star on Coronavirus? Zero.

The economy? How many put a star on the Economy [O, L and R raise hands] one, two, three

How many put a star on inflation and rising cost? [A,N, C and J raise hand] one, two, three, four, Okay.

And then E what did you put a star on cause you're the only one?

[43:18] **E:** Healthcare. Everything else was...

[43:20] **Mod:** Okay.

[43:21] **A:** Oh I put a star on that one too.

43:23 **Mod:** Oh you were only supposed to have one star

[43:26] **A:** I know but sorry.

[43:28] **Mod:** What was your second star? [Healthcare] Okay I'll make a note here. [cont] Okay well first let's talk about, we talked about it a little bit already but inflation and rising costs. Tell me what what makes this important issue so important to you guys and what are some of the numbers that everybody else gave it I mean.

[43:46] **C:** I mean it's stressful.

[43:47] **O:** I gave it a ten.

[43:49] **Mod:** yeah its stressful.

[43:52] **C:** I mean it's stressful because like you still gotta fill up your tank, you still gotta go from A to B and you still gotta get things done, so not getting gas is not an option and nothing else comes up to help like you're not making more money to offset the cost. You just have to do what you have to do.

[44:08] **L:** And if you already have like say, im a single mom and you already have your things planned out but you know what I mean I am pretty sure you don't have to be a single moms, but family members, marriages but what I'm saying when you already have it planned out when you're barely making it sometimes and then this comes up and it's like that's where the second job comes in you find other ways to you know bring money in and I you know I see that. It is real important.

[44:35] **C:** And also knowing when it is going to get better? We know eventually it will go back down but when? Like is it going to be 3 months, 6 months, a year? So that we can at least plan or try to find a way to make our own plan.

[44:50] **L:** I say it's gonna get worse.

[44:53] **Mod:** what did you put on inflation and rising costs?

[44:56] **J:** I did 9 also and basically everything they just pinpointed it's just the inflation it's ridiculous you go to store you get 3 items and you're wasting \$100 when it used to be like forty-fifty dollars, half the cost of what it is and it's just affecting anything and everything fuel, groceries, medicine

[45:21] **Mod:** Who do you blame?

[45:22] **J:** Who do I blame? To be quite honest I really can't blame anybody, cause you don't know where it starts from. A lot of people say it starts from like the presidential all the way down and everybody just kind of piggybacks off of somebody as well so it's kind of hard to blame one person in particular.

[45:41] **O:** To that question, I would blame corporations and businesses, 'cause they're the reason why all of this is going on, really like if you think about it, it's your product and how much it costs to make that product. So you gotta buy it from somewhere, you gotta export from somewhere and all of that just makes an economy start, and whatever they decide however much material costs for you to buy that's how much you gonna buy so whatever is just.. it affects your economy and its citizens.

[46:13] **Mod:** You know, it's funny you're saying the economy, but that's what I was going to ask about next and we are talking about inflation and costs but you're saying the economy. So when we say the economy what does that mean? What is the economy? Is it all these things?

[46:31] **L:** Everything. Everything really does matter, if it works together, or not then it can all just fall apart.

[46:39] **C:** If you have a healthy economy then you don't have inflation and rising costs. It goes hand in hand: rising cost and inflation is the most immediate thing that affects us and the economy is like over time, so if we don't have one then the other one is there too.

[46:57] **L:** And also back to who do you blame, personally, I blame the government sometimes because you know back in the days for example the borders and immigration, it wasn't as strict as it is now. You didn't have to charge Visa's and all that, I mean probably there was a charge but now it's to their convenience. They put the charge they want. The states and the government, so how are these people going to be legalized, they put the price and what they want, they don't have to put that price but they decide. So sometimes I say the government, the states you know and then it even goes to the White House to the president cause they have the last word, if they wanted to they could say this is gonna go and this is gonna go.

[47:40] **O:** Well they really can't because like the the the money doesn't come from America, it comes from the bank of America that America uses so it's not even our money it's just it's the federal reserve that's a whole entity.

[47:54] **L:** Yeah but I see sometimes like the charges that they do.

[47:58] **Mod:** Okay but when we say the economy, what do you think of what does that mean [directed at N]

[48:02] **N:** Of the United States? Everything involved in the United States.

[48:05] **Mod:** Everything? Just everything.

[48:07] **N:** Yeah.

[48:09:] **Mod:** R what about you? When I say the economy, what does economy mean to you?

[48:13] **R:** Umm, the economy really is the trading of goods and services and currencies in general worldwide basically cause it's not just one economy, it's multiple economies. So it really involves I would say its the whole globe and the way kind of it interacts with each other, but the other question, the who do you blame, in a way you have to look at this war that happened in Ukraine it's really also based on the cost that it takes to generate and create these precious metals which is usually steel aluminum, copper and then it starts to go coal. I mean it's all, I dont know, I don't know if the government has control over that. I think it has to do a lot with greed really.

[49:05] **Mod:** Okay A.

[49:07] **A:** I was gonna say that to who I blame or you know whatever, is capitalism so inflation starts with demand. These corporations, they know that the demand is there so they rise up the prices. Back at the height of coronavirus we weren't going anywhere so the gas prices were really low, the demand was low so inflation was low. So, that's who I blame, greed like he said. [points at R]

[49:35] **Mod:** Is there anything missing from the list that we didn't get.

[49:39] **A:** Thats important?

[49:40] **Mod:** Yeah that's important to you guys.

[49:43] **L:** Crime

[49:44] **Mod:** Okay crime is not on here.

[49:47] **O:** Social media

[49:49] **Mod:** Okay social media. Okay talk to me a little about crime.

[49:53] **L:** I'd say that that's very... I'd probably go back to that's very important too, because, think about it, when they commit a crime, they go to prison. Who pays all that stuff? Jail stuff. It comes out of our taxes, stuff like that, and, other situations that, like what happened, riots and all that, they destroyed their cities, and stuff, and it... it does like, peace wise, everybody can go down and it affects all of us in a way, you know what I mean?

[50:20] **Mod:** Mm-hmm.

[50:20] **L:** So it's like, I say that it's also important.

[50:23] **Mod:** Mm-hmm. What about border security? When you see that on there, what does that mean, border security? What does that mean? J? I'm sorry, go ahead R.

[50:30] **R:** I would say border security would be important if we were like next to another country that was gonna invade us, you know, like the whole Ukraine-Russia situation. But over here, you know it's always gonna be -

[50:42] **E:** Canadians and Mexicans.

[50:42] **R:** Hispanics and, not even Canadians, I don't think they'd come regardless. So, you know, when you think about border security, if you was like a white American, you might think like "Oh yeah, we don't want this Latinos and this foreigners coming here". But, certain groups- That's not important.

[50:58] **O:** Cause basically, they'll just blame that their bringing in drugs, so that's why their making borders "stronger". And, also because they don't want illegal aliens to just come in without being, like, surveilled or, like -

[51:13] **R:** Screened.

[51:13] **L:** They'll still come in screened.

[51:14] **O:** ...Yeah.

[51:14] **J:** That... that falls back on the economy also, too. Cause they're saying that Hispanic people and, maybe just not typical hispanic people, they're taking everybody else's jobs, working at a lower pay, for more hours type.

[51:28] **C:** But there is a lot of jobs that a lot of people are not gonna do, let's face it.

[51:31] **E:** Yeah they're not gonna...

[51:31] **O:** And those hispanic, mexicans, that come across illegally, they're the ones that are gonna do their job. You don't wanna have a white person or black person do a lot of their stuff because -

[51:41] **E:** Or even us, like, that were second generations of Americans, but we're not...

[group talks at once]

[51:44] **O:** They did work for a year or two, for a year or two and they out. I mean, they, they not gonna do the hard work.

[51:50] **L:** And I have noticed that a lot of different, not just Mexicans, or central Americans, South Americans, now you're looking from different parts of the world whether Haitians are coming in, you're looking at Ukrainians, and Russians not too long ago I saw, on the news. So, you know, you're seeing a lot of that, it's sad cause, look at thousands and thousands are coming now, and that does kind of affect, I know we're the border of Texas, you know, and stuff and, you know, it's... You don't wanna really see it, you don't take it like personal like that but, you know, it comes like, it comes to a point, where you know, you wish you could help them too. They want a job, and there's a lot of jobs out there for them, really if you think about it, different little things to do and, I just think -

[52:27] **Mod:** What, what are some of the numbers that y'all put on border security?

[52:30] **C:** Five.

A: [Unintelligible]

L: Eight. I put eight.

E: Well, I put one.

R: I put a three.

N: [Holds up four fingers].

O: I put five, yeah.

J: Three.

[Moderator calls out numbers around the table to gauge participants responses].

[52:37] **Mod:** Not, not a big priority?

[52:40] **C:** Well, it is -

[52:40] **L:** I put eight.

[52:40] **C:** ...but I just think that they have control over it. Like, if they would put some type of program in place where you can say “okay, we’re gonna give out 50,000 visas a year” like, for like, work type of purpose or whatever, then that’s it. Like, people will wait online, people will register it, and whatever is their job is their job.

[O and L nod around the table]

[53:00] **C:** But they don’t, they don’t do absolutely nothing. They lead people through the whole process, that’s hardly possible, to even pass. People come with [unintelligible], they’re not gonna get it, like, they’re not gonna get a visa.

[53:11] **O:** Well, I think that that perspective of immigration where immigration is also just people who are coming to travel, and I guess that’s why the immigration -

[53:18] **C:** Yeah, that’s what I’m saying though. Yeah, those are visas that, yeah, those are... those are, what do they call them?

[53:21] **L:** Visitors, they call it.

[53:22] **O:** That’s a good one -

[53:22] **C:** Yeah, tourist visas. That’s what I’m saying -

[53:25] **O:** ...if you have a visa, and you wanna have a citizenship, those are the plan.

[53:26] **C:** ... like work visa, have a program.

[53:28] **Mod:** Okay, can we go one a time. Sorry, sorry.

[53:29] **O:** Okay, there is a limited type like, uh, thing, where you can get a certain like 40,000 visas a year. And then, if you, if you didn’t get, you didn’t get it. And then if you cross, then, you commit a crime. [unclear]

[53:53] **Mod:** Okay now I want to talk about abortion, what are some of the numbers you all put for abortion?

O: One

R: Three

L: Four

E: Three

N: I changed it from a seven to a ten

A: I put an eight

[53:57] **Mod:** Okay so we have ladies in the back a little higher than guys over here not so much, can we explain?

[54:03] **O:** This kind of weird I mean not weird but like it's like a weird topic really cause I don't have a kid yet, but I don't know how I would feel about it after having kids but and then there's you know instances about females going through stuff and the reasons why they want abortions and then there's other instances where is completely different but yeah that's why I put a one, cause yeah I don't [shrugs].

[54:27] **R:** Well, it you look at it, cause when it saw on here said abortion is like it's eh it's not important, but then when you start looking at from a perspective maybe they say a female got raped...

[54:36] **O** interject: Yeah

Continued response **R:** or it was a situation or economical or whatever, it could be more important, but me as a man, I'm like yeah that's a women's decision.

[54:47] **O:** Yeah that's more of a woman's decision

[54:49] **C:** Yeah I don't think it should be that complicated. You know for there to be all this back and forth and back and forth and all you know all this legal battle about it like it shouldn't be that difficult. Like yeah there should be like some rules in place where okay if you got raped or that was something of that effect that happened then okay you got a right to do whatever you wanna do that's your body is you know like why were you gonna bring a kid that... [hand gestures outward]

[55:12] **A:** Is that like the only situation where you feel like that's that it would be okay?

[55:17] **C:** No that's just an example, that's just one situation where in my opinion it should be your right like, because in the end if you don't feel that you...

[55:26] **A:** But you said you said rules in place, so that's why I was asking so you're saying like if they were raped then they would be able to get an abortion or you're saying like..

[55:35] **C:** I'm saying that's up to the person..

[55:36] **A:** What would be the other rule like.. if there's no opposition where you like can't get it...

[55:42] **C:** Well, there's of course like rules where like okay, if the fetus is a certain amount of weeks old or whatever or past then you just can't because then you put yourself at risk.

[55:51] **A:** But if they were raped can they still get abortion if it was to reached to that point?

[55:57] **C:** No, because then you are at risk now, and you had the whole time to think about it. I'm just saying like if that's something that happens then you know right away whether you do or you don't. Of course, as your pregnancy progresses then you can change your mind which is fine, but to a point that it's safe for you to not change your mind anymore because then now you're at risk.

[56:21] **R:** Yeah but a lot of it now has to do with religion. A lot of the people that are like fighting against it, abortion, they're like oh it's against the church and God so 'cause I guess they made it illegal now right? I believe it hasn't always been illegal here but if you look at the people that are behind it I don't know. In my opinion I feel like you know there's some that are thinking like well it's a, it's a human being but I think the overall aspect of their whole war was religion really.

[56:50] **Mod:** E you were going to say something earlier weren't you?

[56:53] **E:** There shouldn't be a man deciding on what a woman should do...
[interjections of general agreement from participants]

[56:58] **O:** Yeah, yeah I feel that cause like we dont get to get abortions...

[57:04] **E:** Because if that's the case then make it mandatory for the guys to get vasectomies.

[57:08] **O Interjects:** Oh hell no.

[57:08:] **E:** Cause like why does it have to be us, I mean no, like he is on like his three or four baby mama's like make him go... [hand gestures]

[57:14] **O:** But abortion came because of who, who thought of the idea of abortion? Was it a guy or a girl? Who was it?

[57:22] **C:** And then like you were saying though, a lot of that has to do with religion. So in the end like okay we are not perfect, like if you go to church every day and you do whatever you're still going to be doing some stuff in the back that you shouldn't be doing. So let's just be real.

[57:39] **Mod:** Alright, okay we are going to move on to the next section this is gonna be, so thinking specifically about the two political parties if you had to say what does each political party stand for what would you say? We're not moving to the next page, just talking hang on hang on... Just thinking about the two main political parties, what would you say that each political party stands for today? J what does each party stand for? What would you say?

[58:04] **J:** What do you mean?

[58:06] **Mod:** Like what does the party stand for. Like what do they stand for. What does the Democratic party stand for and what does the Republican party stand for?

[58:14] **J:** You're going to have to come back to me on that one, cause I need to think about that one.

[58:17] **Mod:** Okay, anybody else?

[58:19] **R:** This is like disappointing. Like I am so disappointed. For example, when you thought that okay the Supreme Court is just so just that's that's your max at 30 and that's the the buck stops there pretty much, but then now you find out that this guy what is it justice Thomas yeah he was like in it with the wife and that's part of why he voted to not release Trump's records. When that came to the to vote, so this is like even they wreck, you know even they are not even exempt from doing things the right way apparently, because they have the beliefs. So now there's a conflict of interest. So, I don't know, I don't even know what to think on this one.

[59:04] **Mod:** Okay let's go back to the question, what do the parties stand for? What do democrats stand for what do republicans stand for.

[59:12] **O:** I wish I knew.

[59:13] **R:** Originally it was made to be believed that Democrats were for the people, that republicans were for themselves and their growth or their industrial whatever their money you know, but apparently from what I've heard it was not even that way. So, now you know I've always saw myself as a Democrat but I'm not really feeling the Democratic Party that we have going on right now. Unfortunately, like I said, I don't wanna offend anybody but I thought Trump was doing a better job at, at a certain point so it's kind of like, yeah I never like I never really liked Republicans but we have been brainwashed in the sense. You know like minorities it was always like oh no democrats are for the blacks and Hispanics, republicans are not. And you know I know Trump was sort of like oh you know we gotta kick people out they need to go...

[1:00:03] **E:** But, to me they twisted his words. Like, okay, yeah, we all know he's a little racist or whatever. But he didn't say "Okay, all you Mexicans need to go back." He just said "We need to stop letting the bad people in". I think that's where everybody took it to heart, and be like "oh, he's talking about us", and cause I didn't took offense, I mean. You know?

[1:00:22] **R:** No, it's a process. What they're saying is keep the process of being legal and coming here legally, we believe the way it needs to be versus the way it's been happening with a lot of, you know, foreigners coming here and doing whatever they wanted.

[1:00:35] **Mod:** Mm-hmm. N? Democrats, Republicans, what do they say?

[1:00:38] **N:** I believe that Republicans, um, they work for what they want. They don't want a free hand out. The Democrats, obviously, did want to give handouts, help everybody out, stuff like that.

[1:00:51] **Mod:** Mm-hmm.

[1:00:52] **O:** I can't wait to move [unclear] cause I really...

[1:00:53] **A:** Wait, me too.

[1:00:54] **E:** Me too.

[1:00:54] **Mod:** Hang on, hang on.

[1:00:55] **N:** I honestly thought all the time I was a Republican, if I were to ever vote. Cause like I work hard for my stuff, and I never really got free handouts, or anything like that. But, I mean, everyone's going crazy.

[1:01:05] **Mod:** A?

[1:01:07] **A:** Um, I guess that too, what she says. Well, I'm not for either one of, but, I remember someone tried to, um, basically explain it to me in a way where like, Republicans are, say you get an A in class, or whatever, and someone else gets a C, you worked hard for your A, you don't want that other person to also get an A just because they have less. So, I, um, that's what she was saying.

[1:01:36] **Mod:** Mm-hmm. Um, okay, now I wanna go to the sheet here. So, let's go to this handout. So, I want you to think about everything that we've kind of talked about and what you know about the Democratic party, and the Republican party. And I want you to fill out here, you don't have to do three, you can just do one or two, but I do want you to fill every square. So what are some of the pros about democrats, and the pros about republicans, and then the cons about democrats, and the cons about republicans. Think about that for a little bit and then we'll talk about it. So what are some of the pros and cons for the democrat party and the republican party, for you personally. No right or wrong answer, either, so it's not a test.

[1:06:06] **Mod:** I know it's difficult, but if you can just write one word, you don't have to be [unclear], just think of anything.

[1:06:43] **Mod:** Okay, just like 30 more seconds.

[1:06:58] **Mod:** Okay, let's just talk about some of the things that you guys wrote on the, we're gonna go through each of the cuaditro here. So, um, what are some of the things that y'all wrote for pros about Democrats, what are some of the things you wrote in them?

[1:07:09] **A:** Pro choice, pro abortion.

[1:07:11] **Mod:** Pro choice, pro abortion?

[1:07:13] **O:** Less strict.

[1:07:14] **Mod:** Huh?

[1:07:15] **O:** Less strict.

[1:07:15] **Mod:** Less strict, what do you mean?

[1:07:17] **O:** Well, I just feel like they're more like, um, in their states at the moment, like, I don't know -

[1:07:21] **R:** Relaxed?

[1:07:22] **O:** Relaxed, yeah. Like California is super relaxed. They don't give a fuck. Alright, yeah, it's just like they're more... they're not on you. Cause I feel like that's why Detroit has like really bad homes, cause they don't really attend to their neighborhoods and real estate and all that.

[1:07:40] **Mod:** Mm-hmm. Okay. What else, what did y'all put pro about democrats, anybody?

[1:07:46] **O:** More open to change.

[1:07:47] **Mod:** More open to change. J, what did you put?

[1:07:48] **C:** Pro minorities.

[1:07:49] **J:** I would probably have to say more, like, law abiding.

[1:07:53] **Mod:** Law abiding.

[1:07:53] **J:** Yeah.

[1:07:54] **Mod:** Okay, what did you say C?

[1:07:55] **C:** Pro minorities.

[1:07:56] **Mod:** Pro minority.

[1:07:58] **E:** Yeah, probably that they cater to like lower income households. Like, they cater more to.

[1:08:02] **Mod:** Mm-hmm.

[1:08:04] **E:** Versus republicans, I don't know.

[1:08:05] **Mod:** Okay, okay. Yeah.

[1:08:07] **L:** I put like more involved in poverty communities.

[1:08:10] **Mod:** In poverty communities. Okay. N, what did you put?

[1:08:12] **N:** Um, they assist lower income families.

[1:08:16] **Mod:** Lower income families. Okay. Anybody else?

[1:08:19] **R:** I put that they help minorities with programs.

[1:08:24] **Mod:** Okay. Any kind of programs, specifically?

[1:08:24] **R:** No, I don't know about any kind of program, but I feel like they-

[1:08:28] **Mod:** Yeah that's kind of what they do.

[1:08:28] **R:** ...yeah.

[1:08:30] **Mod:** They help the low income and minority families, okay. What about the pros for Republicans, what did we list?

[1:08:36] **O:** No state taxes.

[1:08:37] **Mod:** No state taxes. Money?

[1:08:39] **R:** I feel like they're building America to be a stronger country.

[1:08:42] **Mod:** Okay. In what ways do you see that happening?

[1:08:45] **R:** I mean, when they're dealing with, um, international conflicts and stuff like that, they're always like "it's America you know, we've got the power" you know? So, I feel like they bring that up.

[1:08:56] **Mod:** Okay. A, what did you put down for pros about Republicans?

[1:09:00] **A:** Um, I put, um, as far as taxes...

[1:09:03] **Mod:** Taxes. Okay, N?

[1:09:05] **N:** Same, like he said, they work hard for what they believe in.

[1:09:08] **A:** They're very patriotic.

[1:09:10] **O:** Less change.

[1:09:11] **Mod:** Less change, patriotic. J?

[1:09:13] **J:** I would have to agree with the taxes also.

[1:09:16] **Mod:** Okay, what did you write though? What did you write?

[1:09:18] **J:** Uh, for the cons?

[1:09:19] **Mod:** Yeah. For the pros.

[1:09:21] **J:** Oh, sorry. Uh, just making sure everybody takes care of each other. Looking out for one another.

[1:09:27] **Mod:** Okay. Uh, E? You put?

[1:09:30] **E:** I put money.

[1:09:31] **Mod:** Money, that's right. You told me... Okay, cons of Democrats? What did y'all put for the cons?

[1:09:35] **O:** Starting world wars.

[1:09:36] **Mod:** Starting wars. What else?

[1:09:40] **R:** They manipulate the elections.

[1:09:42] **Mod:** Which elections?

[1:09:43] **R:** The ones they just had.

[1:09:44] **A:** Wait, Democrats or Republicans?

[1:09:46] **R:** No, we're talking about Democrats.

[1:09:49] **Mod:** So you feel that the Democrats-

[1:09:50] **R:** Oh, yeah. I mean, they were manipulating the elections.

[1:09:52] **Mod:** Were they?

[1:09:52] **C:** Last election was not right.

[1:09:55] **JR:** And I feel like they will sell out, too. Eventually, they will sell out. And to who? To other government... you know, they make a lot of deals sometimes and kind of just like get elected, you know we're gonna have -

[1:10:06] **J:** But why do you feel that way? Because of the social media? Why you see on tv?

[1:10:09] **R:** No, no, no. No, because after you start seeing the jump into office, then you see the little things like "oh, you know, Brazil and America is like this!" It's like, that is when it happened, they're having a conversation about it.

[1:10:24] **J:** But you picked that up from what?

[1:10:25] **R:** I pick that up from everyday, you know. From everyday stuff. Right now, you know you look at what's going on, you know, with different countries. Like, you know China, I don't know if you saw it, China is trying to create a new like -

[1:10:36] **O:** Social system?

[1:10:36] **R:** ...no, like a new economy thing with Russia, now. They're trying to push the dollar out.

[1:10:42] **O:** Mm-hmm, yeah.

[1:10:43] **R:** They're trying to make it where the dollar is gonna go down.

[1:10:47] **Mod:** Okay, well, I'm gonna go back to, uh, did anybody else... What other cons did y'all put? What did you list, Jorge, as a con for the Democrats?

[1:10:55] **J:** Uh, not working as hard -

[1:10:56] **Mod:** Not working as hard. What do you mean by that?

[1:10:57] **J:** ...mm-hmm. Uh, just not having to go out there and work for their money.

[1:11:03] **Mod:** Okay.

[1:11:06] **N:** I put the same thing. They cause people to be lazy.

[1:11:09] **Mod:** Okay.

[1:11:10] **N:** Cause it's all handouts that they do.

[1:11:12] **Mod:** Okay. E, what did you put on there?

[1:11:14] **E:** I put liberals.

[1:11:15] **Mod:** Liberals. Okay. Okay, and what do you mean by that? By liberal, what do you mean?

[1:11:19] **E:** Like, to me, they're more like bad, like they're not... which it could be a good thing, but then could be a bad thing too.

[1:11:25] **Mod:** Okay, that's okay. It's not a test.

[1:11:28] **E:** Yeah.

[1:11:30] **Mod:** And, I already asked you about the cons of Democrats, right?

[1:11:34] **A:** Mm-hmm.

[1:11:35] **Mod:** What did you put down? You said?

[1:11:37] **A:** Well, I put like the taxes as well. Like, you know, it could be a pro. I say it's a pro on Republicans, on taxes, and then a con for Democrats.

[1:11:49] **Mod:** And how does that square up? Explain it to me.

[1:11:51] **A:** Um, well, like I said, they try to raise the taxes for, um, you know the more you make... and so, it is good, like the money you make does go to lower income families, but also it creates people to be lazy and to rely on these programs. Like I know that there are people who need them, but also there are people who take advantage of the system.

[1:12:17] **Mod:** Okay. What about the cons for Republicans? What did y'all list?

[1:12:22] **O:** Less change, stricter.

[1:12:23] **Mod:** Stricter.

[1:12:24] **E:** They are very strong on their beliefs, like...

[1:12:26] **Mod:** Very opinionated, okay.

[1:12:28] **R:** They're not really for the immigration reform.

[1:12:31] **Mod:** Not for immigration reform.

[1:12:32] **R:** No, it can be racist sometimes.

[1:12:34] **Mod:** Racist.

[1:12:35] **R:** It can be racist.

[1:12:36] **O:** Sometimes? [laughs]

[1:12:38] **R:** Well, sometimes, I can't say they are all gonna attack it, I don't know all of them, but I also feel like they don't help the common worker.

[1:12:44] Okay. N, what did you think? What did you put on the cons for Republicans?

[1:12:46] **N:** Well, um, they hold everyone accountable for like their work and stuff like that.

[1:12:52] **Mod:** Say that again? They don't...

[1:12:53] **N:** For their work

[1:12:55] **Mod:** They don't what?

[1:12:56] **N:** They don't hold everyone accountable for their work.

[1:12:58] **O:** They're never accountable for their work.

[1:13:00] **Mod:** Unaccountable?

[1:13:01] **N:** No, they hold.

[1:13:04] **Mod:** They hold everyone accountable for their work.

[1:13:06] **N:** Mm-hmm.

[1:13:07] **Mod:** Okay, and how is that a con for you?

[1:13:09] **N:** Um, I mean cause, like she said, I don't wanna be working and-

[1:13:13] **O:** Get taxed.

[1:13:14] **N:** ...and, you know, get taxed higher than someone who's just at home, just chilling, and getting free handouts.

[1:13:19] **Mod:** Okay.

[1:13:20] **N:** You know what I mean?

[1:13:22] **Mod:** And what did you write for a few of the cons for Republicans.

[1:13:27] **J:** I would probably have to say market control.

[1:13:27] **Mod:** Market control. Okay. And what do you mean by that?

[1:13:31] **J:** It just all depends on the dollar also too, and how it's being moved and with everything taking place.

[1:13:37] **Mod:** Uh, looking back on handout one which was the list of the issues, um, which party do you think does a better job than another on some of these issues. So like, for instance, we were talking about the economy. Who do you think is better with the economy, Democrats or Republicans?

[1:13:54] [Some participants answer aloud] Republicans.

[1:13:55] **Mod:** What make you say that? A?

[1:13:58] **A:** Um, like I said. I mean, like he was saying earlier, you know, he was saying that Trump was better for the economy like you know as far as ,um, you know trying to get it back on track. Um, yeah, like that's...

[1:14:14] **Mod:** Okay, okay. E, you said too the economy is Republicans.

[1:14:17] **E:** Mm-hmm.

[1:14:19] **Mod:** And what makes you say that?

[1:14:20] **E:** I mean, even though that Trump did whatever he did, I feel like our economy was way better when he was in office.

[1:14:26] **Mod:** And how was it better? How did you see it?

[1:14:30] **E:** Well, look at all the inflation.

[1:14:32] **Mod:** Okay, so it was better back then because we didn't have inflation. Okay. Anybody else?

[1:14:37] **O:** Well...

[1:14:38] **Mod:** Go ahead, go ahead.

[1:14:40] **O:** No.

[1:14:41] **Mod:** I was gonna say, um, what about on, um, voting rights? Who's better on voting rights?

[1:14:52] **A:** I would say that both of them are.

[1:14:55] **R:** I don't know about that [unclear]?

[1:14:58] **C:** I'm thinking Democrats cause they are the ones who were trying to make sure that everybody was able to vote.

[1:15:02] **A:** Well, yeah. I will say that. Cause they were all like “get out and vote, get out and vote, make sure you vote, you know, whatever.

[1:15:03] **A:** Oh yeah, I will say that, cause they were all like get out and vote, get out and vote, make sure you vote, you know whatever.

[1:15:08] **R:** Yeah you're right.

[1:15:12] **O:** Like in commercials? Oh...

[1:15:12] **C:** It also kinda felt like they were trying to censor in a way, come out with all kinds of ways to exclude people for any reason from voting.

[1:15:20] **Mod:** What about crime? Who is better on crime, democrats or republicans?

[1:15:25] **O:** It's just the nation.

[1:15:28] **Mod:** Okay hang on, what?

[1:15:29] **O:** I feel like at that point it's just the nation. I don't think of republican has like control of crime

[1:15:34] **Mod:** But who is doing a better job of the issue on crime

[1:15:38] **O:** Aren't they both on the same side...

[1:15:41] **Mod:** Okay, C says Republicans, what makes you say that C?

[1:15:44] **C:** I just feel that they are more strict when it comes to that.

[1:15:50] **Mod:** Okay, J? Who does a better job of dealing with crime, republicans or democrats?

[1:15:51] **J:** I would probably say democrats, to keep a tighter hold on people.

[1:16:00] **Mod:** You think democrats do a better job on crime because what I'm sorry?

[1:16:04] **J:** Just because they can take initiative of taking control.

[1:16:08] **Mod:** Of what?

[1:16:07] **J:** Just being able to lay down the law.

[1:16:12] **O:** Oh I guess if you see it from a state type point of view, then yeah like the economy, through voting, through crime I feel like yeah Republicans are more stricter in that sense that you have less change in your laws. It's more like you'll get the death penalty in some cases depending on the crime you make. Voting I guess they don't care. From what I've heard about Democrats, Democrats they do care about voting. They are less like leaning, less pursuing of like woke, like they'll try to make weed legalized like those are the people who try to make some crimes go away like less penalty.

[1:16:59] **A:** Like, decriminalizing.

[1:17:00] **O:** Yeah, decriminalize it, then yeah.

[1:17:03] **Mod:** Is there any... oh sorry go ahead. {gestures toward A}

[1:17:05] **A:** Oh, I was just going to agree like a lot of the blue states those are the ones with more crime, you know...

[1:17:12] **O:** [interjects] Higher taxes.

[1:17:14] **A:** Umm yeah...

[1:17:16] What about on immigration? Who is doing a better job on the issue of immigration? Democrats or republicans?

[1:17:22] **O:** Texas {C, A and N laughs}

[1:17:25] **R:** Republicans.

[1:17:27] **Mod:** R says republicans. Why would you say that R?

[1:17:30] **R:** On immigration? Because they don't want foreigners to come here, so they are like oh we are going to stack the border...

[1:17:37] **Mod:** So when you say they are doing a better job you are in other words saying..

[1:17:40] **R:** I mean they are more strict.

[1:17:41] **Mod:** They are more successful with their own personal agenda?

[1:17:45] **O:** Obama was all pro immigration trying to give DACA.

[1:17:50] **E:** Yeah but like Obama deported more people than Trump did.

[1:17:53] **O:** He did, and they are both going to do it, but like Democrats are more like a little bit like okay we'll try to help out.

[1:18:00] **L:** When it comes to actually they're all here here then they just...

[1:18:03] **Mod:** Okay I'm sorry but who is better at immigration.

[1:18:05] **O:** I say Democrats.

[1:18:07] **Mod:** What makes you say that O?

[1:18:09] **O:** Well cause like Obama, he was a Democrat right, cause my mom would always be like thank god we are going to have this guy cause he's gonna give a green card and then he ended up giving DACA. And then for years he was saying whoever has DACA is gonna get a green card, and that never happened but he gave the illusion so he could get more votes and all this other stuff. So yeah in a sense just because of that I would say Democrats are more pushing towards okay, they are more to border patrol..

E Interjects at 1:18:29

[1:18:44] **C:** It's not just about enforcement, for example security at the border right? But it's also about you know coming up with plans or something to kinda help people that are just hanging. Like I say even even with people coming if you put a system in place where you're saying even if it's thirty thousand or fifty thousand work visas for example per year. People have to sign up and whoever signed up first is the one who's gonna get the chance first. And once those fifty thousand visas are gone for the year then whoever comes next, next year will get their chance, but like and I'm sure people will hang on because even though they need to come and they need money and there... [O interjects] I mean that if you sign up and you know okay if I didn't get it this year then I may get it next year. Then you are waiting on a process you not just, you know at least

you're hopeful that hey you'll get there one day maybe a year maybe two years maybe three but there's something in place right now there's nothing.

[1:19:41] **Mod:** J were you going to say something?

[1:19:42] **J:** I was just gonna say so you are raffling basically in other words?

[1:19:45] **C:** Yeah, pretty much but there is something, right now there is nothing.

[1:19:49] **J:** Versus actually following the uh actual, what do I call it [unclear] circumstances not being able to get a green card, the proper procedure and making sure. I understand the whole portion of like if you are a felon obviously and you have a green card [unclear]

[1:20:06] **C:** Yeah, but vetting comes with it you don't wanna give a visa or work visa to somebody that is a criminal or whatever i mean it all comes with the vetting, of once you get it, but it's whoever signs up first then you get the chance first. For instance...because you sign up first

[1:20:22] **Mod:** I am going to stop you real quick because I wanna finish up and maybe get us out of here on time, but when it comes to border security, who does a better job with the issue of border security? Democrats or republicans?

[1:20:33] **C:** Democrats in my opinion.

[1:20:34] **Mod:** Democrats in C's opinion.

[1:20:36] **R:** I think it's republicans.

[1:20:37] **O:** With the law it's republicans, but like with helping out social security wise and all that green card, democrats.

[1:20:44] **R:** It's cause Trump had all those when remember Trump was really pushing the wall and they were all over there at the border and all the border patrol cops and everybody were like "ehh where you going" so I think you know at the time that's what he was trying to do and that's basically why I say that. Now I don't really like Republicans to that extent but given that at the time Trump was pushing this hard I mean yeah, I guess. I mean you didn't see democrats talking like oh border security, I'm sure they were bringing it up to some extent but...

[1:21:16] **Mod:** And C says Democrats are better at border security. Can you just explain your reasoning?

[1:21:21] **C:** Because like she was saying, like when Obama was in office he deported more people than Trump, but at the same token he also put programs in place to try to legalize other people like the DACA people for example so I mean people will stop just hanging on the you know on the on the legal balance I mean at least now they know they don't have anything permanent but they legal now you know and there's maybe something that will come later.

[1:21:46] **Mod:** What about abortion? Who is doing a better job on abortion right now?

[1:21:53] **A:** What do you mean by better?

[1:21:55] **E:** That said it's a tricky question, depends on where we stand.

[1:21:59] **O:** I don't even think, I mean I don't know well I guess Republicans don't want abortion.

[1:22:06] **R:** I don't really know because I don't keep up with that.

[1:22:07] **A:** If the question is who is like not allowing them then I would say republicans, so they would be doing a better job at preventing them from not happening...

[1:22:22] **Mod:** So democrats are doing a worse job at trying to...

[1:22:25] **A:** If that's the question then yes.

[1:22:27] **Mod:** It's confusing the way that I said it.

[1:22:29] **R:** I agree with her, yeah.

[1:22:33] **Mod:** Alright, anything else? I don't want to move on to the last part without umm.. Okay so now let's move on to the very last page, this is the very last thing we will be doing tonight. Thank you for staying over just a little bit, hopefully we can get you out of here in the next few minutes. Umm actually one last thing, what would, before we go to this next page, what would need to change in order to make more Latinos vote in local elections or even presidential elections.

[1:23:00] **O:** More incentives more green card incentive like for sure that would definitely give you a lot

[1:23:08] **R:** But if you're not legal you cannot vote regardless.

[1:23:12] **O:** Oh no but she's talking.. Wait what was the question?

[1:23:15] **Mod:** The question is what would need to change in order for more Latinos to vote in a local election or a presidential election?

[1:23:20] **O:** Well if you give illegals a green card, then you can register to vote

[1:23:26] **R:** Not with a green card. You have to be citizen.

[1:23:28] **Mod:** J what were you going to say?

[1:23:30] **J:** Now you're saying..

[1:23:31] **Mod:** [holds hand at talking in back] hang on, hang on.

[1:23:32] **J:** If what you're saying is to entice them to come vote,

[1:23:34] **Mod:** What would have to change in order to make more Latinos vote in more local elections? What would have to change?

[1:23:42] **J:** They would have to get status of if you're a U.S citizen, if you're not a U.S citizen.

[1:23:47] **Mod:** what were you saying N?

[1:23:49] **N:** Pay one of my bills for a year. I would be out there to vote.

[1:23:50] **Mod:** pay one of my bills for a year, okay.

[1:23:53] **C:** You know cater more to the minorities like have more like better agenda more focused on everybody not just focused on a certain.

[1:24:03] **Mod:** Okay and what would be a better agenda C can you give an example.

[1:24:07] **C:** I mean there's a lot things that can be done. I can't think of anything but for the most part is there isn't nothing really there for the minorities most of the time.

[1:24:19] **Mod:** Yeah go ahead [gestures towards R]

[1:24:20] **R:** Well you know more like, if you have a candidate that you relate to like oh he's a Latino and he's running for office you're gonna want it more [unintelligible] like say you're Hispanic or white as a black person you might be like I don't care for that. So maybe you know finding a way and that's kind of hard to because you can't, they can't determine who's gonna go running.

[1:24:40] **E:** But, let's be honest, that's kind of what Beto is doing. He's not even Hispanic.

[1:24:44] **C:** But he has good ideas.

[1:24:46] **E:** He is capitalizing on like oh yeah Beto, but he's not...

[1:24:50] unclear crosstalk

[1:24:54] **Mod:** What did you say N?

[1:24:55] **N:** I said that's funny, that they're saying that because at the parade they were saying vote for that guy, and then later on when i started hearing about people talking about it he's not a good guy at all to be in office.

[1:25:08] **Mod:** Alright so closing thoughts, go to this paper what is one action that government, and you can just do bullet points you don't have to write a sentence...what's one action that government could do or elected officials to make a difference or... that would make a difference or make things better for you personally and, or what's one action that government or elected officials could make a difference or change things for the better for the Latino community. And once you are done you can just leave your stuff, leave everything here and head out the door. Make sure you check out with the person who is outside and thank you all very much for your participation. I hope you had a good time.

[1:25:43] **O:** Yeah, this was fun. This is my first time doing one of these.

[1:25:47] **A:** Really?

[1:25:48] **O:** Yeah.

[1:26:29] **A:** You said leave it?

[1:26:30] **Mod:** Yeah you can just leave it here and just go on out the door, just make sure you check in with the person on the way out. OKay, thank you.

[1:26:39] **E:** Bye, thank you.

[1:27:01] **Mod:** Thank you, R.

[1:27:02] **R:** Thank you.

[1:27:02] **Mod:** Make sure you check, with the umm, on the way out. Thank you.

[1:27:05] **C:** Thank you. Appreciate it.

[1:27:06] **Mod:** Thank you, C.

[1:27:07] **Mod:** Bye, J.

[1:27:08] **J:** Bye, thanks very much.

[1:27:09] **Mod:** Bye.

[1:27:26] **Mod:** Leave that there. [directed at L]

[1:27:28] **L:** Thank you.

[1:27:29] **Mod:** Bye.

[1:27:35] **O:** Thank you.

[1:27:36] **Mod:** Thank you.

[1:27:46] **Mod:** Bye, thanks N.

[1:27:47] **N:** Mhm, you know my family is from San Antonio.

[1:27:50] **Mod:** Oh, really cool.

[1:27:52] **N:** We all go there every time we get together to our family reunion we always go back and forth on the Spurs and Mavericks

[1:27:57] **Mod:** Oh that's funny. Oh, wait a minute, you know what tell L she left this... L, L, L [runs into hallway] L, you forgot this.

[1:28:20] **Mod:** [walks back into room and begins to collect materials left behind by participants]

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]

Transcript: Group 3 - Registered Voters - Spanish - Texas
Wednesday, April 7, 2022, 4:00 pm

[00:04] Mod: Pues buenas noches me hacen favor y por favor pongan estos papelitos donde los puedo ver. Allí está perfecto. Pues hola y buenas noches yo soy Laura, voy hacer de moderadora esta noche. Soy alguien independiente así que vamos hablar de muchas cosas esta noche y quiero que sepan que no tengo ni siquiera ninguna asociación de grupos o personas de que estamos hablando. Les digo eso para que por favor si pueden ser honestos en sus comentarios eso será perfecto. Mi trabajo como ser de moderada es asegurarse que llegamos a todo que los investigadores quieren en este research project. {Suena un teléfono} hay mira nomas, ya te están sonando, hay que llegar aquí. Ya llegaste. ¿Este qué más iba a decir? Unas pocas reglas por que se va poner la conversación muy interesante, pero hazme el favor que hablen uno por uno porque si no es un poco difícil entender cuando vamos a escuchar a los grabación. Porque si estamos grabando esta discusión hoy es porque para no estar aquí tomando notas mejor puedo poner atención a la plática que van a tener y así después escuchar. Y si pueden hablar con una voz alta como la mía para que se pueda grabar y así no estamos muy calladitos o no se puede escuchar. Pero pues que yo no me recuerdo de nada eso mejor la grabación la puede recoger. Aver, ah. Y vean esto si es como si estuviéramos en la casa de alguien nomas discutiendo nomas hablando hazi. No esperen a que les llamo, si tienes un comentario por favor hay que comentar, a veces tenemos experiencias u opiniones diferentes de otras personas y les invito

[00:04] Mod: Well, good evening everyone, if you could all do me a favor and please put the nameplates where I can see them. [group shuffles papers] Perfect. Well, good evening my name is Laura and I will be the moderator tonight. I am a person with no relationship with the many things that we will be talking about tonight. I want you all to know that I have no association with groups or people that we may talk about here tonight. I tell you all this so that you can all please feel like you can be honest in your comments and that would be perfect. My job as moderator is to make sure that we talk about everything the investigators want for their research project. [phone goes off] Oh look at that it's ringing to tell you to get here. Well, you are here! What else was I going to say? A few rules because we will have an interesting conversation, please do me the favor of speaking one by one otherwise it becomes difficult to understand when we are listening to the recordings. Because if we are recording this discussion today it's so that I don't have to be here taking notes, rather I can be paying attention to the conversation here and listen later. If you all could also speak at a high volume like me so that it can get recorded and so that we aren't so quiet and we are not able to hear. Well, I don't remember anything, so better that the recording capture it. And see this like we are just discussing. Do not wait to be called on, if you have a comment please make the comment. Sometimes we have different experiences and opinions from other people so I invite you to share your different perspectives so that we can hear everyone. But if I see that you are being quiet I will call on you to speak and contribute to the conversation. Any

que comparten sus diferentes perspectivas para que vamos escuchar de todos, pero si veo que están calladita les voy a llamar para que todos hablan y pueden compartir en la conversación. Bueno preguntas?

[2:29] Mod: Si, T.

[2:23] T: Éramos diez y faltan dos.

[2:32] Mod: Si es que cuando estamos haciendo esto tratamos invitar más personas porque a veces algo pasa y las personas no puedan llegar si siempre nomás sentamos ocho pero invitamos las personas porque se hace tráfico o alguien se pone mal, si hacemos eso. Pero no se preocupen de ellos y estamos muy bien y se pueden ir, ya van hacer otras cosas.

No más vamos a estar aquí hora y media, no vamos tomar break so haci que si tienen ir al baño si se pueden esperar le pido eso. Bueno para empezar la conversación, alrededor de la mesa me puede decir su nombre y algo de su vida o de su familia. Yo empiezo. Yo soy Laura yo no vivo aqui en Dallas yo vivo en San Antonio ¿y que tengo de platicar? Mi marida es un mariachi y nunca me canta, estoy casada con un mariachi y no me canta. No tengo hijos, pero tengo dos perritos y una cata y los extraño mucho porque estoy ya en el camino por varios días, así espero hasta que los pueda ver. Y es todo de mi. Vamos a empezar aquí con A.

[3:51] A: Mi nombre es A. Soy Mexicana, estoy casada y tengo cuatro hijos y mi hija tiene un conejo.

questions?

[2:29] Mod: Yes, T?

[2:23] T: There were ten of us here, there are two missing.

[2:32] Mod: Yes, when we do things like this we invite more people than necessary because sometimes things happen where people cannot get in on time. We avoid, well sometimes people get stuck in traffic or don't feel well, so we do that. But don't worry about them, they will be fine and are free to go do other things.

We will only be here for an hour and half, and will not be taking a break, so if you have to go use the bathroom I ask that you wait. Well, lets start the conversation, lets go around the table and say our names, something about your life or family? I will start. I am Laura and I do not live here in Dallas, I live in San Antonio. What do I have to talk about? My partner is a mariachi band member, they never sing to me, I am married to a mirachi and they never sing to me. I do not have kids, but I do have two dogs and a cat, and I miss them very much since I have been on the road for a few days, and I look forward to seeing them soon. That's all about me. Let's start here with A.

[3:51] A: My name is A. I am Mexican and I am married with 4 kids and my daughter has a bunny.

<p>[3:59] Mod: Un conejo si hacen, uno, dos, tres, o quién!</p> <p>[4:04] A: No, no más es uno.</p> <p>[4:07] Mod: Que bien, gracias A, ¿T?</p> <p>[4:10] T: Me llamo T. Soy de [unintelligible] tuve un gato y se me murió y fue muy difícil. Tengo dos hijos, una niña y un niño, y tengo treinta y tres años en Texas.</p> <p>[4:23] Mod: Aqui en Dallas?</p> <p>[4:24] T: Si, en el área de Dallas.</p> <p>[4:29] Mod: Bueno Gracias Tino por estar aquí. Next.</p> <p>[4:31] RO: [Soy RO, tengo tres hijas, y pues vivo aquí en Dallas. Y no tengo animales por que es de chiquito ando cuidando muchos animales porque mi papá ya no quiero. [El grupo se ríen]</p> <p>[4:53] G: Mi nombre es G, soy de familia de El Salvador tengo un hijo, vivo aqui en Dallas y no tengo mascotas. Nunca me ha gustado cuidarlos</p> <p>[5:07] Mod: Y se dice G. [pregunta de cómo decir su nombre para clarificación]</p> <p>[5:10] [Inintelligible platica de T a G]</p> <p>[5:13] Mod: Y de dónde vino ese nombre G?</p> <p>[5:17] G: lo attribo a mi mamá y entonces mi papá pero no se de donde lo agarrando</p> <p>[5:28] [Inintelligible platica de T a grupo]</p> <p>[5:35] Mod: Seguimos.</p>	<p>[3:59] Mod: Oh a bunny, reproduce one, two, three, or fifteen!</p> <p>[4:04] A: No, just the one.</p> <p>[4:07] Mod: How good, thank you A, T?</p> <p>[4:10] T: My name is T. I am from Panama. I used to have a cat and then it died and that was difficult. I have 2 kids, one boy and one girl, and I have been in texas for thirty-three years.</p> <p>[4:23] Mod: Here in Dallas?</p> <p>[4:24] T: Yes, here in Dallas.</p> <p>[4:29] Mod: Well, thank you T for being here. Next.</p> <p>[4:31] RO: I am RO, I have three daughters and I live here in Dallas. I do not have pets because when I was little my dad had me taking care of lots of animals, so now I don't want them. [Group laughs]</p> <p>[4:53] G: My name is G, my family is from El Salvador and I have one son. I live here in Dallas and I have no pets. I have never liked taking care of pets.</p> <p>[5:07] Mod: It's pronounced G? [asks for clarification on pronunciation]</p> <p>[5:10] [Unintelligible chatter from T to G]</p> <p>[5:13] Mod: From where did the name G come from?</p> <p>[5:17] G: I got it from my mom and then my dad, but I am not sure from where they got the name.</p> <p>[5:28] [Unintelligible comment from T to group]</p> <p>[5:35] Mod: Let's continue.</p>
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<p>[5:36] RA: Me llamo RA, vivo aqui en Dallas desde treinta y siete años y tengo dos hijos están grandes ya pero no se quieren ir allí viven conmigo todavía. [El grupo se ríen] Y no tengo animales.</p> <p>[5:56] Mod: Gracias RA.</p> <p>[5:57] N: Me llamo N, soy de Guatemala y tengo treinta y cuatro años de vivir aquí, con cuatro hijos. Mi hija tiene una perrita que se llama Janet. Es [inteligible] muy inteligente.</p> <p>[6:15] Mod: Bueno gracias N.</p> <p>[6:17] E: Bueno yo soy E, tengo cuarenta y tres años, tengo dos hijas y una tiene un perrito pero las dos se encargan.</p> <p>[6:37] Mod: como se dice son grandbabies, gran-perritos.</p> <p>[6:42] E: Yeah, tengo una.</p> <p>[6:47] GA: Me llamo GA, pero me pueden decir GA. Nací aquí en Dallas y he vivido aquí toda mi vida y tengo un perro y es todo.</p> <p>[6:56] Mod: Bueno vamos a empezar la conversación con esta pregunta ¿Cuales son algunas de las cosas que le preocupa en este momento? ¿Qué les está preocupando ahorita en este momento? Puede ser cualquier cosa.</p> <p>[7:10] A: Definitivamente la economía. Es lo más preocupante ahora.</p> <p>[Grupo de acuerdo]</p>	<p>[5:36] RA: My name is RO, I lived here in Dallas for over thirty-seven years, I have two kids. They are both older but they don't want to leave and still live with me. [group laughter] I do not have any pets.</p> <p>[5:56] Mod: Thank you, RA.</p> <p>[5:57] N: My name is N, I am from Guatemala and I have been living here for thirty-four years with my four children. My daughter has a dog whose name is Janet. She is [unintelligible] very smart.</p> <p>[6:15] Mod: Well, thank you N.</p> <p>[6:17] E: Well, I am E, I am forty-three years old and I have two daughters who have a dog but they are in charge of it.</p> <p>[6:37] Mod: They are like what you call grandbabies, grand-doggies?</p> <p>[6:42] E: Yes, that's what I have.</p> <p>6:47] GA: I am GA, but you can call me GA. I was born here in Dallas and I have lived here my whole life and I have a dog and that's all.</p> <p>[6:56] Mod: Let's start the conversation off with this question: What are the things that concern you at this moment? What is concerning you right now? It can be anything.</p> <p>[7:10] A: Definitely the economy. The economy is what concerns me the most right now.</p> <p>[Group agreement]</p>
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<p>[7:14] Mod: ¿Y qué de la economía?</p> <p>[7:17] A: Las cosas carisimas, este ya no sabes si comer o no se, porque está muy caro. Cada semana vas a la tienda es diferente precio todo, todo lo que consumimos.</p> <p>[7:32] Mod: ¿La tienda, cómo de supermercado?</p> <p>[7:35] A: Supermercado sí, a cualquier tienda, Walmart, Aldi, Kroger, donde sea los precios están igual. Todo es caro.</p> <p>[7:46] Mod: [To GA] ¿Caro también?</p> <p>[7:52] GA: Si, igual el gas. Antes llenaba mi carro con \$15 ahora está en \$42.9, es mucho.</p> <p>[7:57] Mod: Ok. Es mucho, ¿Quién más?</p> <p>[8:02] G: Me preocupa ahorrar dinero</p> <p>[8:05] Mod: ¿Ahorrar dinero? Eso es lo que te preocupa?</p> <p>[8:05] G: Ya sabes. Siempre es algo. Cuándo quieres ahorrar, siempre pasa algo.</p> <p>[8:16] Mod: ¿Y estás ahorrando para algo en especifico?</p> <p>[8:18] G: Uh Pues mi hijo ya tiene 14 años así que todo es nuevo para mi, la escuela, ya tengo que estar pensando, el es muy inteligente, ahora tengo que pensar si va a ir a la escuela si me va a tocar a mi, o como va a ser. Cosas así.</p>	<p>[7:14] Mod: And what of the economy?</p> <p>[7:17] A: Everything is very expensive, and you don't know whether to eat or...I don't know, because everything is so expensive. Every week you go to the store and it's a different price on everything, everything that we consume.</p> <p>[7:32] Mod: A store? Like a supermarket?</p> <p>[7:35] A: Yes, supermarket, at any store. Walmart, Aldi, Kroger, wherever...the prices are the same. Everything is expensive.</p> <p>[7:46] Mod: [To GA] Expensive [for you] also?</p> <p>[7:52] GA: Yes, same with gas. Before I could fill my car with \$15, now it's \$42.9, it's a lot.</p> <p>[7:57] Mod: OK It's a lot. Who else?</p> <p>[8:02] G: I'm worried about saving money.</p> <p>[8:05] Mod: Saving money? That is something that concerns you?</p> <p>[8:05] G: You know. It's always something. When you want to save, something always happens.</p> <p>[8:16] Mod: Are you saving for something specific?</p> <p>[8:18] G: Well, I have a child who is 14 years old, so everything is new to me, school, I need to start thinking, he is very intelligent, now I have to think about if he is going to college or not and if I have to pay for it, how will that be. Things like that.</p>
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<p>[8:34] Mod: Sí, N y luego T. ¿N?</p> <p>[8:41] N: La salud.</p> <p>[8:42] Mod: La salud, ¿Y qué de la salud?</p> <p>[8:43] N: Porque acabo de tener una mala experiencia, si no tienes aseguranza es muy difícil que te atiendan. Si acabo de tener, más bien tengo una mala experiencia.</p> <p>[8:56] Mod: Si, ¿T?</p> <p>[8:57] T: Bueno esto, yo hice cursos por mucho tiempo con las iglesias cristianas, y me gusto tanto, y me hice coach de finanzas bíblicas. Entonces me sirvió mucho tanto haber hecho el curso y haber sido coach porque en verdad cuando empiezas a vivir la vida no tanto motivada con tus emociones sino dando más bien en la realidad. Por el dia que es lo que necesitas y que es lo que haces con tu dinero. Entonces te das cuenta que muchas veces gastamos en cosas que no necesitamos. Y ahorras más de lo que falta para otras cosas.</p> <p>[9:52] Mod: Entonces se puede decir que lo que nos está preocupando ahora es esto de los presupuestos familiares...</p> <p>[9:55] T: Bueno dejame decir casualmente, hoy dia pense no venir aquí porque de repente la persona que me estaba haciendo los income taxes sentí que no me los hizo bien porque, la información que le di, de repente me sale con unos números y le digo, no, no, y ya tuve un reunión con el y le dije todo lo que yo se. Lo bueno es que en Estados Unidos está hecho para dos personas, para los que tienen plata y</p>	<p>[8:34] Mod: Ok, N and then T. N?</p> <p>[8:41] N: Health</p> <p>[8:42] Mod: Health. Ok, what about health?</p> <p>[8:43] N: Because I just finished having a bad experience, if you don't have insurance it is very difficult to get care. I just had, or I'm having a bad experience.</p> <p>[8:56] Mod: Yes, T?</p> <p>[8:57] T: Well, I took classes for a long time with the Christian Church, and I liked it so much that I became a coach of biblical finances. So having done the course and being a coach helped me a lot because really when you start to live life not so much motivated by your emotions but rather living in reality, you live each day for what you need and what you do with your money. Then you realize that many times we spend on things that we do not need. And you save more than what is needed for other things.</p> <p>[9:52] Mod: So we can say what is concerning you all right now is your family budgets...</p> <p>[9:55] T: Well let me say coincidentally, today I thought not to come here because suddenly the person who was doing my income taxes I felt that he did not do them correct because, the information I gave him, suddenly I get some numbers and I tell him, no, no, and I already had a meeting with him and told him everything I know. The good thing is that in the United States it is made for two kinds of people, for those who have money and for those</p>
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para los que no tienen. Porque los que estamos en la mitad, no hay nada, tienen leyes para beneficiar a los millonarios que puso el último Presidente, y los que son pobres que les dan \$5,000 por cada niño. Pero los que estamos en medio nada de nada.

[10:45] Mod: Bueno ahorita vamos a hablar más de eso, ¿RO qué le está preocupando a usted?

[10:49] RO: Si ahorita, la inflación, de la economía también. Bueno para mi, mi punto es... pues si me preocupa porque yo en este tiempo tengo pensado comprar casa y no puedo comprar porque estan carisimas. Subieron después del 2018, casi el triple, ahorita hay puesto para una casa, hay 20 compradores hay, 30 compradores por esa casa peleando y no...

[Group nodding in agreement]

[11:28] RA: De hecho yo acabo de irme a California, a San Francisco y la gente de allá está vendiendo para venir a comprar aquí. Entonces eso hace que las cosas suban, desgraciadamente. Allá esta super caro, la gasolina está a \$6.50. Esta carisimo llegue allá y todo está, o sea, me salí de mi presupuesto por unas vacaciones y llegué a la realidad aquí. Y aunque solo nos quejemos y todo, estamos mucho mejor que ellos, definitivamente, todo está casi al doble allá. Pero si mucha gente está entrando a Texas.

[12:14] N: Y ellos son los que están...

[12:15] RA: Ellos son los que están subiendo los precios porque ellos venden sus casas allá, aquí se las

who do not. Because those of us who are in the middle, there is nothing, they have laws to benefit the millionaires that the last President put in place, and those who are poor, who give them \$5,000 for each child. But those of us who are in the middle, nothing at all.

[10:45] Mod: Ok, We'll talk about that in a bit. RO what is concerning you?

[10:49] R: Yes, right now, inflation, the economy too. Well, for me, my point is... well, it worries me because at this time I plan to buy a house and I can't buy it because they are very expensive. They went up after 2018, almost triple, right now there is a house put up for sale, there are 20 buyers, 30 buyers for that one house fighting and no...

[Group nodding in agreement]

[11:28] RA: In fact, I just went to California, to San Francisco, and people from there are selling (their houses) to come and buy here. So that makes things go up, unfortunately. It's super expensive there, gasoline is \$6.50. It's very expensive. I arrived there and everything is, I mean, I went beyond of my budget for a vacation and came to reality here. And even if we only complain and everything, we are much better than them, definitely, everything is almost double there. But, yes, a lot of people are coming to Texas.

[12:14] N: And they are the ones that are...(causing increases)

[12:15] RA: They are the ones who are raising prices because they sell their houses there, here they buy them with their

<p>compran de con tabla, y todavía les sobra dinero. Esa es la cosa.</p> <p>[12:25] Mod: RA le echa la culpa a los extranjeros de Texas que están viviendo. Quien más les culpa por todo lo que está pasando en la economía en este momento? Hay alguien que le...</p> <p>[12:37] T: Bueno la guerra, la situación con Ucrania con Putin y la federación de Rusia...</p> <p>[12:45] N: La pandemia que acabamos de pasar</p> <p>[12:47] Mod: La pandemia dice N, E que piensa?</p> <p>[12:47] E: Yo pensaría que es la guerra ahora, y también coincidió con la pandemia</p> <p>[13:01] Mod: Si, Y G que dices?</p> <p>[13:03] G: Bueno parte de todo, de los gas precios que cambiamos de, ya no sacamos doméstico, pero sacamos de otros países, pero también sube la gasolina, sube todo, inflación. Todo...el gobierno, las personas que se mueven pero también el gobierno porque también California... cuesta mucho pero yo siempre tengo algo que tomar.</p> <p>[13:27] Mod: Bueno de todos estos asuntos de los que estamos hablando el aumento de comida, inflación, todo esto. ¿Dónde van para aprender más de estas cosas o para entender más de lo que está pasando? En su comunidad o en el mundo, donde van a aprender más sobre todos estos asuntos, G?</p>	<p>disposable income, and they still have money left over. That's the thing.</p> <p>[12:25] Mod: RA blames the out-of-staters that are coming. Who else do you blame for what is happening with the economy right now? Is there someone else that you....</p> <p>[12:37] T: Well the war, the situation with Ukraine with Putin and the Russian federation...</p> <p>[12:45] N: The pandemic that just happened.</p> <p>[12:47] Mod: N says the pandemic, E what do you think?</p> <p>[12:47] E: I think it's the war right now, and it also coincided with the pandemic.</p> <p>[13:01] Mod: Ok. and G, what do you say?</p> <p>[13:03] G: Well part of everything, the gas prices that we change from... we no longer get (gas) domestic, but we get from other countries, but gasoline also goes up, everything goes up, inflation. All..the government, the people who move but also the government because also California... it costs a lot but I always have something to take.</p> <p>[13:27] Mod: Well of all these issues that we are talking about the increase in food, inflation, all this. Where do they go to learn more about these things or to understand more about what is going on? In your community or in the world, where are you going to learn more about all these issues, G?</p> <p>[13:50] G: Well, for me right now it's the</p>
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[13:50] G: pues para mi ahorita es el teléfono, ¿te dice todo verdad? Pero para mi...

[14:01] Mod: El teléfono dice que es para ti... Facebook y las redes sociales.

[14:01] G: Como Facebook, Whatsapp, si las redes sociales y pues para mi lo mas facil es cuando necesito algo o quiero preguntar, les pregunto a mis papas.

[14:23] Mod: Y cómo se informan ellos, tus papas, de qué manera?

[14:26] G: La verdad no sé, pero... yo pienso que ellos siempre tienen las respuestas que uno, para mi necesito escuchar

[14:36] GA: Si yo genero mi información por research, o sea buscando porque ha habido, mis papas dicen algo porque lo vieron en Facebook pero eso no es ta razón at all. A veces la media es mis-informante si miras un subtitle te dicen algo pero si les el artículo y ves to facts del artículo a veces no es lo que dice la media. Entonces siempre research o juntarme con otras personas que saben de esto que son, y cómo se dice. Ya se me fue [laughter]. O sea tienen degrees en esas cosas.

[15:24] T: Por lo regular lo que yo hago es que tengo ciertas noticias que puedo ver.. BBC, CNN y las otras aquí de Estados Unidos y muchas veces voy comparando para ver...porque si hay mucha desinformación como dice ella. Ya se que muchos lo hacen a propósito, pero sí tratar de tener una información más fina. Y bueno trabajo con una empresa y estoy con la gas station ahi

phone. It tells you everything, right? But for me...

[14:01] Mod: By phone you mean Facebook and social media?

[14:01] G: Facebook, Whatsapp, yes, social media. But for me the easiest thing is when I need something or I want to ask (for info) I ask my parents.

[14:23] Mod: And how do they, your parents, inform themselves....in what way?

[14:26] G: Truth is I don't know....but I think they have the answers that one need to hear.

[14:36] GA: If I generate my information through research, I mean looking for why there has been, my parents say something because they saw it on Facebook but that is not the reason at all. Sometimes the media is mis-informing. If you look at a headline they tell you something but if you read the article and see the facts of the article sometimes it is not what the media says. So I always do research or get together with other people who know what they are, and how to say it. I already forgot. [laughter]. In other words, they have degrees in those things.

[15:24] T: Usually what I do is that I have certain news that I can see... BBC, CNN and the others here in the United States and many times I compare to see... because there is a lot of misinformation, as she says. I know that many do it on purpose, but I do try to have better information. And well, I work with a company and I'm when I'm at a gas station there I'm seeing the whole Southside that many times when people go there because

estoy viendo toda la Southside de que muchas veces pues cuando las personas llegan ahí la gasolina esta mas barata, hay que estar buscando. Porque no en todas las gasolineras tienes que tener membresía, puedes ir con tu credit card y te ponen gasolina, no te dan el descuento de los 5 centavos pero es mucho mejor el precio que otras.

[16:22] Mod: Bueno este, van a diferentes lugares para aprender sobre temas estatales, locales, nacionales, globales, buscan información en diferentes lugares?

[16:38] A: Pues yo mas que nada no soy mucho de televisión y tampoco de redes sociales pero observo y platicando con mi familia, mis hermanos lo que decía RA hay en el barrio donde yo vivo este por decir de cuatro años para acá las casas se están yendo muchísimo de valor hace 5, 6 años atrás valían \$150 ahorita se venden en \$580 las casas este año 9 mil dólares, pagamos eso en impuestos y es California, toda la gente alrededor ahora hay como ocho vecinos nuevos y son de California. Y eso y cada uno están subiendo miles de dólares en impuestos.

[17:35] Mod: Y quienes son los que se los están subiendo?

[17:36] A: Pues yo, es la, como dice el señor es la economía que está más alta allí entonces se vienen para acá son los que ellos venden su casa allá y pues nosotros somos los que estamos pagando. Yo creo que aquí en realidad todos tenemos un poco de culpa porque no a veces compramos cosas que no necesitamos, cosas que nos gustan

the gasoline is cheaper, you have to be looking. Because you don't have to have a membership at all gas stations, you can go with your credit card and they fill you up with gas, they don't give you the 5-cent discount but the price is much better than others.

[16:22] Mod: Well, N or A, do you go to different places to learn about state, local, national, global issues, do you look for information in different places?

[16:38] A: Well, more than anything, I'm not much into television and I'm not into social networks either, but I observe and talk with my family, my brothers, what RA said, there is in the neighborhood where I live, for the past four years, so to speak, a lot of houses are going for a lot in value.. 5, 6 years ago they were worth \$150 now they are sold for \$580... in taxes this year 9 thousand dollars, we paid that in taxes and it is California, all the people around now... there are about eight new neighbors and they are from California. And that... and every time they are raising our taxes by thousands of dollars.

[17:35] Mod: And who is raising them?

[17:36] A: Well, I, it's the, as the gentleman says, it's the economy that is higher there, so they come here, they are the ones who sell their house there and, well, we are the ones who are paying. I think that in reality we all have a little bit of blame here because sometimes we buy things that we don't need, things that we like just to have them there. We economize very little compared to the American people. I work

nada mas para tenerlas ahí.
Economizamos muy poco en comparación con las personas americanas. Yo trabajo con americanos, limpio casas, y nosotros consumimos muchas cosas que ellos no lo hacen. Nosotros tenemos la nevera llena de lo que queremos comer y a veces no lo comemos, así que ahí gastamos mucho dinero en comida.

[18:36] Mod: ¿Y eso es algo de la cultura?

[18:37] A: A lo mejor de la cultura. Yo creo que si.

[18:42] RA: O de las ganas que se queda uno.

[18:44] A: [laughter] También puede ser eso.

[18:49] E: Eso es lo que iba a decir, nosotros no lo teníamos cuando éramos chiquitos entonces ahora que lo tenemos disponible. Cuando llegué aquí no llenaba de hamburguesas, cada 2, 3 días quería hamburguesas. Allá en México no hay tanta comida como hamburguesas y yo creo que de ahí viene eso también.

[19:13] A: Si después de darle uno a sus hijos, les compramos de todo y bueno yo bueno en realidad yo carecí de mucho pero no soy buena para comer cosas entonces si compro para mis hijos y tambien si alguien me va a visitar le ofrezco de todo lo que tengo, entonces si la gente come pues se me acaba.

[Overlapping agreement]

with Americans, I clean houses, and we consume a lot of things that they don't. We have the fridge full of what we want to eat and sometimes we don't eat it, so we spend a lot of money on food.

[18:36] Mod: Does that have to do with the culture?

[18:37] A: Maybe the culture. I think so.

[18:42] RA: Or of the desire that one is left with.

[18:44] A: [laughter] It could also be that.

[18:49] E: That's what I was going to say, we didn't have it when we were little so now that we have it available. When I got here I didn't fill up on burgers, every 2, 3 days I wanted burgers. Over there in Mexico there isn't as food like hamburgers and I think that's where that comes from too.

[19:13] A: Yes, and then give to your children, we buy them everything and well I actually lacked a lot but I am not good at eating things so if I buy for my children and also if someone is going to visit me I offer them everything I have , then if people eat then I run out.

[Overlapping agreement]

[19:37] R: I think that yes too, well, if we

[19:37] R: Yo pienso que si también, pues si tenemos un poco de culpa nosotros porque pues un ejemplo en un tiempo que se va a acabar el papel ahí va toda la gente a agarrar todo. Que se va a acabar la gasolina ahí van todos a agarrar la gasolina pues eso es lo que hace que todo vaya subiendo porque uno mismo está consumiendo.

[20:01] RA: Pero dicen que este, ahorita como el gobierno está ayudando mucho. Mucha gente no trabaja y las compañías necesitan gente, mano de obra. Entonces por eso, no quiere trabajar la gente, cuando uno va a la tienda uno dice, no es que se acabó, es que no se ha hecho, no se ha producido.

[20:20] E: Incluso los carros los dejaron de hacer este año apenas...

[20:25] R: Sí pero yo digo que como nomas se corre nomas el chisme de que se va a acabar la gasolina y todos van a comprar...

[20:38] Mod: ¿Y de donde viene el chisme? ¿Dónde sacan eso?

[20:41] R: Casi siempre las redes sociales. [Group agreement]

[20:41] Mod: ¿Las redes sociales?

[20:45] A: En el chisme-book [Group laughter]

[20:45] Mod: ¿El chisme-book? En vez de facebook.

[20:47] T: Hay algo interesante, N, bueno yo me la he pasado estudiando porque me fascina, y parte de lo que he estudiado mucho en estos últimos 20

are a bit to blame because, well, an example is the time when the toilet paper was going to run out, there are all the people go to grab everything. That the gasoline is going to run out, everyone goes there to get the gasoline because that is what makes everything go up because we ourselves are consuming.

[20:01] RA: But they say that this, right now as the government is helping a lot. Many people do not work and companies need people, labor. So that's why people don't want to work, when you go to the store you say, it's not that it's gone, it's that it hasn't been done, it hasn't been produced.

[20:20] E: Also cars stopped getting produced this year...

[20:25] R: Yes, but I say that just like that, the gossip spreads that the gasoline is going to run out and everyone is going to buy...

[20:38] Mod: And where does that gossip come from? Where do they get this?

[20:41] R: Almost always social media. [Group agreement]

[20:41] Mod: On social media?

[20:45] A: On gossip-book [Group laughter]

[20:45] Mod: gossip-book/ Instead of facebook.

[20:47] T: There is something interesting, N, well I have spent my time studying because it fascinates me, and part of what I have studied a lot in the last 20 years has been about health. So many times when I

<p>años ha sido sobre la salud. Entonces muchas veces cuando yo les pregunto a las personas que saben de el beneficio de pagarse el BH. Muchas personas me dicen, que es eso? ¿Cómo sabes eso? Si esa es tu vida.</p> <p>[21:12] Mod: Si, quiero hablar más de esto de los medios de comunicación especialmente de esto de las redes sociales. Este, como, en cual medio de communication confían más?</p> <p>[21:29]: [Group speech: ninguna, la verdad es ninguna]</p> <p>[21:31]: Mod: No hay ninguna, ninguno?</p> <p>[21:33] RA: O sea pues vira en la televisión, en google, en el teléfono todo te sale de repente</p> <p>[21:40] Mod: ¿En el teléfono todo te sale de repente? ¿En qué manera? Explíqueme...</p> <p>[21:43] RA: O sea de que que ve corriendo la voz de una persona a otra y cuando te das cuenta ya lo traes mal</p> <p>[21:55] R: Pues aveces si confía uno en las noticias, ve la televisión y pues si confía uno porque pues te dicen algo y pues uno...</p> <p>[22:03] Mod: Hay noticias en inglés se dice "network television" o sea televisión de red y luego hay noticias de cable. ¿Saben cuales son...si hay diferencias?</p> <p>[Group disagreement]</p> <p>[22:21] Mod: Creen que hay diferencia o me pueden explicar que es la diferencia entre...</p>	<p>ask people who know about the benefit of paying for BH. Many people tell me, what is that? How do you know that? If that's your life.</p> <p>[21:12] Mod:Yes, I want to talk more about the media, especially about social networks. Like, what modes of communication do you trust most?</p> <p>[21:29]: [Group speech: none, the truth is not one.]</p> <p>[21:31]: Mod: There are none. Not any?</p> <p>[21:33] RA: I mean look at the television, in Google, on the telephone it comes out quickly.</p> <p>[21:40] Mod: On the telephone it comes out quickly? In what way? Can you explain to me?</p> <p>[21:43] RA: I mean it runs from one person's voice to another and before you realize it you have it wrong.</p> <p>[21:55] R: Well sometimes you trust the news, look at the new and then, you trust because they tell you things and one....</p> <p>[22:03] Mod: There is news in English that they call "network television" or network television and then there is cable news. ¿Do you know...if there are differences?</p> <p>[Group disagreement]</p> <p>[22:21] Mod: Do you think there is a difference?</p>
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<p>[22:28] A: Yo creo que hay diferencia, o la noticia que sale en, pues en la noticia pagada pues creo que es un poquito más..., o tiene más credibilidad que la que miramos normalmente sin paga. Eso es lo único que creo.</p>	<p>[22:28] A: I think there is a difference, or the news that comes out in, well, in the paid news, well, I think it's a little bit more..., or it has more credibility than the one we normally watch without paying. That's the only thing I think.</p>
<p>[22:45] Mod: Porque lo de cable se tiene que pagar.</p>	<p>[22:45] Mod: Because cable you have to pay for.</p>
<p>[22:49] A: Se tiene que pagar entonces nadie va a pagar algo que no es verdad.</p>	<p>[22:49] A: You have to pay and therefore no one is going to pay if it's not the truth.</p>
<p>[22:57] N: Yo algunas veces deje de ver las noticias por lo de la pandemia, otra cosas, tal vez no viene al caso, pero me daba un poco de tristeza y coraje ver cuando dejaban a los niños abandonados en la frontera. Y me molestaba porque yo decía los papas, no se qué necesidades están pasando pero no me gustaba que abandonaba sus hijos de esa manera.</p>	<p>[22:57] N: Sometimes I stop watching the news because of the pandemic, other things, perhaps it is irrelevant, but it made me a little sad and angry to see when they left abandoned children at the border. And it bothered me because I said the parents, I don't know what needs are going on but I didn't like that they abandoned their children that way.</p>
<p>[23:23] A: Perdon pero yo creo que muchas cosas de esas en verdad fueron muchas mentiras.</p>	<p>[23:23] A: I'm sorry but I think that many of those things were really, many lies.</p>
<p>[23:31] N: Yo en mi forma de pensar respeto a lo que esas familias piensen pero yo nunca los hubiera dejado.</p>	<p>[23:31] N: In my way of thinking, I respect what those families think, but I would never have left them.</p>
<p>[23:35] Mod: Y como, como chequen si la información es verdad o no?</p>	<p>[23:35] Mod: How do you check to see if the information is true or not?</p>
<p>[23:42] N: Porque sale en todos, en todos los noticieros.</p>	<p>[23:42] N: Because it comes out on all of them, all of the newscasts.</p>
<p>[23:48] Mod: ¿Es una manera de verificar si es verdad?</p>	<p>[23:48] Mod: So is that a way to verify if it is the truth.</p>
<p>[23:48] T: Es cierta hora que están sacando como un filtro. Donde le dice si es una mentira o falso...</p>	<p>[23:48] T: At a certain hour they are using a filter. Where they tell you if it's true or false...</p>
<p>[24:30] Mod: ¿En que?</p>	<p>[24:30] Mod: In what?</p>

<p>[24:04] T: Noticias, si es noticias falsas. Ellos te dicen...</p> <p>[24:14] Mod: ¿Ellos te dicen?...</p> <p>[24:17] T: Tienen un app para analizar y ver si las noticias son falsas o correctas. Pero yo estoy aquí como N. Ya va un rato que no veo las noticias porque ...</p> <p>[24:30] RA: Muchas veces las noticia te alteran, a la gente y la gente preocupada porque no ven las noticias.</p> <p>[24:35] A: Yo no veo.</p> <p>[24:38] Mod: Y la diferencia entre...o medios de comunicación..Español o Inglés... ¿Cuál es la diferencia?</p> <p>[24:48] GA: Se me hace que, como yo digo yo, Siento que toda la media tiene un agenda, and they instil fear, especialmente en los Hispanos</p> <p>[24:52] Mod: ¿Cuál es eso?</p> <p>[25:00] GA: Todas. Muchos de los Fox 4, CNN, BBC, Univision. They are all owned, todos los dueños son las mismas 10 familias. Son menos de 10 familias that they own all of them. Siento que, a veces, que agenda de ellos es para poner miedo en nosotros, Hispanos. Luego reaccionamos muy emocionalmente como dijo T. Compramos cosas que no necesitamos, Actuamos muy emocional. Nosotros como Hispanos, Mexicanos, lo que sea, compramos todo para nuestros hijos...yo con my mama y mi papa. Siempre los compro todo. O los presto dinero. Y luego se burla..dónde queda ese dinero que les di para salvar. Porque piensan muy emocionalmente</p>	<p>[23:48] T: News, if the news is false.They tell you.</p> <p>[24:14] Mod: They tell you?</p> <p>[24:17] T: There's an app to help analyze and see if the news is false or correct. But I'm like N. It's been a while that I don't watch the news because...</p> <p>[24:30] RA: A lot of time the news is altered, and people, the people are worried because they don't watch the news.</p> <p>[24:35] A: I don't watch.</p> <p>[24:38] Mod: And the difference of different communication media. English and Spanish...what's the difference?</p> <p>[24:48] GA: I think that, as I see it, I feel that all the media have an agenda, and they instill fear, especially among Hispanics.</p> <p>[24:52] Mod: Which are those?</p> <p>[25:00] GA: All. Lots of Fox4, CNN, BBC, Univision. They are all owned, all the owners are the same 10 families. They are less than 10 families and they own all of them. I feel that, sometimes, their agenda is to put fear in us, Hispanics. Then we react very emotionally like T said. We buy things we don't need, we act very emotional. As Hispanics, Mexicans, whatever, we buy everything for our children...me with my mom and dad. I always buy them all. Or lend them money. And then he mocks... where is that diner I gave them to save. Because they think very emotionally with their money. And if you notice, Americans don't think like that. If they want to buy something for their children... they buy a....</p>
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<p>con su dinero Y si te fijas, los Americanos no piensan así. Si quieren comprar algo para sus hijos...que compren un....</p> <p>[26:04] Mod: Quiero hablar de las diferencias de noticias entre inglés y español. ¿Hay diferencia?</p> <p>[Group says yes.]</p> <p>[26:08] Mod: R ¿O no ves la televisión en inglés?</p> <p>[26:13] R: Pues en inglés no lo miro. Yo casi me enfoco en las noticias locales.</p> <p>[26:22] Mod: ¿Y cuál canal?</p> <p>[26:24] R: Vientetres. Univision.</p> <p>[26:29] Mod: Y confía mucho en ese...o sea piensa que dan las noticias de verdad?</p> <p>[26:33] R: Pues a veces.</p> <p>[26:40] N: Más el clima.</p> <p>[Crosstalk sobre el clima.]</p> <p>[26:50] Mod: Hablamos más del chisme-book..háblame acerca de eso. Cuanto de sus noticias que consumen...o cuanto es de redes socialescuando se trata de noticias, ¿cuanto de las noticias es de redes sociales y cuanto de televisión normal?</p> <p>[27:22] T: En redes sociales no veo ningun noticias,</p> <p>[27:25] Mod: ¿En redes sociales?</p> <p>[27:29] T: Hay mucho opinión de la persona...que están poniendo...es fácil</p>	<p>[26:04] Mod: I want to talk about the difference between English and Spanish news. Are there differences?</p> <p>[Group says yes.]</p> <p>[26:08] R? Or do you not watch the news in English?</p> <p>[26:13] R: Well I don't watch in English.I focus on local news.</p> <p>[26:22] Mod: Which channel?</p> <p>[26:24] R: Twentythree.Univision.</p> <p>[26:29] Mod: And do you trust them a lot...o do you think they give truthful news?</p> <p>[26:33] R: Well, sometimes.</p> <p>[26:40] N: More about the weather.</p> <p>[Crosstalk about weather.]</p> <p>[26:50] Mod: Let's talk about gossip-book..Let's talk about that. How much news do you consue...o how much is social media...when it comes to news, how much news do you get from o how much news is from social media and how much from normal television.</p> <p>[27:22] T: On social media I don't watch any news.</p> <p>[27:25] Mod: ¿On social media?</p> <p>[27:29] T: There is a lot of personal opinions...that they put. It's simple to "like"</p>
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<p>que estar de acuerdo con que piense igual que tu y no con que no piense igual que tu.</p> <p>[27:45] Mod: Pero hay noticias, ¿ no?</p> <p>[27:48] N: Puedes ver también el newspaper...el periodico ya sea el país de uno...de aquí, de toda...</p> <p>[27:58] Mod: ¿Y usted accede a los periódicos de otros países en el teléfono o en el internet?</p> <p>[El grupo está de acuerdo.]</p> <p>[28:07] N: Una vez. Pero también ve lo de aquí.</p> <p>[28:13] GA: He notado que las noticias de otros países hablan más de lo que está pasando aquí. Pasó lo de Ucrania, pero no es la primera vez que un país se bomba así. Durante los 20 años, los cuatro años, los diez años, Trump, Obama, mataron demasiadas personas y nadie habla de eso. Pero ahora las noticias están hablando de eso, y todos todos...muy emocionados y espantosos...todo sube. Y va pasar la pandemia es otra vez la noticias de la war. No es la primera vez que un país explota que se ataca.</p> <p>[28:49] Mod: Cuales son los redes social que usen. ¿Cuales son los aplicaciones?</p> <p>[28:56] E: Yo nada más facebook.</p> <p>[28:58] Mod: ¿Y allí te salen noticias?</p> <p>[29:01] E: Sí pero no las veo. Casi los noticia no los veo, ni en Facebook.</p>	<p>with someone who thinks like you, and not with someone who does not think like you.</p> <p>[27:45] Mod: But there is news, correct?</p> <p>[27:48] N: You can also see the newspaper...the newspaper from one's country.</p> <p>[27:58] Mod: And do you access the newspapers of other countries on the telephone or internet?</p> <p>[Group agrees.]</p> <p>[28:07] N: Once. But also see what is here.</p> <p>[28:13] GA: I've noticed that the news from other countries talk more about what's happening here. Ukraine happened, but it is not the first time that a country has been bombed like this. During the 20 years, the four years, the ten years, Trump, Obama, they killed too many people and nobody talks about it. But now the news is talking about it, and everyone everyone...very emotional and scary...everything goes up. And the pandemic will pass is again the news of the war. It is not the first time that a country explodes that it is attacked.</p> <p>[28:49] Mod: What are the social networks that they use. What are the applications?</p> <p>[28:56] I: For me just Facebook.</p> <p>[28:58] Mod: And the news comes out there?</p> <p>[29:01] I: Yes but I don't see it. Mostly don't see the news, nor on Facebook.</p>
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<p>[29:07] A: Sí miró de repente Facebook. Pero si de repente sale una noticia como que me interese, no me enfoco mucho pero, si miro que si paso algo, por decir en Mexico o otro país como un tornado que mató mucha gente. Entonces lo que yo hago es que, salgo de allí y buscar directamente como puede ser de Google o YouTube. Varios de esos para verificar por que resulta que a veces no es verdad</p> <p>[29:45] RA: Por que a veces uno ve algo en Facebook en el teléfono..y todos están opinando y luego prende el tele s CNN y no hablan nada de eso.</p> <p>[29:45] : Y luego regresa a la misma foto y arriba del photo dice en 2020, 2018.</p> <p>Group laughs / Crosstalk</p> <p>[29:45] T: Las noticias americanas se enfocan en noticias para los americanos habla inglesa y las noticia en espanol se enfocan...porque tu no ves nada de lo que sale en Univision o telemundo ...</p> <p>[30:20] T: Me caían gordos. Exageran todo.</p> <p>[30:29] A: Pero no es culpa de ellos, es culpa de nosotros.</p> <p>[30:32] Univision es donado por una familia que es americano.</p> <p>[30:36] Mod: ¿Por qué dices eso?</p>	<p>[29:07] A: I do quickly look at Facebook. But if suddenly a piece of news comes out that interests me, I don't focus much but, if I see that something happened, say in Mexico or another country like a tornado that killed many people. So what I do is, I leave there and search directly, such as [through] Google or YouTube. Several of those to verify why it turns out that sometimes it is not true</p> <p>[29:45] RA: Because sometimes you see something on Facebook on the phone...and everyone is giving their opinion and then you turn on CNN and they don't talk about it.</p> <p>[29:45] : And then you go back to the same photo and above the photo it says in 2020, 2018.</p> <p>Group laughs / Crosstalk</p> <p>[29:45] T: The American news focuses on news for Americans who speak English and the news in Spanish is focused...because you don't see any of the content that comes out on Univision or Telemundo...</p> <p>[30:20] T: I don't like them. They exaggerate everything.</p> <p>[30:29] A: But it's not their fault, it's our fault.</p> <p>[30:32] Univision is donated by a family that is American.</p> <p>[30:36] Mod: Why do you say that?</p>
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[30:39] A: Porque todo el tiempo uno cree, verdad, como un caso es el papel de baño. Incluso en ese tiempo fui a Burlington, y había una señora hablando en su teléfono con sus familiares de otro país. Y dice “no, no, esto está feo. No tienes idea. No hay nada, nada, nada. Algo grave va a pasar. Y la otra señora que estaba en el speaker y dice “hay que Dios no ampare” y que no se que. Entonces de allí viene todo eso. Es culpa de nosotros. El día del paper de baño, lo orejón en las noticias, y lleva la gente toda...

[31:36] N: Ahorita en Walmart están vendiendo cajas de emergencia que puede sobrevivir por 6 meses.

[31:50] RA: Ahorita también dicen que la leche se va acabar. Todos van corriendo para comprar.

[Crosstalk sobre leche]

[32:01] Mod: Pero cómo distingue cual es verdad? ¿Cómo se determina?

[32:09] R: A veces en los redes hacen memes de cada cosa y ya...pues está jugando.

[32:06] GA: Mucha gente no hace la diferencia. Hasta que en el pasado cuando vivía con mis padres, los creía a todos. A veces no sabemos las diferencias. Es muy manipulativo.

[32:34] Mod: Quiero cambiar de tema un poco. Quiero hablar de que es un buen ciudadano. ¿Qué significa ser buen ciudadano? No estoy hablando del sentido de la palabra legal Si no...como

[30:39] A: Because all the time one believes, right, as a case is toilet paper. During that time I went to Burlington, and there was a lady talking on her phone with her relatives from another country. And she says “no, no, this is ugly. You have no idea. There is nothing, nothing, nothing. Something serious is going to happen. And the other lady who was on the speaker and says "God doesn't protect me" and I don't know what. So that's where all that comes from. It's our fault. The day of the toilet paper, big ears in the news, and people all...

[31:36] N: Right now Walmart is selling emergency boxes that can survive for 6 months.

[31:50] RA: Right now they also say that the milk is going to run out. They all run to buy.

[Crosstalk about milk]

[32:01] Mod: But how do you distinguish which one is true? How is it determined?

[32:09] A: Sometimes on the networks they make memes of everything and that's it...well, they're goofing around.

[32:06] GA: A lot of people don't make a difference. Until in the past when I lived with my parents, I believed everyone. Sometimes we didn't know the differences. It is very manipulative.

[32:34] Mod: I want to change the subject a bit. I want to talk about him being a good citizen. What does it mean to be a good citizen? I'm not talking about the legal sense of the word. If not...as a person. What does a good citizen do or not do?

una persona. ¿Qué hace o no hace un buen ciudadano?

[33:11] RA: Un buen ciudadano yo creo que debes comportarte bien, pagar tus impuestos, hecho y dicho. Obedecer las leyes que le abrinje el País. Todas los países tienen reglas. Hay que seguir las reglas. Yo pienso que es ser un buen ciudadano. Hay unos que gustan de romper las reglas. Son los que están en la cárcel porque lo deportan. No sé.

[33:48] T: Y pienso que para ser buen ciudadano es cuando empiezo a mirar a Dios en toda la gente. Entonces en donde estoy trabajando, donde estoy en cualquier lada, veo a Díos en todos ustedes. Entonces yo no tengo ninguna diferencia con uno de ustedes. No juzgo. No Critico. Si tengo que perdonar a alguien que lo perdonó. Realmente he visto mi vida cambiar. No me impronta si veo negro, chino, rojo, lo que sea.

[34:32] A: Yo pienso que ser buen ciudadano significa para cada persona algo diferente, verdad. Como en este caso, el señor habló más como tipo política Usted está hablando de cristianismo. Yo puedo hablar en forma...a la mejor como un...un buen ciudadano yo creo deberíamos enfocarnos mucho como dices en ser mejores seres humanos. Participar más en muchas cosas que siempre estamos alejados...tanto en la política, en las escuelas, en la iglesia. Estamos alejados de mucho de eso ...a mí, no me gusta estar en la bola de personas. Porque indiquen muchos chismes, muchas envidias, intereses...porque, simplemente en las escuelas, las personas que hay allí les dan almuerzo, uniformes, todo...en la cuenta...lo ponen en DISD. Y cuando es ayuda es

[33:11] RA: A good citizen I think you should behave well, pay your taxes, done and said. Obey the laws that the Country grants you. All countries have rules. You must follow the rules. I think it is to be a good citizen. There are some who like to break the rules. They are the ones who are in jail or who get deported. I'm not sure.

[33:48] T: And I think that for me to be a good citizen is when I begin to see God in all people. So wherever I am working, wherever I am anywhere, I see God in all of you. So I have no difference with one of you. I don't judge. Uncritical. If I have to forgive someone I forgive him. I have really seen my life change. It doesn't matter to me if I see Black, Chinese, red, whatever.

[34:32] A: I think being a good citizen means something different for each person, right? As in this case, the gentleman spoke more as a political type. You are talking about Christianity. I can speak in the form...perhaps as a...a good citizen. I think we should focus a lot, as you say, on being better human beings. Participate more in many things that we are always away from...both in politics, in schools, in the church. We are away from a lot of that... me, I don't like being in the crowd of people. Because they indicate a lot of gossip, a lot of envy, interest...because, simply in the schools, the people who are there give them lunch, uniforms, everything...on the bill...they put it in DISD (Dallas Independent School District) And when it is help, it is for the children when they were in school to buy material, blackboards, people

<p>para los niños cuando estaban en escuela para comprar material, las personas que se ponen allí se ponen de acuerdo. Y lo gastan en comidas, almuerzos, cafés, y todo eso. Y a mi, eso no me gusta. Hay maneras de ser un buen ciudadano simplemente hay que ser honestos, la amistad ante todo, y la christiano, catolico, sin importa como dice el señor, sin importar la religión. No cuidando, si no ser humano para ayudar a nosotros mismos.</p> <p>[36:21] G: No sé. La edad que tengo, No se meterme en eso todavía.</p> <p>[36:40] Mod: Hablando en lo general, ¿qué significa ser buen ciudadano?</p> <p>[36:45] G: Para mi es que mis padres no quedan en malos pasos. Para mí es...ellos vinieron a este país...no atrasarlos a ellos.</p> <p>[37:05] Mod: ¿Ser buen ciudadano está relacionado a la participación civil?</p> <p>Several Say Voting.</p> <p>[37:20] E: Yo creo que es sinónimo. Ser buen ciudadano con...</p> <p>[37:33] Mod: ¿Cuáles son las obligaciones cívicas?</p> <p>[37:38] E: Uno de esos es votar y antes de votar, uno tiene que estar leyendo...las noticias.. Casi no se un poco de nada, en un tiempo se sabía del político. Pero antes de todas esos debates, no se enfocan en cómo es la vida de cada persona. Yo creo que es muy importante que ...si empezamos a votar, tenemos que leer sobre los candidatos.</p>	<p>who put themselves there agree. And spend it on meals, brown lunches, and all that. And I don't like that. There are ways to be a good citizen, you just have to be honest, friendship above all, and Christianity, Catholic, no matter what the Lord says, no matter the religion. Not caring, but being human to help ourselves.</p> <p>[36:21]G: I don't know. At my age, I don't know to get into that yet.</p> <p>[36:40] Mod: Generally speaking, what does it mean to be a good citizen?</p> <p>[36:45] G: For me it is that my parents are not put in a bad situation. For me it is...they came to this country...not to slow them down.</p> <p>[37:05] Mod: Is being a good citizen related to civil participation?</p> <p>Several Say Voting.</p> <p>[37:20] I: I think it's synonymous. Be a good citizen with...</p> <p>[37:33] Mod: And what are the civic obligations?</p> <p>[37:38] E: One of those is voting and before voting, one has to be reading...the news..... I almost don't know a bit about anything, at one time you knew about the politician. But before all those debates, they don't focus on what life is like for each person. I think it is very important that...if we start voting, we have to read about the candidates.</p>
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<p>[38:15] Mod: ¿Es difícil o fácil sacar información de todos los candidatos?</p> <p>[38:26] E: No es difícil. No más poner el nombre en el Google.</p> <p>[Laughter]</p> <p>[38:30] T: Hay malos y menos malos.</p> <p>Group agrees..</p> <p>[38:30] N: Y a veces no hay opción.</p> <p>[38:38] A; Casi por lo regular no hay opción.</p> <p>[38:40] N: De lo peor.....</p> <p>[38:37] Mod: ¿En que buscan en candidatos? ¿Qué es un candidato/a bueno?</p> <p>[39:00] T: Uno que se preocupa por la economía, para el buen estar, la salud de la familia.</p> <p>[39:04] E: De la gente, de todos no más de ellos.</p> <p>[39:18] T: Eso fue que me motivó. Llego aquí in 1993, hice mi residencia y en 1996 me hice ciudadano americano por que yo decía si la residente tiene la misma obligación pero no tienen los mismos beneficios...entonces, se me hace tonto no hacer me ciudadano porque todo es por equal. Pero no tengo lo mismo beneficios...de votar, de trabajador en oficinas federales, que un residente no tiene el oportunidad por no serme ciudadano. Yo pienso que es mejor para mi familia.</p>	<p>[38:15] Mod: Is it difficult or easy to get information from all the candidates?</p> <p>[38:26] I: It's not difficult. Only putting the name in Google.</p> <p>[Laughter]</p> <p>[38:30] T: There are bad guys and less bad guys.</p> <p>Group agrees..</p> <p>[38:30]N: And sometimes there is no choice.</p> <p>[38:38] A: Almost usually there is no option.</p> <p>[38:40] N: Of the worst.....</p> <p>[38:37] Mod: What do you look for in candidates? What is a good candidate?</p> <p>[39:00] T: Someone who cares about the economy, for the well-being, the health of the family.</p> <p>[39:04] E: Of the people, of all of them, not just themselves.</p> <p>[39:18] T: That's what motivated me. He arrived here in 1993, I did my residency and in 1996 I became an American citizen because I said if the resident has the same obligation but they do not have the same benefits...then, it makes me silly not to become a citizen because everything is equal. But I don't have the same benefits...of voting, of working in federal offices, that a resident doesn't have the opportunity for not being a citizen. I think it's better for my family.</p> <p>.</p>
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<p>[39:57] Mod: ¿Qué significa un buen candidato?</p> <p>[40:00] G: Que cumplen con la promesa que hacen, como dijo él...de los del middle class. Siempre van hacer de los de dinero...o...ha mucha ayuda del gobierno, pero todas las promesas del middle class, no se ven, nunca se cumplen. Siempre está difícil.</p> <p>[40:32] N: Y a veces cuando uno necesita ayuda...tienes un emergencia, no te la dan.</p> <p>[40:46] E: Cuando estaban mis hijas en escuela me daba mucho coraje que llenaba todas los papeles, y como siempre estábamos en clase media, los dos trabajamos, y nunca calificas para la comida gratis. No calificas para nada...y los que están recibiendo las food stamps y todo eso. Y yo quedo...trabaja uno mucho y cuando lo necesitas, no te dan nada.</p> <p>[41:23] N: Fijate un ejemplo...tengo un niño de 16 años, mi esposo cambió trabajo y mi seguro lo había cancelado. Tuvimos una emergencia y lo operaron y le encontraron un tumor. Y yo aplique porque ningún especialista te toma sin aseguranza. Nunca califique para Medicaid. Y en eso tengo 2 meses esperando la cita. Por qué no me quiso aunque yo pagara cash porque los exámenes eran demasiado caros. Hasta que yo tome un seguro..tuve que esperar 90 días Y mi niños con el tumor..no sabemos qué tanto avanzó, que tanto creció.</p> <p>[42:21] Mod: Alguien puede compartir su historia de registración.</p>	<p>[39:57] Mod: What does a good candidate mean?</p> <p>[40:00] G: That they fulfill the promises they make, as he said...of those from the middle class. They are always going to get, the ones with money...or...there is a lot of help from the government, but all the promises of the middle class are not seen, they are never fulfilled. It's always difficult.</p> <p>[40:32] N: And there are times when you need help...you have an emergency, they don't give it to you.</p> <p>[40:46] E: When my daughters were in school, I angry that I fill out all the papers, and since we were always in the middle class, we both worked, and you never qualify for free food. You don't qualify for anything...and those who are receiving food stamps and all that. And I stay...you work a lot and when you need it, they don't give you anything.</p> <p>[41:23] N: Take an example...I have a 16-year-old boy, my husband changed jobs and my insurance had been canceled. We had an emergency and they operated on him and they found a tumor. And I applied because no specialist will take you without insurance. I never qualified for Medicaid. And in that I have 2 months waiting for the appointment. Because he didn't want me even if I paid cash because the exams were too expensive. Until I take out insurance...I had to wait 90 days. And my children with the tumor...we don't know how far it has progressed, how much it has grown.</p> <p>[42:21] Mod: Can someone share their registration story?</p>
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<p>[42:21] R: Cuando me registre pienso en un buen candidato...ve un buen candidato que</p> <p>[42:42] Mod: Pero cuando se registró por primera vez.</p> <p>[42:45] N: Yo cuando saqué mi licencia.</p> <p>[42:52] RA: ¿Usted dice cuando uno se registra? A mi una señora me pesco en la calle..."estás registrado" le dije no. ¿Te quieres registrar? Si de una vez. Allí en la calle.</p> <p>[43:07] Mod: ¿Era de un grupo?</p> <p>[43:09] RA:Si, de un grupo.</p> <p>[43:11] Mod: ¿Y cuando fue eso?</p> <p>[43:13] RA: Oh, fue en los noventa...noventa-tantos...</p> <p>[43:20] Mod: GA como te registraste para votar?</p> <p>[43:22] GA: Tenía 18. On-line, quería votar así que lo hice.</p> <p>[43:40] Mod: ¿Qué tan importante era votar?</p> <p>[43:43] T: Super importante para mi porque si otro decide por mí, no vale la pena. Tuve la oportunidad de votar por quien quiera.</p> <p>[43:55] A: También por poder votar por el candidato que me gustaba pero resulta que casi todos los conocidos y toda la bola votó por él mismo y no quedó. Es una desilusión y dices para que!</p>	<p>[42:21] R: When I register I think of a good candidate...he sees a good candidate who</p> <p>[42:42] Mod: But when you first registered.</p> <p>[42:45] N: Me, when I got my license.</p> <p>[42:52] RA: Did you say when I registered? A lady caught me in the street..."you are registered" I said no. Do you want to register? Yes at once. There on the street.</p> <p>[43:07] Mod: Was it from a group?</p> <p>[43:09] RA: Yes, from a group.</p> <p>[43:11] Mod: And when was that?</p> <p>[43:13] RA: Oh, it was ninety...ninety-something...</p> <p>[43:20] Mod: GA how did you register to vote?</p> <p>[43:22] GA: I was 18. On-line, I wanted to vote so I did.</p> <p>[43:40] Mod: How important was voting?</p> <p>[43:43] T: Super important to me because if someone else decides for me, it's not worth it. I had the opportunity to vote for whoever I want.</p> <p>[43:55] A: Also for being able to vote for the candidate, which I liked but it turned out that almost everyone I knew and the whole group voted for him and he didn't win. It is a disappointment and you say why bother!</p>
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<p>[44:17] RA: De hecho yo salí en un anuncio para votar. Yo salí en un anuncio.</p> <p>[44:22] Mod: ¿Y qué dijistes?</p> <p>[44:17] RA: Era promoción del Presidente.</p> <p>[44:32] N: ¿De Trump o de... ?</p> <p>[44:33] RA: No, no...</p> <p>[44:35] Mod: ¿De cuál?</p> <p>[44:36] RA: Del nuevo, el que está ahorita.</p> <p>[Grupo responde Biden.]</p> <p>[44:39] RA: Biden, y este, me invitaron que si quería salir...y salí...varios partes. Me dijeron que iba a salir en todo los Estados Unidos, el anuncio. Menos en Tejas.</p> <p>[44:48] Mod: Pues con razón que te ves parecido.</p> <p>Grupo se ríen.</p> <p>[44:53] RA: Pero menos en Tejas.</p> <p>[44:54] R: Firme el letrero.</p> <p>[Grupo se ríen.]</p> <p>[44:57] Será...yo creo que sería porque este estado es republicano. Y mucho gente me llamó que yo conocía que vivían por otro lugares, me decían..oyes te estamos viendo en el anuncio que salí en el televisión...Sí, sí salí. Y la persona que me invitó, o sea que apenas estaba haciendo sus...acaba de salir de la universidad, estaba haciendo</p>	<p>[44:17] RA: In fact, I was in an advertisement to vote. I was in an advertisement.</p> <p>[44:22] Mod: And what did you say?</p> <p>[44:17] RA: I was to promote the President.</p> <p>[44:32] N: ¿Of Trump or of... ?</p> <p>[44:33] RA: No, no...</p> <p>[44:35] Mod: Which one?</p> <p>[44:36] RA: The new one, the one that's there now..</p> <p>[Group responds Biden.]</p> <p>[44:39] RA: Biden,and they...they invited me to appear...and I did...in a lot of scenes. They told me it was going to come out in all of the United State, the commercial. Except for Texas.</p> <p>[44:48] Mod: Well no wonder you look familiar!</p> <p>Group laughs.</p> <p>[44:53] RA: But not in Texas.</p> <p>[44:54] R: Autograph this poster.</p> <p>[Group laughs.]</p> <p>[44:57] Perhaps...I think it's because this state is Republican. And a lot of people called me that I know who live in other places, they told me, hey we are watching the commercial that I came out in on television...yes, I came out in it. The the person who invited me, she was just getting started...she just completed college and was making her first videos. And they</p>
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sus primeros videos. Y dijeron pues avientate. Y ella ahorita está trabajando en la Casa Blanca. Ella se fue...la invitaron a trabajar allí. Y a mi me dio mucho gusto porque...

[45:40] Mod: Bueno, hablando de elecciones, y pensando en elecciones del pasado, cuando hay votado, se recuerda de esa elección y que lo hizo votar en esa elección?

[46:12] E: Regularmente estoy viendo lo que dicen de los candidatos.

[46:25] Mod: ¿Votaste en una elección local o presidencial?

[46:27] E: Presidential

[46:32] Mod: ¿Que fue que te motivo para votar?

[46:40] E: Yo quería que ganara él que ganó.

[46:40] Mod: Fue un candidato en particular que le animó a votar.

[46:42] E: Sí

[46:50] N: Yo cuando voté por Hillary, bueno vote por Obama, pero con Hillary yo sentí desilusionada.

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[47:30] Mod: R, ¿que le hizo votar?

[47:33] R: Una vez que vote si fue para alguien que pensaba que iba ser mejor para el país. Pues eso es que motiva a uno ir a votar. El voto siempre es importante porque estás eligiendo el

said go for it. And now she is working at the White House. They asked her to work there. And that made me very happy.

[45:40] Mod: Speaking of elections, and thinking of past elections, when you vote, do you remember that election and what made you vote in that election?

[46:12] E: I'm usually look for what they say about the candidates.

[46:25] Mod: Did you vote in a local or presidential election?

[46:27] I: Presidential

[46:32] Mod: What was it that motivated you to vote?

[46:40] I: I wanted the person to win who won.

[46:40] Mod: He was a particular candidate that I encourage you to vote for.

[46:42] I: Yes

[46:50] N: When I voted for Hillary, well I voted for Obama, but with Hillary I felt disappointed.

cross talk

[47:30] Mod: R, what made you vote?

[47:33] R: Once I voted if it was for someone who I thought would be better for the country. Well, that's what motivates one to vote. The vote is always important because you are choosing the one you like. You think they are for you.

<p>que te gusta. Tu piensas que ellos son para ti.</p> <p>[47:52] Mod: ¿Hay ocasión en que no votaron?</p> <p>[48:00] R: Se me pasó. Pero no fue decisión Fue por el trabajo.</p> <p>[48:09] Mod: So you didn't have time to voter?</p> <p>[48:00] R: Nods yes.</p> <p>[48:10] E: Yo, No me acuerdo con quien...presidential...vote y no quedo el que yo creía. Se me hace que era Hillary. No estoy segura. Y al siguiente dije, hay no!</p> <p>[48:30] Mod. A?.</p> <p>[48:36] A mi, me pasó lo mismo. Ya deje no, pues, no tiene casol</p> <p>[48:10] E: Pero ya no...por lo menos voy a ser parte. Y llegó queda como queda..</p> <p>[48:40] Mod: Cuando hablas con personas que conoces, ya sean compañeros de trabajo, amigos o familiares, ¿cuáles son las razones más comunes por las que escuchas a personas que conoces decir que a veces no votan en las elecciones. ¿Por que no votan?</p> <p>[49:10] E: Mi papá y mis hijas nunca han querido ir a votar. Porque dicen que un voto no es nada.. Su voto no es nada.</p> <p>[49.27] A: En mi casa somos 8 \hermanos. Después de cierta temporada también dijeron que no</p>	<p>[47:52] Mod: Is there a time when you didn't vote?</p> <p>[48:00] R: I missed it. But it wasn't a decision. It was because of work.</p> <p>[48:09] Mod: So you didn't have time to vote?</p> <p>[48:00] A: Nods yes.</p> <p>[48:10] N: Me, I don't remember who...presidential...I voted for and the one that lost. I think it was Hillary. I'm not sure. And the next (election) I said, no (not voting).</p> <p>[48:30] Mod. A?.</p> <p>[48:36] The same thing happened to me. I already left no, well, it has no case</p> <p>[48:10] E: But not anymore...at least I'm going to be part of it. And what happens, happens.</p> <p>[48:40] Mod: When you talk to people you know, whether it's co-workers, friends, or family, what are the most common reasons you hear people you know say they sometimes don't vote in elections? WHY don't they vote?</p> <p>[49:10] I: My dad and my daughters have never wanted to vote. Because they say that a vote is nothing.. Your vote is worth nothing.</p> <p>[49.27] A: In my house we are 8 brothers. After a certain time they also said that we are not going to vote. What for? There's</p>
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vamos a votar. Para que, no tiene caso. Aunque todos hayan votado, y entre todos los conocidos votaron, y estaban practicando de esto y se comenta de eso, las reuniones, cuando es la temporada. Y todos votamos porque queremos algo mejor, a la mejor más atención a los hispanos. Pero en realidad hasta ahorita, desde lo que me acuerdo, no se ha logrado nada bueno para nosotros, bueno yo en mi caso, tengo 33 años aquí, y yo nunca he recibido ayuda del gobierno. Y mi esposo no gana mucho dinero. Pues yo tampoco. Pero mis hijos, son bien trabajadores. Ellos ganan suficiente. Lo que hacen es que cuando hacen sus taxes, pagan al gobierno. Entonces un quisieras que uno pide ayuda si lo necesita se la den y no lo hay.. todo eso desilusiona uno porque a vez si ponemos empeño a votaciones y de hacer buenas personas. No dar problemas. Hacer nuestra contribución, verdad. A la mejor como dice la esposa de ella, somos uno. Somos una minoría que no tenemos voz ni voto.

[50:59] N: Si, por que he escuchado, dice no. Para que votemos si es republicano en estado republicano. No vamos a ganar.

[51:05] Mod: ¿Y en elecciones locales, en donde ser republicano no importa?

[51:14] N. Me refiero al presidente. Muchas personas no van porque...no van a ver la diferencia.

[51:37] T: Ahora mismo viene la de Junio. Y son muy importantes. Porque si logra el republicano ganar el senado y el congreso, entonces vamos estar en una situation que quizás el rubio vuelve a regresar y ..

really no reason. Although they have all voted and among all the acquaintances they voted, and they were practicing this and there is talk about it, the meetings, when it is the election season. And we all vote because we want something better, maybe more attention to Hispanics. But in reality until now, from what I remember nothing good has been achieved for us, well in my case, I have been here for 33 years, and have never received help from the government. And my husband doesn't make much money. Well, me neither. But my children, they are good workers. They earn enough. What they do is when they do their taxes, they pay the government. So one would like when someone asks for help, if they need it, they give it to them and that is disappointing because sometimes we do make an effort to vote and to be good people. Don't give trouble. Make our contribution, right. Maybe as her husband says, we are one. We are a minority that have no voice or vote.

[50:59] N: Yes, because I've heard, he says no. Why do we vote if he is a Republican in a Republican state. We are not going to win.

[51:05] Mod: What about local elections where being a republican doesn't matter?

[51:14] N. I mean the president. Many people don't go because...they won't make a difference.

[51:37] T: June is coming right now. And they are very important. Because if the Republican manages to win the Senate and Congress, then we will be in a situation where perhaps the blond will come back and...

<p>[51.43] Mod: ¿En cual dices?</p> <p>[51:44] T: El las elecciones a lade de junio. Que es para el senado y el congreso</p> <p>[51.48] Mod: ¿Tienen aquí en junio?</p> <p>[51:53] T: Si, en todo el país. Y tiene que pelear por todo sue puestos del senado y el congreso.</p> <p>[52:10] En unos encuestas el senado va ganar.</p> <p>[51.12] Mod: ¿Los quien?</p> <p>[Grupo responde Los Republicanos]</p> <p>[52:18] RA: Es que yo pienso que mucha gente dicen que su voto no cuenta. O es muy poquito una persona. No importa. Pero asi esa person quizás hay millones de personas pensando lo mismo. No somos únicos. Hay millones pensando. Y si votaran a la mejor cambiaran las cosas.</p> <p>[52:46] T: Y pienso que eso es verdad. Muchas personas cuando...aquí es difícil en no tener amigos si se hayan indocumentados. Yo lo que le digo a mi amigos indocumentados digo tu tienes que hacer tu tarea. Y anda y ve toda sus amigos que son Americanos, dicen que voten, que hablen por ti. Realmente tengo...si todos piensan que tu no cuentas, entonces no te realmente no habrá el presidente. Si nadie vote. Pero al final es parte que he comunicado.</p> <p>[52:25] Mod: Piensa que latino se sienten así más que otras etnias de que su voto no cuenta?</p>	<p>[51.43] Mod: Which one do you mean?</p> <p>[51:44] T: The elections in June. That is for the senate and congress</p> <p>[51.48] Mod: Do you have them here in June?</p> <p>[51:53] T: Yes, all over the country. And he has to fight for all his seats in the Senate and Congress.</p> <p>[52:10] In some polls the they will win the Senate.</p> <p>[51.12] Mod: Who?</p> <p>[Group responds Republicans]</p> <p>[52:18] RA: I think a lot of people say that their vote doesn't count. Or is very small - just one person. But that does not matter. But this person maybe there are millions of people thinking the same. We are not unique. There are millions thinking about it. And if they voted, maybe things would change.</p> <p>[52:46] T: And I think that's true. Many people when...here it is difficult not to have friends that are undocumented. What I tell my undocumented friends is I say you have to do your homework. And go and see all your friends who are Americans, tell them to vote, to speak for you. I really have...if everyone thinks you don't count, then there really won't be the president. If nobody votes. But in the end it is part that I have shared.</p> <p>[52:25] Mod: Do you think Latinos feel that way more than other ethnicities that their vote doesn't count?</p>
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<p>[Acuerdo general.]</p> <p>[53:31] R: You pienso que sí es importante votar porque ya somos la mayoría.</p> <p>[52:40] Mod: Ellos los piensen más que...</p> <p>[53:44] R: Yo pienso que sí. Al ganar un republicano, ¿a quién se va a dirigir más? ¿Al hispano?</p> <p>[53:50] G: No creo. Pienso que tienen que dar más información..como el electoral vote. Necesitan poner más atención a los hispanos. Es por eso, por ejemplo, que yo no voté en esa última de Biden. Por lo mismo que dije. Mi voto no cuenta yah. Fui y entendí más que tienes que votar por los otros veinte de abajo, para el electoral vote porque eso es el que importa. Cuando tu votes para el presidente, tienes que ganarle a ellos primero para que...los votos de ellos son los que cuentan. Por eso mucha gente dice que mi voto no cuenta. Así que si no entiende, es importante que se expliquen mejor a los hispanos. Porque mis papas, la verdad, no entienden..es que no quieren ir a votar. Quiero que ellos entiendan la diferencia.</p> <p>[55:30] Mod gives instructions to write name on workbook and gives instructions for first exercise. Count on starred issues: 4 Economy 3 Inflation and rising costs 1 Climate Change</p> <p>[59:29] Mod: ¿Cuándo selecciona “las economía”, que significa eso?</p>	<p>[General agreement.]</p> <p>[53:31] R: I think that it is important to vote because we are already the majority.</p> <p>[52:40] Mod: They think more than...</p> <p>[53:44] R: I think so. When a Republican wins, who is going to be targeted more? To the Hispanic?</p> <p>[53:50] G: I don't think so. I think they have to give more information..like the electoral vote. They need to pay more attention to Hispanics. That is why, for example, I did not vote in that last one for Biden. For the same thing I said. My vote doesn't count. I went and understood more that you have to vote for the other twenty below, for the electoral vote because that is the one that matters. When you vote for president, you have to win over them first so...their votes are the ones that count. That's why a lot of people say their vote doesn't count. So they don't understand so it's important that we explain better to hispanics. Like my parents, the truth is, they don't understand so they won't want to vote. I want them to know there is a difference.</p> <p>[55:30] Mod gives instructions to write name on the workbook and gives instructions for the first exercise. Count on starred issues: 4 Economy 3 Inflation and rising costs 1 Climate Change</p> <p>[59:29] Mod: When you selected economy, what does that mean?</p>
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<p>[59:43] RA: Inflation</p> <p>[59:50] G: Trabajos</p> <p>[59:55] Mod: ¿Por qué la economía es tan importante para tí?</p> <p>[1:00:00] GA: Porque el que tiene dinero es que “rula” la vida y las bienes de todos.</p> <p>[1:00:10] G: Para mi tambien...el dinero es el problema de todos, no?</p> <p>[1:00:23] RA: Porque es la base.</p> <p>[1:00:30] T: En cuanto es la economía...el job education es estudios que realmente hicieron un cambio en mi vida totalmente. Porque en verdad cuando llegue de autorizar el dinero a base, a algo necesario. Te voy a dar un ejemplo. Una systema que se llama el weekly payment. Yo compré mi casa en 2004 for 30 años, y ya mi casa está pagada. Entonces que significa que realmente lo propuse poder mandar 2 pagos cada doe semanas y algo más. Y ahorra casi 12 años de intereses. Entonces el detalle es como la persona puede poder entre la disciplina.</p> <p>[1:00:25] Mod: Para los que seleccionaron Inflation y aumenta de costos. Para ustedes, ¿eso es parte de la economía o es separado?</p> <p>[1:01:32] N: Yo pienso que es parte de la economía por que a ver inflación y todo más cara el costo de vida es más caro. La comida.ls gastos de la casa. Uno tiene presupuesto. A ver la inflación tienes que ver cómo aumentas tu presupuesto.</p>	<p>[59:43] RA: Inflation</p> <p>[59:50] G: Jobs</p> <p>[59:55] Mod: Why is the economy so important to you?</p> <p>[1:00:00] GA: Because whoever has money is the one who “rules” everyone's life and property.</p> <p>[1:00:10] G: For me too...money is everyone's problem, right?</p> <p>[1:00:23] RA: Because it is the base.</p> <p>[1:00:30] T: As for the economy... job education is a study that really made a change in my life completely. Because really when it comes to authorizing the money to base, to something necessary. I'll give you an example. A system called the weekly payment. I bought my house in 2004 for 30 years, and my house is already paid for. So what does it mean that I really proposed to be able to send 2 payments every twelve weeks and something else. And save almost 12 years of interest. So the detail is how the person can do it with discipline.</p> <p>[1:00:25] Mod: For those who selected Inflation and cost increases. For you, is that part of the economy or is it separate?</p> <p>[1:01:32] N: I think it's part of the economy because when you see inflation and everything more expensive, the cost of living is more expensive. The food. Expenses of the house. One has a budget. To see inflation you have to see how you increase your budget.</p>
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[1:01:57] Mod: Nadie marcó el crimen. ¿Qué número pusieron en el crimen?

[1:02:00] T: Yo siento que la forma es que..es triste realmente esto...es..dependiendo en cuál es sus ingresos, va depender donde vas a vivir. Y entre más ingresos tengas, vas a poder vivir en mejores lugares que una persona que tiene un ingreso bajo. Entonces fue la gente pobre. Que vive en los lugares de los proyectos, entonces el crimen quizá está ahí más alto. Y yo viviendo en la parte norte de Tejas quizá yo ni me entero.

[1:02:36] Mod: Si, R tú que pusiste en el crimen, que numero pusiste?

[1:02:38] R: En el crimen puse como un ocho.

[1:02:40] Mod: Un ocho? ¿Por qué?

[1:02:42] R: Para mi el crimen este, para mi el crimen más o menos es lo que dice el señor T. Para mi no es muy importante porque uno ya sabe más o menos a donde va uno a vivir. Porque si yo miro donde estoy viviendo es por el motivo que me estoy moviendo yo ahorita, no quiero hablar mal de la gente pero pues, yo vivo de que es crimen y uno ya no está seguro, entonces uno trate de buscar un lugar mejor. Para mi es eso.

[1:03:19] GA: Igualmente como la comunidad todo decía si hay trabajos es Estados Unidos el crimen baja si no hay muchos trabajos y hay mucho unemployed el crimen sube. Yo se porque siempre está vaciando en la comunidad...

[1:03:40] N: Sabes que he notado yo, que hace años eso no se veía muchas

[1:01:57] Mod: No one marked crime. What number did you give crime?

[1:02:00] T: I think the way is sad... it's really sad... it's... depending what your income is, depends on where you will live. The higher your income is you will be able to live in better places than someone with a lower income. So it's the poor people. Those who live in the projects, perhaps crime is higher in those places. Me living in the north of Texas, perhaps I don't even find out.

[1:02:36] Mod: Yes, R what number did you rank for crime?

[1:02:38] R: I ranked crime like an eight.

[1:02:40] Mod: An eight? Why?

[1:02:42] R: For me crime is pretty much what Mr. T has been saying. For me it's not that important because one knows more or less where we are going to live. If I look at where I am living now, it's the reason I am moving, I don't want to talk bad about people, but where I live crime is going up and it's not safe anymore. It's time to go look somewhere else. For me it's that.

[1:03:19] GA: It's also about community. Everyone would say if there are jobs in the United States crime goes down if there is a lot of unemployment and crime goes up. Everything is based on the community...

[1:03:40] N: You know what I've noticed that in the past years you wouldn't see as

<p>personas en las esquinas tratando de hacer dinero.</p> <p>[1:03:48] Mod: Y ahora si se ve?</p> <p>[1:03:49] N: Si, y a veces hasta con los niños y a veces a veces personas que si lo necesitan y hay veces que ves personas que no. Se acomodaron más bien.</p> <p>[1:04:04] T: Yo puedo hablar de eso porque a veces yo veo personas que están buscando trabajo con la temperatura y con los niños, a veces yo hasta pienso de llamar a la policía porque yo estoy pensando en el niño que están cargando y que están utilizando ese niño para buscar ayuda, pero por suerte pues pienso y de repente llega la policía y entonces les dicen que ya...</p> <p>[1:04:26] N: Son muchas personas de el medio oriente como de...</p> <p>[1:04:34] Mod: Este si y a nadie...bueno diganme cual numero pusieron imigracion?</p> <p>[1:04:39] A: Pues yo puse un ocho o/nueve</p> <p>[1:04:40] N: Yo nueve.</p> <p>[1:04:40] GA: Ocho</p> <p>[1:04:44] Mod: R, ¿qué pusiste?</p> <p>[1:04:45] R: Cinco</p> <p>[Crosstalk.]</p> <p>[1:04:50] Mod: Haber A, háblame un poco de imigracion.</p>	<p>many people in corners trying to make money</p> <p>[1:03:48] Mod: And now you see people?</p> <p>[1:03:49] N: Yes, and sometimes you even see children. Sometimes you see people that need it and sometimes you see people that don't. It's more like they're getting comfy with it now.</p> <p>[1:04:04] T: I can talk about that because I see people who are looking for jobs out in the weather holding children, and sometimes I think about calling the police because I'm thinking about the child they're holding and how they're using them to look for help. Luckily when I think about that the police happens to show up and well ...</p> <p>[1:04:26] N: It's a lot of people from the Middle East...</p> <p>[1:04:34] Mod: Yes, and no one.. Well can everyone tell me what number they ranked for immigration?</p> <p>[1:04:39] A: Well I put an 8/9</p> <p>[1:04:40] N: I put nine</p> <p>[1:04:40] GA: eight</p> <p>[1:04:44] Mod: R, What did you put?</p> <p>[1:04:45] R: Five.</p> <p>[Crosstalk.]</p> <p>[1:04:50] Mod: Talk to me a little bit about immigration.</p>
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[1:04:54] A: Pues a mi me gustaria que la imigracion, si estamos hablando de los que, todos los que vienen ahorita para acá, que le pusieran un poco mas atencion a eso porque en realidad aqui si hay mucho y hay muchas cosas pero ahora también estamos mal. Aunque el país tenga mucho dinero para repartir a otros países y nosotros estamos también batallando entonces sí me gustaría que detuvieran un poco eso, sobre todo por lo que dijo la señora los niños que no tienen culpa de nada, pero si me gustaria que pusieran un poco de enfoque en eso...

[1:05:34] N: Sabes que pasa, que muchos no estoy diciendo que todos, pero una gran mayoría de los que vienen, es lo peor de los países.

[1:05:44] A: Sí, exactamente. Si algunos si lo necesitan pero...

[1:05:45] N: Y a veces es muy difícil platicar eso porque muchas de las personas con lo que lo platica dicen. Hay es que uno ya tiene papeles por eso hablan así. Y no estoy hablando por eso, es la realidad.

[1:06:09] RA: Si es la realidad así son las cosas.

[1:06:09] N: Y el noticiero en español es lo que no ayuda para nada, es lo peor que puede haber. Es mi opinión.

[1:06:18] Mod: R Pusiste diez en...

[1:06:19] R: Yo puse diez en imigracion porque pues si ahorita hay muchos problemas en pasar a la gente, y todo eso y todavia tengo familiares que estan aqui y todavia estan esperando pues algo.

[1:04:54] A: Well would like for immigration, if we're talking about everyone who comes over here, I would like a little bit more attention on the issue because in reality there are a lot of people here and yeah there's a lot of opportunity but now we're doing bad too. Even though the country has a lot of money to give away to other countries, now we're also struggling. So I would like a little bit more attention to stop this a little. Especially for what the other woman was saying because it's not the children's fault, but I would like a little more focus on this...

[1:05:34] N: You know what the issue is, most of them, and I'm not saying that it's everyone, but the majority, it's the worst of their home countries.

[1:05:44] A: Yes exactly, some of them do need it but...

[1:05:45] N: Sometimes it's very hard to talk about this because people will say, oh you're just saying this because you already have your papers. But I'm not saying this because of that, it's just the reality.

[1:06:09] RA: Yes, that's just how things are.

[1:06:09] N: And the Spanish news doesn't help at all, it's the worst. In my opinion...

[1:06:18] Mod: R you ranked it 10...

[1:06:19] R: I put ten because well yeah there are a lot of problems with people crossing the border, and I still have family members who are here waiting for something.

<p>[1:06:40] Mod: ¿Y han visto algún cambio?</p> <p>[1:06:41] R: Um pues no...</p> <p>[1:06:46] A: Yo creo que no, y eso es la importancia cuando precisamente el voto, cuando los votos, hay muchísima gente que votamos para que se legalicen las personas que lo necesitan, porque obviamente también no todas califican, pero que legalicen a las personas que califican. Y merecen estar aquí.</p> <p>[1:07:10] N: Porque hay personas que han estado trabajando aquí por años.</p> <p>[1:07:12] RA: ¡Que les den una visa para trabajar! Ellos quieren, legalmente</p> <p>[1:07:16] T: Eso dices tú, realmente porque todos dicen ciudadanía. ¿Qué ciudadanía? Aquí lo que todos quieren es permiso para trabajar.</p> <p>[1:07:26] N: Pero es lo que ellos exigen, usted ve lo que los del DACA dicen, ellos quieren ciudadanía.</p> <p>[1:07:32] T: Pero lo que la gente quiere es un permiso para trabajar - un permiso y poder ver a tu familia y regresar</p> <p>[1:07:38] N: No vieron la nueva propuesta que hizo la republicana, tiene un nombre esa propuesta que les dan el permiso pero tienen que estar pagando miles por año.</p> <p>[1:07:56] N: Bueno eso es lo que están diciendo que hay familias que pueden pagar los miles de dólares.</p>	<p>[1:06:40] Mod: Have you seen any change?</p> <p>[1:06:41] R: Um not really...</p> <p>[1:06:46] A: I think that's what's important. Precisely when the votes...many people vote in order to legalize the people that need it, because obviously not everyone qualifies [to vote], but it's important to legalize the people that do qualify. And they deserve to be here.</p> <p>[1:07:10] N: Because there are people who have been working here for years.</p> <p>[1:07:12] RA: Give them a work visa! They want to work legally.</p> <p>[1:07:16] T: That's what you say, really everyone says citizenship. Why citizenship? What everyone here wants is permission to work legally.</p> <p>[1:07:26] N: But that's what people demand, the DACA people, they want citizenship.</p> <p>[1:07:32] T: But what people want is the [legal] permission to work - a permit, and to see their family and be able to go back [to home country].</p> <p>[1:07:38] N: You guys didn't see the new proposal that that Republican made, the proposal has a name that gives a permit but they have to pay thousands per year.</p> <p>[1:07:56] N: Well, that's what they are saying, that there are families that can pay those thousands of dollars.</p>
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<p>[1:08:02] Mod: Y donde escuchaste eso?</p> <p>[1:08:03] N: Dignidad creo que se llama eso. En la televisión.</p> <p>[1:08:10] T: la congresista de Florida creo que se llama eso.</p> <p>[1:08:13] N: Es la congresista de Florida que puso eso.</p> <p>[1:08:17] E: Si el DACA me, tengo muchas amistades que son jóvenes así como ella. Me da mucho gusto verlas que están progresando por el DACA y ellas dicen a mi no me sacan de Estados Unidos. Ellas se meten en escuela y escuela y escuela y están con maestría. Gracias por el DACA.</p> <p>[1:08:44] A: Lo único malo es que esos chamacos, todos esos chamacos, tienen que estar pagando. Yo creo que les deberían dar, pues si estudiaste ya, yo digo que les deberían por ejemplo cinco años, y darles ya su residencia porque estar pagando tanto es injusto.</p> <p>[1:09:08] Mod: Y el aborto, que pusieron para el aborto?</p> <p>[1:09:13] A: Yo le puse un cinco porque en realidad no me interesa mucho.</p> <p>[1:09:18] Mod: Cinco, cinco, ¿quién dice diez?</p> <p>[Agreement with 5]</p> <p>[1:09:21] Mod: RA tu porque pusiste 5?</p> <p>[1:09:26] RA: Porque yo creo que eso es un tema, aparte de muy complicado, es decisión de cada persona, y eso es</p>	<p>[1:08:02] Mod: And where did you hear that?</p> <p>[1:08:03] N: Dignity. I think it's called that. It was on the television.</p> <p>[1:08:10] T: The congresswoman from Florida I think is called that.</p> <p>[1:08:13] N: It's the congresswoman from Florida that put that.</p> <p>[1:08:17] E: Yes DACA, I have many friends who are young like her. It makes me happy to see that they are making progress on DACA and they tell me they won't kick me out of the United States. They get into school, after school, after school and get their masters degree. Thanks to DACA.</p> <p>[1:08:44] A: The only bad thing about those kids, all those kids, is that they need to be paying. I think they should give, well if they study, I say they should give them employment for five years and give them residency because they are paying so much that it's an injustice.</p> <p>[1:09:08] Mod: And abortion? What did you guys put for abortion?</p> <p>[1:09:13] A: I put a 5 because in reality it doesn't interest me that much.</p> <p>[1:09:18] Mod: Five, five. Did anyone put a ten?</p> <p>[Agreement with 5]</p> <p>[1:09:21] Mod: RA why did you put five?</p> <p>[1:09:26] RA: Because I think that is a topic, apart from being a complicated decision that each person has to make,</p>
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<p>un tema donde muchas personas ni siquiera se quieren meter en eso.</p> <p>[1:09:41] Mod: GA tú pusiste diez?</p> <p>[1:09:42] GA: Si, porque se me hace que tiene que haber regulación e conocido a personas que han tenido hijos que están en la tercera proposición, tampoco no se me hace tan justo, pero si tiene que haber regulación porque si tu haces a un niño estar ocho meses dentro de ti ese ya es un bebe que tiene un heartbeat. De dos meses para atrás pues se me hace okay, o si “if they rape you okay that’s fine.” Pero si tienes un niño ya en tu vientre.</p> <p>[1:10:30] N: No creo que te lo hacen un aborto.</p> <p>[1:10:32] GA: En unos estados sí como en California hay leyes así si tienes tu hijo y tiene menos de seis días el hijo, todavía lo puedes matar.</p> <p>[1:10:46] Mod: Y donde escuchaste eso?</p> <p>[1:10:49] GA: Articles, en el internet.</p> <p>[1:10:52] Mod: Bueno vamos a seguir adelante, no más quiero hacer esta pregunta. De los dos partidos principiantes políticos aquí en los Estados Unidos si tuviera que decir que cada uno representa hoy que dirias. ¿Qué representan los Republicanos y que representan los Demócratas, para ustedes?</p> <p>[1:11:16] N: Republicanos, personas de dinero.</p> <p>[1:11:22]: Mod: Republicanos, personas de dinero, que más?</p>	<p>and that is a topic where lots of people don't want to get involved.</p> <p>[1:09:41] Mod: GA why did you put a ten?</p> <p>[1:09:42] GA: Yes, because it seems to me like there needs to be regulation. I have known people who have had kids that are in their third trimester, it also doesn't seem just, but there does need to be regulation because if you make a kid and it's been inside of you for eight months then that is a baby with a heartbeat. Two months and under that seems okay to me, or if they rape you okay that's fine. But if you have a baby in your belly...</p> <p>[1:10:30] N: No creo que te lo hacen.</p> <p>[1:10:32] GA: In some states, yes, like California there are laws where if you have a kid and it's less than six days, you can still kill it.</p> <p>[1:10:46] Mod: And where did you hear that?</p> <p>[1:10:49] GA: Articles on the internet.</p> <p>[1:10:52] Mod: Well, let's move on, I just want to ask this question. Of the two political parties in the United States if you had to decide what each one represented today what would you say? What do republicans stand for and what do democrats stand for?</p> <p>[1:11:16] N: Republicans, people with money.</p> <p>[1:11:22]: Mod: Republicans people with money, what else?</p>
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<p>[1:11:23]N: Y los demócratas son los que no tienen dinero.</p> <p>[1:11:26] (risas del grupo)</p> <p>[1:11:27] T: Para mi los hispanos Republicanos son como los negros para el Klu Klux Klan</p> <p>[1:11:35] (risas del grupo)</p> <p>[1:11:36] N: Exactly.</p> <p>1:11:36 GA: Porque. (punta a T)</p> <p>[1:11:38] T: Porque, porque, realmente el Republicano esta hecho para velar por interese de corporaciones y no por los intereses del pueblo, y alli vamos del aborto, que el aborto en verdad es un doble moral en que no quieren que el aborta se haga pero cuando los niños nace no los ayuda. No sé. Si tu no quieres que aborten, okay también apruebe leyes para eso, para que esos niños pueden estudiar, seguir adelante, porque sin estudio van a estar siempre sentados, exactamente.</p> <p>[1:12:20] N: Yo estoy contradictoria últimamente, si han visto, no estoy apoyando el aborto, no pero he visto muchos ninos que los han matado los padrastos y ninos pequenos que han sufrido, pues digo que mejor no los hubieran tenido</p> <p>[1:12:38] Mod: G, ¿quiere decir algo?</p> <p>[1:12:39] GA: Um, sí. Si estamos hablando de los estados Demócratas, si estamos hablando de California, blue states, todas esas personas se están moviendo para aqui, un estado rojo, ¿por qué? Si, ustedes están diciendo</p>	<p>[1:11:23] N: And Democrats those with no money.</p> <p>[1:11:26] (group laughter)</p> <p>[1:11:27] T: For me Hispanics who are republicans are like black people who are for the Klu Klux Klan.</p> <p>[1:11:35] (Group laughter)</p> <p>[1:11:36] N: Exactly.</p> <p>1:11:36 GA: Why? (points to T)</p> <p>[1:11:38] T: Because, because in reality Republicans are made to ensure that corporations, and not the interests of the people, and it ties back to abortion in truth, that abortion is really a double standard in that they do not want the abortion to be done but when the children is born does not help them. I don't know. If you don't want them to abort, okay, also pass laws for that, so that those children can study, move on, because without studying they will always be angry.</p> <p>[1:12:20] N: I am contradicting myself ultimately, if you guys had seen, I am not saying I support abortion, but if you guys had seen how many kids have been killed by step-parents and little kids who has suffered, well then I say maybe they shouldn't have had them.</p> <p>[1:12:38] Mod: G, Is there something you want to say?</p> <p>[1:12:39] GA: umm, yeah, if we are talking about Democratic states, like if we are talking about California, blue states, all those people are moving over here, a red state, but why? If you guys are saying we want more benefits from democrats and it's</p>
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que, queremos más beneficios de Demócrata, si es un estado democrata y todas las personas se están moviendo de allí especialmente los Hispanos, porque todavía no los ayudan y vienen a un estado más barato porque es rojo, entonces ¿qué es tu logica allí?

[1:13:14] T: Lo que pasa es que toda la gente mieda por su salud, porque su tiene una casa en California que tiene tres cama y un solo baño y cuesta casi un millón de dólares, cuando yo vine acá, se encuentra una casa de cuatro camas, y dos baños y la pueden comprar por \$300,000 o \$400,00...logicamente venden allá, dejan de pagar hipoteca allá, y le queda dinero para orar.

[1:13:50] GA: Es lo que yo diga yo o sea entonces Texas se va hacer azul y entonces se muevan a Oklahoma. O sea porque eso es lo que va a pasar.

[1:13:56] Mod: Bueno vamos a seguir. Quiero que pasen a esta pagina, porfavor página dos y quiero que tengan un momento, de todo lo que saben de lo que es el partido Demócrata y o el partido republicano quiero que llenen cada de estas cajitas. Aquí dice escribe tres pero nomas pude poner una pero si puede poner tres ponlo. Esté aquí de la izquierda los pros sobre los demócratas y luego los pros sobre los republicanos. Y luego los contras sobre los demócratas y lo contras de los republicanos
Pueden tomar un momentito aquí para llenar esto si se le puede poner dos o tres es bueno pero si no más puede poner una esta bien.

[Silencio mientras grupo llena sus páginas]

a democratic state and all those people are moving here especially Hispanics because they still dont help and they are coming to a state that is cheaper because it's red and so, then what's your logic there?

[1:13:14] T: What is happening there is that people look out for their own well being. Because if you have a house in California that has three bedrooms and only one bathroom it would cost almost one million dollars. When you come here you can buy a house with four bedrooms and two baths and you can buy it for \$200,000-400,000. Then logically they sell over there, stop paying a mortgage over there and then they have money to save.

[1:13:50] GA: It's what I say, that is, then Texas is going to become blue, and then they move to Oklahoma. Or because that's what's going to happen.

[1:13:56] Mod: Well let's continue. I want you to turn to this page, please, page two and I want you to take a moment, of everything you know about the Democratic Party and/or the Republican Party, I want you to fill in each of these little boxes. Here it says write three but I could only put one but if you can put three put it. Here on the left are the pros over the Democrats and then the pros over the Republicans. And then the cons on the democrats and the cons on the republicans

You can take a moment here to fill this in. If you can put two or three that's fine, but if not more you can put one that's fine.

[Silence as group does exercise]

<p>[1:16:52] Mod: Un minuto más.</p> <p>[1:16:58] Mod: Cuales son las cosas que escribieron, haber RO comparteme que pusiste en los pros de los demócratas</p> <p>1:17:05 RO: De los pros de los Demócrata yo puse ayuda económica e inmigración.</p> <p>[1:17:11] Mod: Okay</p> <p>[1:17:14] RO: Y en los pros de los Republicanos puse intereses, las segurances y costos altos.</p> <p>[1:17:23] Mod: Explicame de los costos altos?</p> <p>[1:17:31] RO: Pues a decirla la palabra o la gente republicano, pues, todos tenemos el sentido de que ellos, pues que, se cubre más de la gente clase alta, a la mejor puede ser que los impuestos pueden ser más altos.</p> <p>[1:17:53] Mod: Okay.. RA que pusiste de los pros de los dos partidos?</p> <p>[1:17:58] RA: En los demócratas puse...los beneficios que quieren ofrecerte. Eso es...y los republicanos ...estoy bloqueado.</p> <p>[1:18:25] Mod: N, ¿qué pusiste en los positivos?</p> <p>[1:18:28] N: En el positivo puse que...los benéficos que quiere poner Biden para las personas mayores..y ayudare con la educación universitaria. En los republicanos me costó mucho, pero...los impuestos.</p> <p>[1:18:45] RA: Sí, los impuestos.</p>	<p>[1:16:52] Mod: One more minute</p> <p>[1:16:58] Mod: What are the things you wrote, have RO share with me what you put in the pros of the Democrats</p> <p>1:17:05 RO: Of the pros of the Democrats, I put aid, economic and immigration.</p> <p>[1:17:11] Mod: Okay</p> <p>[1:17:14] RO: And in the pros of the Republicans I put interest, insurance and high costs.</p> <p>[1:17:23] Mod: explain to me about the high costs?</p> <p>[1:17:31] RO: Well, to say the word or the republican people, well, we all have the sense that they, well, cover more of the upper class people, maybe the taxes can be higher.</p> <p>[1:17:53] Mod: Okay.. RA what did you put on the pros of the two parties?</p> <p>[1:17:58] RA: In the Democrats I put...the benefits they want to offer you. That is...and the Republicans....I am blocked.</p> <p>[1:18:25] Mod: N, what did you put in the positives?</p> <p>[1:18:28] N: In the positive I put that...the benefits that Biden wants to put in place for the elderly...and I will help with university education. In the Republicans it was difficult, but...taxes.</p> <p>[1:18:45] RA: Yes, the taxes.</p>
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[1:18:48] Mod: ¿Qué están qué? ¿Muy altos?	[1:18:48] Mod: That they are what? Very high?
[1:18:50] RA: Muy altos...intereses.	[1:18:50] RA: Very high...interest.
[1:18:53] T: ¿Eso es en contra, verdad?	[1:18:53] T: That's against it, right?
[1:18:55] N: Sí, yo los puse pero ellos...sí usted se da cuenta, en los positivo, es cuando tuvieron los impuestos. Cuando estaba el Señor Trump.	[1:18:55] N: Yes, I put them but they...if you notice, in the positive, it's when they had the taxes. When Mr. Trump was around.
[1:19:05] Mod: ¿Estaban qué?	[1:19:05] Mod: They were what?
[1:19:07] N: Los impuestos los mantuvo.	[1:19:07] N: The taxes stable/steady.
[Crosstalk]	[Crosstalk]
[1:19:13] T: Eso es un poquito....	[1:19:13] T: That's a little....
[1:19:15] Mod: Esperate. ¿RA?	[1:19:15] Mod: Wait. AR?
[1:19:17] Yo creo que a Trump le ayudó la pandemia, también. O sea, se paralizó el mundo completamente.	[1:19:17] I think Trump was helped by the pandemic, too. In other words, the world was completely paralyzed.
[1:19:24] En este tema la economía, ¿cuál de los partidos trata con ese tema mejor? Los demócratas o los republicanos?	[1:19:24] On this issue of the economy, which of the parties deals with this issue better? The Democrats or the Republicans?
[1:19:32] T: Para mí son los demócratas.	[1:19:32] T: For me it's the Democrats.
[1:19:34] Ok T, ¿alguien más? Puede tener un opinión diferente...de la economía	[1:19:34] Ok T, anyone else? You may have a different opinion...of the economy
[1:19:44] GA: Los republicanos.	[1:19:44] GA: The Republicans.
[1:19:46] N: Estuvo mejor la economía con ellos...oh tal vez erano sé. [crosstalk] tal vez era él encontró una pandemia que el señor que se fue no hizo nada. Por que si él hubiera ayuda...empezado no hubiera llegado a morir tanta gente...tanto personas.	[1:19:46] N: The economy was better with them...oh maybe it was....I don't know. [crosstalk] maybe it was he found a pandemic that the man who left did nothing. Because if he had helped...started, so many people would not have died...so many people.

[1:20:03] Mod: A, ¿qué piensas? ¿cuál de los dos partidos trata mejor con el tema de la economía?

[1:20:10] A: Yo creo que en el Partido..

[1:20:14] Mod: Y déjame decir que it's okay si estás en contra de T. Aquí no es prueba...

[1:20:23] A: Yo creo que en la economía de...cuando estuvo...yo le digo Papá Trump, y Papá Biden, verdad, porque cambiamos de papás seguidos...bueno...(group laughter) no nos mantiene, bueno... cuando estaba él, yo creo que venía algo de lo que hizo Obama. Entonces, estuvimos un poquito mejor con él que ahorita. Ahorita si estamos para la fregada, desgraciadamente, aunque votos por quien votamos, pero en pláticas, yo no sé,...no sé mucho de política, pero cuando uno de repente saca eso de la política llegamos a la conclusión de que cuando esta Trump era todo un poco...pues se podía un poco más...por los ajustes que hizo Obama. Porque en realidad con Obama no estuvimos tan mal pero tampoco muy bien. Y de allí para acá, esto es lo peor que nos ha pasado.

[1:21:22] Mod: G, ¿qué piensas de esto?

[1:21:23] G: Yo puse para Trump, para los republicanos ...mejor planes de dinero o información de dinero. Con Trump...lo malo es que es racista y todo eso, verdad. Pero al fin del día, el país estaba mejor con el lado económico.

[1:21:44] N: Unas políticas...sí, estaba mejor.

[1:20:03] Mod: A, what do you think? Which of the two parties deals better with the issue of the economy?

[1:20:10] A: I think that in the Party...

[1:20:14] Mod: And let me say that it's okay if you're against T. It's not a test here...

[1:20:23] A: I think that in the economy of...when it was...I call him Papa Trump, and Papa Biden, right, because we change fathers often...well...(group laughter) he doesn't support us, well...when he was there, I think something came from what Obama did. So, we were a little better with him than we are right now. Right now if we're in the thick of it, unfortunately, although we vote for who we vote for, but in conversations, I don't know... I don't know much about politics, but when one suddenly brings that up from politics we come to the conclusion that when there was Trump everything was a little bit, a little more could be possible...because of the adjustments made by Obama. Because in reality with Obama we were not so bad but not very good either. And from then to now, this is the worst thing that has happened to us

[1:21:22] Mod: G, what do you think of this?

[1:21:23] G: I put for Trump, for the Republicans...better money plans or money information. With Trump... the bad thing is that he is racist and all that, right. But at the end of the day, the country was better off on the economic side.

[1:21:44] N: Some policies...yes, it was better..

[1:21:45] G: Pues a lado de dinero, la economía es...el mejor plan. No más venía con sus problemas.

[1:21:55] Mod: Y ¿cuál de los partidos hacen mejor en el crimen?

[1:22:00] Ninguno ni el otro.

[1:22:03] Moderator, ¿Cuál de las dos?

[1:22:07] RA: Y digo que aquí en Dallas, siempre ha sido el mismo problema. Y han pasado varios jefes de policía y no ha ido mejoraría de nada. Sigue lo mismo.

[1:22:28] N: Mucho narcotrafico.

[1:22:28] R: Sea demócrata o sea republicano, el presidente es lo mismo.

[1:22:35] GA: Yo digo que...es cambio. Con republicano, la comunidad está mejor. Less unemployment - más personas trabajando, está menos. Y también las boarders están más seguras porque no hay drogas...todavía hay, pero no hay mucho en las frontera. Está protegida. Más asegurada. Pero también, during Trump, porque era loco, como hablaba...todo BLM, lo que pasó mucho era ...los estados unidos era muy black and white. Republicanos y Demócratas. Do eres racista o no eres racista. Y luego se peleaban...pero muchas personas votaban que votaban . Pero todavía se odiaban, peleaban, y quebraban muchas cosas...pero es igual.

[1:23:38] Mod: E ¿qué piensas? ¿Cuál de los dos partidos maneja mejor el crimen? No es prueba...así que no hay respuestas correctas ni incorrectas...es no más su opinión..

[1:21:45] G: Well, aside from money, the economy is...the best plan. They just came with their problems.

[1:21:55] Mod: And which of the parties do better in crime?

[1:22:00] Neither nor the other.

[1:22:03] Moderato: R, which of the two?

[1:22:07] RA: And I say here in Dallas, it's always been the same problem. And several police chiefs have passed by and nothing has been improved. The same continues.

[1:22:28] N: A lot of drug trafficking.

[1:22:28] A: Whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, the president...it's the same.

[1:22:35] I say that...it is change. With Republicans, the community is better off. Less unemployment - more people working, there is less. And also the borders are safer because there are no drugs...there are still, but there is not much on the border. It is protected. More assured. But also, during Trump, because he was crazy, the way he talked... all BLM, what happened a lot was... the United States was very black and white. Republicans and Democrats. Are you racist or are you not racist? And then they fought...but many people voted that they voted. But they still hated each other, fought, and broke a lot of things... but it's the same.

[1:23:38] Mod: And what do you think? Which of the two parties handles crime better? It's not a test...so there are no right or wrong answers...it's just your opinion...

[1:23:50] E: Como dice GA, es...con el...con el partido republicano se puede controlar un poquito más el crimen porque...como todo...el dinero controla muchas cosas.

[1:24:14] Mod: Y en el tema de inmigración. ¿Quién trata mejor el tema de inmigración, los republicanos o los demócratas?

[Grupo responde a los demócratas.]

[1:24:21] Mod: Este lado (referring to Mod 's left) dice demócrata, y este lado se quedó muy calladito.

[Group responds demócratas.]

[1:24:30] Demócrata. ellos querrían eliminar la iinmigracion por cadena, sino solamente por los rubiecos de Europa es lo que querria Donald Trump para aquí. Bueno vamos a poner rubiecos aquí a limpiar los baños, cortar la yarda. Entonces realmente eso no es todo trata de algún día tener a sus familiares aquí.

[1:24:50] Mod: Lo que escucho de todos más o menos, no se si GA esta de acuerdo pero, todos dicen que los demócratas hacen mejor trabajo en inmigración, menos G. Pero A nos acabe de decir que, platicar, que no pasa nada.

[1:25:04] A: No pasa nada. Yo veo que se meten..están los demócratas... todo queda en promesas. Nada más.

[1:25:10] N: Lo que yo veo, lo que le falla que han tenido los demócratas es que deberían tener más segura. Porque han visto el éxodo que pasan todos y uno no se da cuenta pero son miles y miles que pasan..todos los días.

[1:23:50] E: As GA says, it's...with him...with the Republican Party you can control crime a little more because...like everything else...money controls many things.

[1:24:14] Mod: And on the immigration issue. Who deals better with the immigration issue, the Republicans or the Democrats?

[Group Responds Democratic.]

[1:24:21] Mod: This side (referring to Mod 's left) says Democrat, and this side was very quiet.

[Group Responds Democratic.]

[1:24:30] Democrat. They would like to eliminate immigration by chain (family relation), but only for the blondes of Europe is what Donald Trump would want for here. Well, we're going to put blondes here to clean the bathrooms, mow the yard. So really that's not all about someday having your relatives here.

[1:24:50] Mod: What I hear from everyone more or less, I don't know if GA agrees but, everyone says that the Democrats do a better job on immigration, except G. But A just told us that, talk , that nothing happens.

[1:25:04] A: It's okay. I see what they put in...there are the Democrats...everything remains in promises. Nothing more.

[1:25:10] N: What I see, what's wrong with the Democrats is that they should have more security. Because they have seen the exodus that everyone goes through and one does not realize it but there are

<p>[1:25:28] GA: Yo no más digo republicanos. Pienso, no de Trump, but all the way back to Ronald Reagan. Él fue quien firmó para los hispanos para que crucen y no hay ni un presidenteBiden es puro hablar. No ha hecho nada. Igual como Obama.</p> <p>[1:25:50] N: Millones y millones y ellos fueron que pusieron...porque él los puso en hogares...de adopción.</p> <p>[1:25:55] Mod: ¿Qué dices N? No te escuché.</p> <p>[1:26:00] Que según las personas que como este Señor Trump se paró ...les mandaba a los niños también. Y él querría poner cargos, y en eso si estaba un poco de acuerdo...los ponían a los niños pero de lo que no estoy de acuerdo es de que mucho de los niños fue a adopción.</p> <p>[1:26:22] Obama fue él quien hizo las cárceles para los niños. Cuando Trump vino a oficina, muchos no saben, pero él pasó El Family Act. Cuando se venía y pasaban la frontera. Cuando estaba Obama los niños y padres los separaban. No sé si se acuerdan. Todos los niños establecieron under Obama y Biden, nadie supo de eso niños. Nunca hablaron de eso niños..y Trump todavía los niños desaparecieron. Todavía viven en eso cages que Obama hizo. Trump hizo Family Act. Si venía un niño con una mamá o un papá les quedaban juntos. So que, cuandoTexas tiene...traficantes...</p>	<p>thousands and thousands that go through...every day.</p> <p>[1:25:28] GA: I just say Republicans. I think, not Trump, but all the way back to Ronald Reagan. He was that, he signed for Hispanics to cross and there is not even a president... .Biden is pure talk. He hasn't done anything. Just like Obama.</p> <p>[1:25:50] N: Millions and millions and they were the ones he put...because he put them in homes...for adoption.</p> <p>[1:25:55] Mod: What do you say N? I did not hear you.</p> <p>[1:26:00] That according to the people who, like this Mr. Trump, stopped... He sent them to the children too. And he would like to file charges, and in that if he agreed a little... they put the children but what I do not agree with is that many of the children went to adoption</p> <p>[1:26:22] Obama was the one who made the jails for the children. When Trump came into office, they don't know much, but he passed the Family Act. When he came and they crossed the border. When Obama was there, children and parents separated them. I don't know if they remember. All the kids set up under Obama and Biden, no one knew about those kids. Children never talked about it...and Trump, still children disappeared. They still live in that cages that Obama made. Trump made the Family Act. If a child came with a mother or a father, they stayed together. So, when....Texas has...traffickers...</p>
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[1:27:25] N: No son cárceles. Lo que pasa es que no tenían donde poner a tanta personas. Y fue lo que hicieron de emergencia. El noticiero decía cárceles. ¿Pero donde los ponían? Estaban costando millones de millones al estado.

[1:27:30] GA: Pues cuando dice usted, no me di cuenta...nunca supe que los puso en adopción. Aunque sí se me hace feo, al misma vez, alguien los quiso querer...los hizo cuidar.

[1:27:52] T: [inaudible]..de la política. Y es algo que está detrás de todo y es...cuando Obama trató de hacer algo con inmigración los republicanos les dicen bueno tienes que aplicar las leyes. Se aplicaron las leyes pero sabiendo que los republicanos jamás iban a aprobar....

[1:28:02] N: Está pasando ahorita.

[1:28:03] T: Exactamente.

[1:28:04] N: Él dio su propuesta. No votaron en el Senado.

[1:28:04] RA: Siempre, cada vez, el último día que es un presidente, hace muchos cambios. Muchas firmas el último día. Y cuando llegue el ese presidente, toda la culpa al nuevo presidente, pero desgraciadamente no es así. El otro fue que firmó al último.

[1:28:30] Mod: El último tema, el aborto. ¿Cuál está haciendo mejor trabajo? En el aborto. Yo se que esa pregunta suena un poco raro por que quien lo está haciendo mejor puede tener diferentes...

[1:27:25] N: They're not prisons. The thing is that they didn't have a place to put so many people. And that was what they did as an emergency. The news was that it said prisons. But where did they put them? They were costing the state millions upon millions.

[1:27:30] GA: Well, when you say, I didn't realize...I never knew you put them up for adoption. Although it does make me ugly, at the same time, someone wanted to love them...he made them take care of them.

[1:27:52] T: [inaudible]..politics. And it is something that is behind everything and it is... when Obama tries to do something with immigration, the Republicans tell them, well, you have to apply the laws. The laws were applied but knowing that the Republicans were never going to approve....

[1:28:02] N: It's happening right now.

[1:28:03] T: Exactly.

[1:28:04] N: He gave his proposal. They did not vote in the Senate.

[1:28:04] RA: Always, every time, the last day he's a president, he makes a lot of changes. Lots of signatures on the last day. And when that president arrives, everyone blames the new president, but unfortunately it is not like that. The other was that I sign the last one.

[1:28:30] Mod: The last topic, abortion. Which one is doing a better job? In abortion. I know that question sounds a bit strange because whoever is doing it better may have different...

[1:28:43] T: Mira Laura. El único que esta de acuerdo del aborto es el que consiguio. El se hace el aborto es que esta de acuerdo con el aborto. Entonces, desgraciadamente. Pero una familia pobre, que sale embarazada, y saben que no van a tener dinero para querer a ese niño, lo necesita. Pero la gente de plata, van a seguir abortando porque tiene con que pagar.

[1:29:10] Mod: Quiero hablar de los partidos. ¿Cuál de los partidos está abordando este tema mejor? ¿Cuál de los dos partidos?

[1:29:20] T: Pues yo siento realmente que el demócrata en un aspecto porque pidiéndole a Abbott, aquí, y ahora también Oklahoma, también tienen leyes muy fuertes. En verdad, si yo te digo mi opinión, aserca del aborto, yo siento que ningun niño de ser abortatdo. Esa es una forma...

[1:29:44] Mod: Quiero hablar de los partidos. ¿Cómo estan tratando el tema del aborto? ¿Quién está haciendo mejor trabajo de los partidos?

[1:29:54] G: Yo creo los Demócratas, mejor con ellos. Y los republicanos tal vez pongan más....

[1:30:03] GA: Restricción

[1:30:04] G: Penalties.

[1:30:13] Mod: Entre los dos, ¿cuál está haciendo mejor trabajo?

[1:30:18] G: Los demócratas, pienso.

[1:30:21] R: Para mí los republicanos porque los demócratas, yo pienso, bueno, mi opinión, verdad? Los

[1:28:43] T: Look Laura. The only one who agrees with the abortion is the one who got it. He has an abortion is that he agrees with the abortion. So unfortunately. But a poor family, who gets pregnant, and they know they won't have money to love that child, they need it. But the money people, they are going to continue aborting because they have to pay.

[1:29:10] Mod: I want to talk about the parties. Which of the parties is addressing this topic better? Which of the two parties?

[1:29:20] T: Well, I really feel that the Democrat in one aspect because asking Abbott, here, and now also Oklahoma, they also have very strong laws. In truth, if I tell you my opinion about abortion, I feel that no child should be aborted. That's one way...

[1:29:44] Mod: I want to talk about the parties. How are they dealing with the issue of abortion? Who is doing the better job of the parties?

[1:29:54] G: I create the Democrats, better with them. And the Republicans maybe put more....

[1:30:03] GA: Restriction.

[1:30:04] G: Penalties.

[1:30:13] Mod: Between the two, which one is doing a better job?

[1:30:18] G: The Democrats, I think.

[1:30:21] R: For me Republicans because Democrats, I think, well, my opinion, right? That the Democrats always try to see the

<p>demócratas siempre tratan de ver a la clase media. Y yo creo que los republicanos no más ... más fuerte las acciones. Más seguridad.</p> <p>[1:30:35] Mod; Dices que en ese sentido que los republicanos están teniendo más éxito?</p> <p>[1:30:54] RA: Es cierto. El que tienen más dinero yo pienso es el que manda. Pero realmente los republicanos. La mayoría, son los que tienen más dinero. Nosotros somos la clase media.</p> <p>[1:31:18] Mod: GA, republicano o demócrata?</p> <p>[1:31:20] GA: Para restricción, los Republicanos. Para más embarazos los demócratas</p> <p>[1:31:24] Mod: ¿Quién está ganando?</p> <p>[1:31:40] GA: En Texas los Republicanos pero en otros estados más azules, los demócratas.</p> <p>[1:31:49] Mod: Bueno, ya se está acabando nuestro tiempo quiero que vayan a la última página y gracias por todos sus comentarios. Les agradezco a todos por compartir. Vamos a la última página y si me pueden llenar . Esta será la última cosa que hagan. En el número uno que acción pudiera tomar el gobierno los funcionarios electos que haría una diferencia positiva o haría mejor las cosas para usted personalmente. En la segunda que acción pudiera tomar el gobierno de electos que haría una diferencia o haría mejor las cosas para la comunidad latina. Haber, la primero es de usted personalmente y la segunda es de la comunidad latina. Ya después cuando</p>	<p>middle class. And I believe that the Republicans no more... stronger the actions. more security</p> <p>[1:30:35] Mod; You say that in that sense the republicans are having more success?</p> <p>[1:30:54] RA: It's true. The one with the most money, I think, is the one in charge. But really the Republicans. Most of them are the ones with the most money. We are the middle class.</p> <p>[1:31:18] Mod: GA, Republican or Democrat?</p> <p>[1:31:20] GA: For restriction, the Republicans. For more pregnancies the Democrats</p> <p>[1:31:24] Mod: Who is winning?</p> <p>[1:31:40] GA: In Texas the Republicans but in other bluer states, the Democrats.</p> <p>[1:31:49] Mod: Well, our time is running out, I want you to go to the last page and thank you for all your comments. I thank you all for sharing. Let's go to the last page and if you can fill this out for me. This will be the last thing they do. In number one, what action could elected government officials take that would make a positive difference or make things better for you personally. In the second, what action could elected government officials do that would make a difference or make things better for the Latino community? So the first is for you personally and the second is for the Latino community. When you finish, you can leave and thank you for your participation and if you will do me a favor, leave the papers here and contact the man</p>
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terminen pueden salir y gracias por su participación y si me hacen el favor dejar los papeles aquí y se comunican con el señor o señorita que está allá afuera para que les puedan dar su regalito por estar aquí conmigo hoy.

[Fin de transcripción.]

or woman who is out there so that they can give you your little gift for being here with me today.

[End of transcript.]

LATINO SCREENER English

READ: Hello, my name is _____ from _____, a local opinion research facility. We are putting together a roundtable research discussion called a "focus group" to discuss issues relating to the state. We are not trying to sell anything. Participants will receive \$__ for attending. May I ask you a few questions to see if you qualify?

ASK OF ALL RESPONDENTS

Q1 Sex [DON'T ASK - JUST RECORD]

<i>Female</i>	1
<i>Male</i>	2 MAX OF 7 PER GROUP

Q2 Are you at least 18 years of age and live in [STATE]?

<i>Yes</i>	1	
<i>No</i>	2	TERMINATE
<i>[VOL] Don't Know</i>	3	TERMINATE

Q3 Which of the following ethnic groups describes you best?

<i>White or Caucasian</i>	1	TERMINATE
<i>Black or African-American</i>	2	TERMINATE
<i>Latino, Hispanic, or Mexican</i>	3	
<i>Asian, Chinese, or Pacific Islander</i>	4	TERMINATE
<i>Native American</i>	5	TERMINATE
<i>Mixed Race</i>	6	TERMINATE
<i>[vol] Other - [Specify]</i>	7	TERMINATE
<i>[vol] Don't Know</i>	8	TERMINATE

Q4 Have you or any other member of your household currently or previously worked in any of the following types of organizations, industries or professions?

<i>State government</i>	1	TERMINATE
<i>City, county, or special district</i>	2	TERMINATE
<i>Marketing or public opinion research</i>	3	TERMINATE
<i>Advertising, marketing, or public relations</i>	4	TERMINATE
<i>A newspaper, magazine, radio, or television station</i>	5	TERMINATE
<i>Political consulting</i>	6	TERMINATE
<i>An elected official's office</i>	7	TERMINATE

Q5 Is anyone in your household, including you, an elected or appointed official with any government body or agency?

<i>Yes</i>	1	TERMINATE
<i>No</i>	2	
<i>Don't know</i>	3	TERMINATE

Q6 Have you participated in any focus group discussion or market research study in the last 12 months?

<i>Yes</i>	1	TERMINATE
<i>No</i>	2	

Q7 Are you currently registered to vote?

<i>Yes</i>	1	GO TO Q7A
<i>No</i>	2	
<i>[vol] Don't Know</i>	3	TERMINATE

Q7A Have you ever voted in an election?

<i>Yes</i>	1	
<i>No</i>	2	TERMINATE
<i>[vol] Don't Know</i>	3	TERMINATE

Q8 Which category best describes your age? [RECRUIT A MIX]

18-25.....	1
26-30.....	2
31-35.....	3
36-40.....	4
41-45.....	5
46-50.....	6
51-55.....	7
56-60.....	8
61-65.....	9
66-70.....	10
71-75.....	11
76-80.....	12 TERMINATE
80+.....	13 TERMINATE
<i>[VOL] Don't Know</i>	14 TERMINATE

Q9 What language do you usually speak at home? Only Spanish, more Spanish than English, both equally, more English than Spanish, or only English?

<i>Only Spanish</i>	1	GROUP 3 ONLY
<i>More Spanish than English</i>	2	GROUP 3 ONLY
<i>Both equally</i>	3	
<i>More English than Spanish</i>	4	GROUP 1 or 2
<i>Only English</i>	5	GROUP 1 or 2
<i>[vol] Don't Know</i>	6	TERMINATE

Q10 Which one of the following best describes your work situation - are you employed, retired/disabled, unemployed, a student, or a homemaker?

<i>Employed</i>	1	
<i>Retired/Disabled</i>	2	TERMINATE DISABLED
<i>Unemployed</i>	3	
<i>Student</i>	4	
<i>Homemaker</i>	5	
<i>[vol] Don't Know /Not Sure</i>	6	TERMINATE

Q11 [IF EMPLOYED] Could you tell me what you do for a living? [WRITE-IN]

Q12 Which of the following categories best describes your total household income - just stop me when I get to the right one...

<i>Under \$10,000</i>	1
<i>\$10,001-\$20,000</i>	2
<i>\$20,001-\$30,000</i>	3
<i>\$30,001-\$40,000</i>	4
<i>\$40,001-\$50,000</i>	5
<i>\$50,001-\$60,000</i>	6
<i>\$60,001-\$75,000</i>	7
<i>\$75,001-\$100,000</i>	8
<i>Over \$100,000</i>	9
<i>[vol] Don't Know/Refused</i>	10

Q13 Are you currently married, single, divorced, or widowed?

<i>Married</i>	1
<i>Single</i>	2
<i>Divorced</i>	3
<i>Widowed</i>	4
<i>[vol] Don't Know/Refused</i>	5

Q14 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

<i>High school or less</i>	1
<i>Some college</i>	2
<i>College graduate</i>	3
<i>Post graduate</i>	4
<i>[VOL] Don't Know</i>	5

Q15 What is your national ancestry other than American? [READ LIST ONLY IF NECESSARY; RANDOMIZE]

<i>Mexican</i>	1
<i>Puerto Rican</i>	2
<i>Salvadorian</i>	3
<i>Cuban</i>	4
<i>Venezuelan</i>	5
<i>Guatemalan</i>	6
<i>Honduran</i>	7
<i>Nicaraguan</i>	8
<i>Colombian</i>	9
<i>[vol] Other Caribbean</i>	10
<i>[vol] Other Central American</i>	11
<i>[vol] Other South American</i>	12
<i>[vol] Other Hispanic/Latino</i>	13
<i>[vol] Other [Specify]</i>	14
<i>[vol] Refused</i>	15

READ: I'd like to invite you to a group discussion. Your participation in it will be strictly confidential. The group will meet on [GIVE DAY/DATE] at [TIME] for no more than two hours and I think you will find the discussion very interesting. You will also be paid an honorarium for your participation.

Will you be able to participate?

IF R. ACCEPTS INVITATION TO ATTEND THE SESSION, CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE SESSION AND GIVE R. ADDRESS OF AND DIRECTIONS TO THE FACILITY. ASK R. TO ARRIVE ABOUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE SESSION BEGINS. CONFIRM R'S HOME AND WORK PHONE NUMBERS.

LATINO FOCUS GROUP SCREENER - ESPANOL

LEE: Hola, mi nombre es _____de _____, un centro de investigación de opinión local. Estamos organizando una discusión de investigación de mesa redonda llamada "grupo de enfoque" para discutir temas relacionados con el estado. No estamos tratando de vender nada. Los participantes recibirán \$_____por asistir. ¿Puedo hacerle algunas preguntas para ver si califica?

PREGUNTAR A TODOS LOS ENCUESTADOS

Q1 Sexo [NO PREGUNTE - SOLO REGISTRE]

<i>Mujer</i>	1	
<i>Hombre</i>	2	Máximo de 7 por grupo

Q2 ¿Tiene al menos 18 años de edad, elegible para votar y vive en [ESTADO]?

<i>Sí</i>	1	
<i>No</i>	2	TERMINAR
<i>[VOL] Don't Know</i>	3	TERMINAR

Q3 ¿Cuál de los siguientes grupos étnicos te describe mejor?

<i>Blanco o Caucásico</i>	1	TERMINAR
<i>Negro o Afroamericano</i>	2	TERMINAR
<i>Latino, Hispano o Mexicano</i>	3	
<i>Asiático, Chino o Isleño del Pacífico</i>	4	TERMINAR
<i>Nativo Americano</i>	5	TERMINAR
<i>Raza Mixta</i>	6	TERMINAR
<i>[vol] Otro - [Especificar]</i>	7	TERMINAR
<i>[vol] No sé</i>	8	TERMINAR

Q4 ¿Usted o algún otro miembro de su casa ha trabajado actualmente o anteriormente en alguno de los siguientes tipos de organizaciones, industrias o profesiones?

<i>Gobierno estatal</i>	1	TERMINAR
<i>Ciudad, condado o distrito especial</i>	2	TERMINAR
<i>Investigación de mercadotecnia o de opinión pública</i>	3	TERMINAR
<i>Publicidad, marketing o relaciones públicas</i>	4	TERMINAR
<i>Un periódico, revista, estación de radio o televisión</i>	5	TERMINAR
<i>Consultoría política</i>	6	TERMINAR
<i>La oficina de un funcionario electo</i>	7	TERMINAR

Q5 ¿Alguien en su casa, incluido usted, es un funcionario electo o designado de algún organismo o agencia gubernamental?

<i>Sí</i>	1	TERMINAR
<i>No</i>	2	
<i>No sé</i>	3	TERMINAR

Q6 ¿Ha participado en alguna discusión de grupo o estudio de investigación de mercado en los últimos 12 meses?

<i>Sí</i>	1	TERMINAR
<i>No</i>	2	

Q7 ¿Está actualmente registrado para votar?

<i>Sí</i>	1	GO TO Q7A
<i>No</i>	2	TERMINAR
[vol] <i>No sé</i>	3	TERMINAR

Q7A ¿Alguna vez ha votado en unas elecciones?

<i>Sí</i>	1	
<i>No</i>	2	TERMINAR
[vol] <i>No sé</i>	3	TERMINAR

**NOTE: WE ARE ONLY RECRUITING SPANISH SPEAKERS WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE AND HAVE VOTED.*

Q8 ¿Qué categoría describe mejor su edad? [RECLUTAR UNA MEZCLA]

<i>18-25</i>	1	
<i>26-30</i>	2	
<i>31-35</i>	3	
<i>36-40</i>	4	
<i>41-45</i>	5	
<i>46-50</i>	6	
<i>51-55</i>	7	
<i>56-60</i>	8	
<i>61-65</i>	9	
<i>66-70</i>	10	
<i>71-75</i>	11	
<i>76-80</i>	12	TERMINAR
<i>80+</i>	13	TERMINAR
<i>[VOL] Don't Know</i>	14	TERMINAR

Q9 ¿Qué idioma sueles hablar en casa? Sólo español, más español que inglés, ambos por igual, mas ingles que español, o solo ingles?

<i>Sólo español</i>	1	GRUPO 3
<i>More Spanish than English</i>	2	GRUPO 3
<i>Ambos por igual</i>	3	GRUPO 3
<i>Mas ingles que español</i>	4	TERMINAR
<i>Solo ingles</i>	5	TERMINAR
<i>[vol] Don't Know</i>	6	TERMINAR

Q10 Which one of the following best describes your work situation - are you employed, retired/disabled, unemployed, a student, or a homemaker?

<i>Employed</i>	1	
<i>Retired/Disabled</i>	2	TERMINAR
<i>Unemployed</i>	3	
<i>Student</i>	4	
<i>Homemaker</i>	5	
<i>[vol] No sé</i>	6	TERMINAR

Q11 [SI EMPLEADO] ¿Podría decirme a qué se dedica? [ESCRIBE]

Q12 ¿Cuál de las siguientes categorías describe mejor los ingresos totales de su casa?
Deténgame cuando llegue a la correcta...

<i>Menos de \$10,000</i>	1
<i>\$10,001-\$20,000</i>	2
<i>\$20,001-\$30,000</i>	3
<i>\$30,001-\$40,000</i>	4
<i>\$40,001-\$50,000</i>	5
<i>\$50,001-\$60,000</i>	6
<i>\$60,001-\$75,000</i>	7
<i>\$75,001-\$100,000</i>	8
<i>Más de \$100,000</i>	9
<i>[vol] No sé/Refused</i>	10

Q13 ¿Está actualmente casado, soltero, divorciado o viudo?

<i>Casado/a</i>	1
<i>Único</i>	2
<i>Divorciado</i>	3
<i>Viudo</i>	4
<i>[vol] No sé</i>	5

Q14 ¿Cuál es el último año de estudios que ha completado?

<i>Secundaria o menos</i>	1
<i>Alguna educación superior</i>	2
<i>Graduado universitario</i>	3
<i>Diploma de graduación</i>	4
<i>[VOL] No sé</i>	5

Q15 ¿Cuál es su ascendencia nacional además de estadounidense? [LEA LA LISTA SOLO SI ES NECESARIO; ALEATORIZAR]

<i>Mexicano</i>	1
<i>Puertorriqueño</i>	2
<i>Salvadoreño</i>	3
<i>Cubano</i>	4
<i>Venezolano</i>	5
<i>Guatemalteco</i>	6
<i>Hondureño</i>	7
<i>Nicaragüense</i>	8
<i>Colombiano</i>	9
<i>[vol]Otro Caribe</i>	10
<i>[vol] Otros Centroamericanos</i>	11
<i>[vol] Otro sudamericano</i>	12
<i>[vol] Otro Hispano / Latino</i>	13
<i>[vol] Otro [Especificar]</i>	14
<i>[vol]Rechazado</i>	15

LEE: Me gustaría invitarte a una discusión grupal. Su participación en el mismo será estrictamente confidencial. El grupo se reunirá el [DÍA/FECHA] a las [HORA] por no más de dos horas y creo que la discusión les resultará muy interesante. También se le pagará un honorario por su participación.

¿Podrás participar?

SI ACEPTA LA INVITACIÓN PARA ASISTIR A LA SESIÓN, CONFIRME LA FECHA Y HORA DE LA SESIÓN Y PROPORCIONE A PARTICIPANTE LA DIRECCIÓN Y LAS DIRECCIONES PARA LLEGAR A LA INSTALACIÓN. PIDA A PARTICIPANTE QUE LLEGUE UNOS 10 MINUTOS ANTES DEL COMIENZO DE LA SESIÓN. CONFIRME LOS NÚMEROS DE TELÉFONO DE CASA Y DEL TRABAJO DE PARTICIPANTE.

INTAKE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name (First Name & Last Initial): _____

Q1. Gender

- Female*..... 1
Male..... 2
Other..... 3

Q2. What is your national ancestry other than American?

- Mexican*..... 1
Puerto Rican..... 2
Salvadorian..... 3
Cuban..... 4
Venezuelan..... 5
Guatemalan..... 6
Honduran..... 7
Nicaraguan..... 8
Colombian..... 9
[vol] Other Caribbean..... 10
[vol] Other Central American..... 11
[vol] Other South American..... 12
[vol] Other Hispanic/Latino..... 13
[vol] Other [Specify]..... 14

Q3. Are you currently registered to vote?

- Yes*..... 1
No (skip to Q6)..... 2
[vol] Don't Know..... 3

Q4. Have you ever voted in an election?

- Yes*..... 1
No..... 2

Q5. What is your party affiliation?

- Republican*..... 1
Democrat..... 2
Independent..... 3
Other..... 4
Unsure..... 5
None..... 6

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Q6. Which category best describes your age?

- 18-25..... 1
- 26-30..... 2
- 31-35..... 3
- 36-40..... 4
- 41-45..... 5
- 46-50..... 6
- 51-55..... 7
- 56-60..... 8
- 61-65..... 9
- 66-70..... 10
- 71-75..... 11
- 76-80..... 12
- 80+..... 13

Q7. What language do you usually speak at home? Only Spanish, more Spanish than English, both equally, more English than Spanish, or only English?

- Only Spanish*..... 1
- More Spanish than English*... 2
- Both equally*..... 3
- More English than Spanish*... 4
- Only English*..... 5

Q8. Which of the following best describes the area where you live:

- Urban*..... 1
- Suburban*..... 2
- Rural*..... 3

Q9. Which one of the following best describes your work situation - are you employed, retired/disabled, unemployed, a student, or a homemaker?

- Employed*..... 1
- Retired/Disabled*..... 2
- Unemployed*..... 3
- Student*..... 4
- Homemaker*..... 5
- [vol] Don't Know /Not Sure*..... 6

Q10. [IF EMPLOYED] Could you tell me what you do for a living? **[WRITE-IN]**

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Q11. Which of the following categories best describes your total household income?

- Under \$10,000*..... 1
- \$10,001-\$20,000*..... 2
- \$20,001-\$30,000*..... 3
- \$30,001-\$40,000*..... 4
- \$40,001-\$50,000*..... 5
- \$50,001-\$60,000*..... 6
- \$60,001-\$75,000*..... 7
- \$75,001-\$100,000*..... 8
- Over \$100,000*..... 9
- [vol] Don't Know/Refused*..... 10

Q12. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

- High school or less*..... 1
- Some college*..... 2
- College graduate*..... 3
- Post graduate*..... 4
- [VOL] Don't Know*..... 5

THANK YOU!

CUESTIONARIO DE ADMISIÓN

Q1. Género

- Mujer*..... 1
Hombre..... 2
Otro..... 3

Q2. ¿Cuál es su ascendencia nacional además de estadounidense?

- Mexicano*..... 1
Puertorriqueño..... 2
Salvadoreño..... 3
Cubano..... 4
Venezolano..... 5
Guatemalteco..... 6
Hondureño 7
Nicaragüense..... 8
Colombiano..... 9
[vol] Otro Caribe..... 10
[vol] Otro Centroamericano..... 11
[vol] Otro Suramericano..... 12
[vol] Otro Hispanic/Latino..... 13
[vol] Otro [Especifique]..... 14 _____

Q3. ¿Está actualmente registrado para votar?

- Sí*..... 1
No (sigue al Q6)..... 2
[vol] No sé..... 3

Q4. ¿Alguna vez ha votado en unas elecciones?

- Sí*..... 1
No..... 2

Q5. ¿Cuál es su afiliación partidaria?

- Republicano*..... 1
Demócrata..... 2
Independiente o otra..... 3
Inseguro..... 4
Ninguno..... 5

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Q6. ¿Qué categoría describe mejor su edad?

- 18-25..... 1
- 26-30..... 2
- 31-35..... 3
- 36-40..... 4
- 41-45..... 5
- 46-50..... 6
- 51-55..... 7
- 56-60..... 8
- 61-65..... 9
- 66-70..... 10
- 71-75..... 11
- 76-80..... 12
- 80+..... 13

Q7. ¿Qué idioma sueles hablar en casa? ¿Solo español, más español que inglés, ambos por igual, más inglés que español, o solo inglés?

- Solo español*..... 1
- Más español que inglés*..... 2
- Ambos por igual*..... 3
- Más inglés que español*..... 4
- Solo inglés*..... 5

Q8. Cuál de los siguientes describe mejor el área donde vive:

- Urbano*..... 1
- Suburbano*..... 2
- Rural*..... 3

Q9. ¿Cuál de los siguientes describe mejor su situación laboral: está empleado, jubilado/discapacitado, desempleado, estudiante o ama de casa?

- Empleado*..... 1
- Jubilado/discapacitado*..... 2
- Desempleado*..... 3
- Estudiante*..... 4
- Ama de casa*..... 5
- [vol] No sé /Inseguro* 6

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Q10. [SI EMPLEADO] ¿Podría decirme a qué se dedica? [ESCRIBE]

Q11. ¿Cuál de las siguientes categorías describe mejor los ingresos totales de su hogar?

- Menos de \$10,000*..... 1
- \$10,001-\$20,000*..... 2
- \$20,001-\$30,000*..... 3
- \$30,001-\$40,000*..... 4
- \$40,001-\$50,000*..... 5
- \$50,001-\$60,000*..... 6
- \$60,001-\$75,000*..... 7
- \$75,001-\$100,000*..... 8
- Más de \$100,000*..... 9
- [vol] No sé/Rechazo*..... 10

Q12. ¿Cuál es el último año de estudios que ha completado?

- Secundaria o menos*..... 1
- Un poco de universidad*..... 2
- Graduado universitario* 3
- Posgrado*..... 4
- [VOL]** *No sé*..... 5

Q13. Como sabrá, el estado de [ESTADO] y la ciudad de [CIUDAD] han eliminado el mandato de máscara para los grupos de discusión. ¿Cuál de los siguientes describe mejor sus sentimientos acerca de las máscaras en el grupo de enfoque de hoy?

- No participaré si no todos llevan máscara* 1
- Preferiría que todos usaran una máscara, pero participaré de cualquier manera* 2
- No tengo preferencia de ninguna manera* 3
- Preferiría que no haya un requisito de máscara, pero participaré de cualquier manera...* 4
- No participaré si hay un requisito de máscara* 5

¡Gracias!