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Well thank you all very much for being here. I really appreciate it. Let me start out by asking you about issues that really matter to you. What are the one or two or three issues that you find really important or are paying attention to right now?

For me immigration.

Immigration.

That's what I would think would be the most important things faced in this country right now.

Also immigration. Are you seconding that, thirding that?

Second that.

Immigration.

Civil rights.

Civil rights.

Well the question was what issues concern you.

What's important to you?

My job and things at home are important to me. Money, wages. Those are [CROSSTALK].

Money and wages.

And I second that.

I, the issues are for me at home. What I do daily that's my issue.

And Chuck when you say human rights? Civil rights?

Then again I guess that would be the caveat is by issues being political issues or

life issues.

Does anybody know what that is?

I'm concerned with [CROSSTALK]

That might be someone probably walked through the fire escape door probably.

As long we don't need to evacuate.

See flames coming in.

I think Henry raised a good point that my, when you said issues immediately went to political. So if it's political or life, but you're right.

It could be anything that matters to you. It might be for the whole country. If that matters to you that's-I just asked the issues that matter to you most. So it could be anything.

Immigration matters to your wages. Matters to my daughter's future. It matters to me a lot.

And for me, it's that my wife's an immigrant from the Philippines. And with the all the illegal it's just a slap in the face to us that did it legally and that's why, the main reason for-

At what issues are you?

Getting through school right now. That's what I'm doing. Studying.

Just getting through.

Yes. Working in the summers, getting scholarships to get through schooling.

How about paying for it? How is that? Is that?

Well technically I'm doing ROTC so I'm commissioning with the air force next year so they're paying for a lot of my school.

James how about you? What's your big issue? What are you concerned about or paying attention to?

I don't know. I go on a Web site called [INAUDIBLE] which allows you insert questions from everybody in the world and some of them get quite interesting.

Well tell me what matters most to you. That's what I care about is what you're thinking about. What issue concerns you, matters to you, you're thinking about?

Well we work with the food company [INAUDIBLE]. Build a church at [INAUDIBLE] people following Christ. That's my belief.

And I was trying to get back to you Chuck. Explain a little bit more about, you said human rights or civil rights. Civil rights. What are you referring to?

Just in general. I see erosion of people's rights, the government sort of using whatever excuse they currently have to infringe on groups.

So what I want to do now is a fill in the blank sentence. I want you to get a word or a phrase that works for you to finish this sentence. Here it is. I feel blank about the way things are going in the country these days. I feel-

Encouraged.

Horrible.

So I hear horrible. I hear encouraged.

Concerned.

Very concerned.

Very concerned. Henry, what's your word?

Focused.

Focused.

I watch the news a lot.

Wait, let me just get everybody's words first. Words.

Conflicted.

Conflicted.

Kind of going along-stretched maybe.

Stretched. James what was your word? I feel blank about the way things are going in the country these days.

Disappointed.

Disappointed. And what was yours Gene?

Horrible.

Horrible. Again, I couldn't read my writing. Trying to scribble it down. I couldn't read it. Why horrible?

I think we're now the generations that our children are going to have it worse than we had it.

In what way?

Monetarily, job wise, health care.

Very concerned, Gene. How come?

Well you see the way things are going and it does not look good.

In what sense?

The same thing. You go into Walmart and automatic checkouts or self-checkouts are taking away jobs from kids that are now out of high school looking for jobs. Now you have that many more kids out of work and it's getting worse. Not getting better. It's getting worse. You can't even find a job any store. They were easy to find. Now it's becoming very difficult.

Conflicted. Eric.

I just feel part of the governments leaning too far to the left as socialism pretty much which I disagree but that's pretty much the main thing is that socialism and the illegal immigration that's coming here that's taking away stuff from, that come here through here legally.

And Chuck your concern. What are you concerned about?

My daughter having the ability to find a job when she gets out of college.

So a lot of focus on jobs.

The environment being degraded significantly and complete as industry becomes deregulated to a large extent. Some of the regulations that made the Penobscot River not the sewer it was when I was a kid are being rolled back. There was a time, I don't know if you're from Maine, but there was a time that you wouldn't want to be this close to the Penobscot River because it would stink. That stuff was fixed through the 80s and 90s.

Was that a mill?

Well it was the mills. It was raw sewage. It was a lot of things.

[CROSSTALK]

Back in the 50s as a result of that. Because you couldn't fish the river. You didn't want to eat the fish because of that.

But now you could. It's not that good yet.

Some of the pollution digressing a little bit probably, but some of the pollution that's in the river is long term, doesn't break down dioxins.

It's in the sediment in the water.

In the sediment, mercury as you get a little further down the river from where we are right now.

Further down the river.

So, I would not eat fish out of the Penobscot River. But I would, if you found an eddy I would dare to go into the river now.

Henry you had said, again, I can't read it. Frustrated? No.

Focused.

Focused. You see why I can't take notes. Focused. What are you focused on in terms of-

I watch a lot of local news and world news. And I honestly, my girlfriend makes fun of me but I almost shut her out and watch the news when I get home from work. I just want to know what's going on. And but a lot of the times you don't know what to believe if you know if it's real. But I find a lot of the local news is but I do watch a lot of the news. So-I'm [CROSSTALK]

And Dan you said encouraged. What are you encouraged about?

I feel the pendulum is swinging back.

Pendulum is swinging back to what?

I think that we've gone way too far to the left. Way too much-I lived down south for 15 years and I had to get out of there. This countries falling apart. Trump's a clown, but he's shaking it up and I'm happy. Making things for my daughter.

What are the things that are going well that you can point to?

[INAUDIBLE] but I just wanted to add one thing that really I hate the most is the outsourcing for customer support of jobs to other countries because if you call them they don't understand what you're saying. You've got to repeat things over and over and over to get service. And whereas we're in the US you could speak good English and get through this calla whole lot sooner and less frustration. That's all.

And you're word was? What was your word? I'm feeling blank about the way things are going in the country?

Disappointed.

Disappointed.

That we don't, that we outsource so much.

What's going well? Can you point to things that are-

Gas prices are down. I just went to-

Gas prices?

Gas prices are down.

Gas prices are down. What else?

What else.

Lots of work.

Lots of work. That's one thing I didn't vote for Trump but at least I can see that

he's turned, for me, what I believe now turning the country around I feel.

At the cost of the environment.

At the cost of the environment.

At the cost of the environment. He brought everybody and said this is what we're going to do. Bring back the job. The environmental regs are going to be rolled back so that you could pollute the water, you could pollute the air. That's why manufacturing left this country because they could no longer pollute. All the big companies, all through the general [INAUDIBLE], Monsanto, they're all polluting in the backyards, sending it down out to the water and as soon as they started cleaning up the harbors and the river ways they all closed their doors and moved out and left us with the bill for cleanup.

What's going well? Tell me something that's going well.

Diversity.

Diversity. What's good about that? How does it manifest itself? Tell me.

Well not much in the senate as much the house. Many more women, many more people of color.

Why is that a good thing? Why is that when I ask what's going well. Why is that good for you?

Because one of the rare things that, I'm reaching here to get good things to talk about.

But why do you like that? Why is that a good thing for you? Some people might not think that's a good thing. Why is it a good thing for you?

I have no problem with diversity. But again, here, I live in Maine and 99% of us are Caucasian.

But is there a reason why, wow-it's OK. We'll leave it.

It was his answer but I have to agree that diversity is a good thing because it's more representative of your population. If you've got 50% of the population are women it would be nice to see a number approaching that in our political representation. You look at the senate is 25, I believe 25 or 26 women currently in the senate. Not 50 but better than it was a decade ago. And the number of the house I don't know off the top of my head but bottom line for diversity if you're

more representative of the population in political diversity at least than you're more represented. If that represent, the diversity of your population is represented in the political side the laws are going to be more just [CROSSTALK]

Immigration for me is not an issue.

It's not an issue? Al, how about you? You see anything good happening in the country?

Yes, the talk about more jobs and more opportunities here is definitely turning around as well. And at the cost of the environment but there's also more recognized, people recognize more what's happening to the environment and there's a lot more push towards being environmentally friendly and being conscious about that so at some point those two will probably meet and try and battle it out a little bit more. Find a good medium.

[INAUDIBLE] just find a happy medium.

My colleague texted me and just said he's having some trouble hearing so if you wouldn't mind just pulling the mics up a little bit closer to you. So everybody pass one. Now see you can start to sing Greg. So what I want to do now is throw out some issues. Some of them you've mentioned and maybe we'll just go really fast through those, but some issues, some things that have been in the news. And I just want you to tell me whatever comes to mind. So it might be a word or a phrase or a picture or a description or it might just be a feeling. Whatever it is, just whatever comes to mind when you hear that. The first one we've talked about quite a bit, but the economy. The economy. When you think about the economy what comes to mind? First thing.

Teetering.

Teetering. Someone said something?

It's the loop seems to be going longer than normal. Usually there's a recession looming and would've happened by now.

So you feel like-

It hasn't. So [CROSSTALK]

It's still moving up is what you're saying? It's still getting better or it's-

It's not getting worse.

Not getting worse.

I'm confused because in my line of business my line of work I hear about bad economy. But I'm delivering boats that people don't need that costs hundreds of thousands of dollars. I just, I delivered a pontoon boat last week for \$110,000. Some people don't live in houses that cost that much.

Delivered? The boat.

The boat costs that much.

So, you feel like-

So I do this and I do this daily and there's people that it doesn't, they don't even look at their bill. What it costs for me to come bring them their boat. They don't care. And I hear so much about people, it's such a terrible state, such a terrible state, blah. There's nothing, there's no money here. I'm confused.

I would be curious though of those people that are buying those boats how many of them made their money in Maine.

Few.

If they're retirees.

But they still live here and spend their money here.

No, but-

They're supporting [CROSSTALK]

They're bringing the money in.

Other thoughts about the economy or what you think of when you think of economy right now? What pops in your head? Eric?

I think we're at the base of a high upswing. We're going to rock.

All I can see it's going up too.

Going up.

I think the value of a dollar has risen.

Value of the dollar has risen.

Slowly.

Francis you're not agreeing. You're saying it's not getting worse. Al, what about you?

Growing.

Growing. Gene.

Growing [INAUDIBLE].

The price is going up.

Wages are flat.

Wages are flat.

They haven't risen very much.

So that brings me to my next thing here.

Minimum wage just went up. Minimum wage just went up.

[CROSSTALK]

In Maine?

Yes. And I got a raise because of it.

Got a raise in regard to [CROSSTALK].

What are you guys talking about down there?

Raises. A concept in general have gone away.

True. Agree.

The minimum, the only raises, I just took on double the amount of workload at work and I'm taking, my mentor is leaving. So I'm taking over all those duties, but there's not going to be a raise because they don't give out any raises unless everybody gets a raise. So HR makes their adjustment for hourly increase, the

minimum has gone up but we don't see anything.

Henry just said the minimum wage went up. Has everybody been affected by that?

It just went up.

I'm saying exactly that. It did.

But in relation to what everything else has gone up. We haven't gained anything.

And that's-

Haven't gained.

I agree.

So if I was to say wages keeping up with cost what would you say to that?

No. Off balance. If you make-

They're not picking up the cost.

If you made a nickel they're going to charge you double.

Can I throw out very quick story?

Very quick because I'm way behind.

I'm sorry. My granddaughter worked for a company that I work for. They're a security company. I won't name them. Basically when the company contract was done her job was replaced, her job alone was replaced by four other people. Why when she could do the job.

Here's my next one. And I want to make this a little quicker. First thing that comes to your mind, throw the word out there, make sure I hear it. Top 1%. When you think of that.

Evil.

Evil.

Doing better.

Doing better. Top 1%.

I think more often than not they deserve it.

They deserve it.

More often than not.

Henry.

I don't know. I've got nothing.

Exclusive.

Exclusive.

They earned it.

They earned it. Healthcare costs.

Horrible.

Skyrocket.

I agree.

Out of control.

Unbearable.

Unbearable.

Shouldn't be attached to the government.

Not regulated at all.

Not regulated.

Agree.

Unions.

The best thing ever. There need to be more of them.

They're dying.

Dying.

They bring forth living wages.

Living wages. This side of the room.

Could be-

Very good thing but not coming back.

Could be a god send one way or another.

AI, any thoughts?

Yes, definitely. They help people make a living but they're not going to be around for much longer I don't think.

Going away. Any thought on unions?

They offer security.

Security.

But beyond that I don't see the benefit.

Here's one we've talked about. I just want a quick word. Immigration.

Nonissue.

Nonissue.

Legal only.

Legal.

Legal only.

Overblown.

Overblown. Henry? Immigration.

Come through the front door.

I say legal. It would be nice to just keep it legal. Follow the process.

Follow the process. Climate change.

Needs to be recognized.

Needs to be recognized. You said fake.

Absolutely. I totally think it's totally fake.

Don't believe in it. Al. Climate change.

Becoming bigger issue for a lot more people.

How about for you? Climate change.

For me? Something that I've had enough time to really see yet.

When I was in high school we were worried about the coming ice age. It's all a cycle.

Eric.

I agree.

Climate change.

It's up in the air.

Up in the air meaning?

Meaning it's a lot better, the environment's a lot better now when I was a kid. I see a lot more, the climate has improved.

Chuck.

Single biggest issue threatening the country.

Here, here.

Anybody that doesn't understand that needs to take the time to listen to what the University of Maine's climatology center is saying. There are evasive species invading Maine fisheries. The green crab is killing clams, wiping out all kinds of

productive fisheries. They're coming because of climate change.

Gene, where are you on climate change?

I think it's a bunch of [INAUDIBLE].

James, how about you?

Well, they predicted the end of the world so many times now that I don't think it's going to end. That's all.

So not really a believer.

Yes because I've seen we have shorter summers, longer winters. That happens but it varies throughout the country. It's not the same.

The next one. Affordable care act. Obamacare.

Affordable care act.

Gross.

Well, what's your feeling about them? They're basically the same thing. But what is your feeling? What is your reaction to it?

How did that get through.

How did that get through?

How did that pass? How did that happen?

Get rid of both of them.

Get rid of both of them. Al, Obamacare?

I was 11 when Obamacare so I don't really know that much about it.

Any opinion on it now?

I just hear a lot about it in the news. It's highly contested.

Positive, negative, anything?

Both ways.

I go negative because when Obamacare first came out it was supposed to promise all of these people lower insurance costs and they all applied for it and everyone I spoke to didn't get much out of it.

We need to be aware of what, be very clear about the solution is. If it isn't that we've got to put some serious thought as to what it should be.

I pay the bills. I see what health insurance costs are for my company. Health costs were rising exponentially before Obamacare. They are rising still. It didn't do enough, but what would've happened without that coming in would've been even worse.

How about Medicaid?

I don't even know what it is.

I only know the name.

Supplemental.

For retirement.

Not Medicare. Medicaid.

I can't tell the difference.

Not sure what the difference is. James, Medicaid.

My wife's on Medicaid.

So what is Medicaid?

Basically, covers some, not everything but covers a lot of your insurance needs. It's an alternative I see it.

For who?

If you can afford insurance you definitely should be on Medicaid.

And for me it's just for low income people.

It's for low income people.

That's why my, understand.

Any thoughts on it? Good thing, bad thing? Feelings? Reactions?

I think, I don't think the government should be involved in your healthcare. I don't.

Even for very poor people or people that are disabled?

There will always be people that need help. No people are more giving than the American people. But the government needs to, there's too much government. I'm 57 and I was a kid in the 60s. And we didn't have healthcare. We didn't have insurance. In life we had Doctor McBride. Just because there's \$100,000 surgery doesn't mean you get it.

And, but for me is that there's so many people that take advantage of it too.

There's a lot, the younger generation has figured out how to abuse and cheat the system. And they're very smart at it. They do a very good job at learning how it works and what they can get from it and they've basically mastered it and they do, they survive on it. They do a good job. It needs to be regulated.

Let me move on.

Agree.

I agree.

Agree.

I'm going to move on to the next one here. The tax cuts that passed last year.

Worthless.

Worthless.

Thank you Mr. Trump.

Dan says thank you Mr. Trump. Other thoughts?

Don't see any more money in my paycheck.

Didn't see anything.

[CROSSTALK] I did not. I'm afraid not.

I have agreed with all the statements so far. I'm agreeing. Both sides.

But there are two different sides.

I agree with both sides so I'm right in the middle.

But, for my wife and I we saw an increase of \$5,000 back.

Did you have children?

Yes.

That was why.

What did you ask him?

Children.

Children because, I, we, I got an increase before we was paying it but this year we got an increase.

So it did work for you. You actually got a tax cut.

The year before-

I didn't work last year.

Chuck, tax cuts from last year.

My tax cut last year was literally because I do my own taxes. \$550.

So you got a tax cut.

I got a tax cut. Percentage wise that is not a whole lot.

I get enough return to cover the tax preparation.

For the rich. Worked real well for the rich.

Absolutely did.

Definitely did.

Lined a lot of pockets.

I guess what helped me was being self-employed also. I'm also self-employed so I think that's why I got a tax cut because I felt like I did really well compared to my normal years.

My self-employed is where most of mine came from. Because I have both regular income from a paid job and self-employed income. My tax cut came from the self-employed side.

That's where all mine.

Let me keep going. Big corporations. Who do you think of?

Regulation. More needed.

More needed.

They have a lot of influence.

More corporate wealth.

A lot of influence.

A lot of influence.

No bailouts.

No bailouts.

Try paying taxes.

Pay taxes. Big corporations. James, anything?

Like he said, loopholes that they find to get out of paying taxes.

Loopholes. Henry?

Corporate loopholes.

For me I would never work in one.

Because?

They don't notice the average guy. They don't know who people are.

Undo influence.

Undo influence. An influence on?

Politics. Undo political influence.

Pharmaceutical companies.

Horrible.

Overpaid drug dealers.

Overpaid drug dealers.

Legal drug dealers.

Legal drug dealers.

That's good.

Deft profiteers.

[INAUDIBLE]

This is one you brought up before James. Outsourcing.

Keep jobs in America.

Keep jobs in America.

Bring them back to America.

Bring them back to America. What'd you say, eliminate Gene?

Eliminate it.

Eliminate outsourcing.

Source in our country.

Tax them to death. Out of existence.

How things were before.

Next one, student loan debt.

I don't have student loan debt because I didn't go to college because I couldn't afford it. My wife, my late wife had \$115,000 in student debt. I say if you can't afford the bill don't take on the debt.

Well that's a catch 22.

Go get a trade. If you can't afford, nothing's easy. I'm not saying there's any simple answers. But if you can't afford to pay that 40 grand then don't take it out. Personal responsibility.

You wouldn't do it on the house. You wouldn't buy a house you can't afford.

My wife had 115. She made 75 grand a year but that [CROSSTALK] A lot of people, and I can see where people get over there head because it's [INAUDIBLE].

That's the thing.

She had six or eight of these things.

That's the thing is want to, a lot of these students get brainwashed that you have to go to college. Give you all this money.

Tuition rates are going through the roof. They are still going sky high and it's horrible for kids who don't have an opportunity [CROSSTALK]

The government [INAUDIBLE] The government is over, all of a sudden it ballooned.

Actually, government run schools are much cheaper than private institutions.

They took over back, when was that-

About-what 80s or 90s. Something like that.

They took it over. Am I incorrect?

No. My daughter's in college right now and when I went to college you could get student loans guaranteed by the government and that was in 1986. And the

same thing is now you can still get student loans guaranteed by the government but you're still paying a private entity.

Didn't they take up-I'm dealing with, she passed away dealing with these private entities.

Didn't the government take over the student debt now?

If they did it was prior to 1986s.

[CROSSTALK]

The government made changes to what bankruptcy would allow [CROSSTALK]. Student debts were written off [CROSSTALK]

Let's keep moving. How about retirement?

What retirement?

What retirement.

Who's going to be able to afford to retire?

Joke.

Before FDR retirement was, nobody ever expected to retire. Something that's been thrown out there by [CROSSTALK]

Eric what about you? What do you think of retirement?

For me it's probably, it's not in the near future. Not in the next 20 years for me. Maybe I'm about around, on my death bed.

Are you able to save for retirement? Are you, is it possible?

We used to.

You used to.

I had an interesting thing about retirement. My father just retired from the city of Bangor. He now has secluded himself to camp life away from the family because he can live at camp. But he makes, he told me, he told us that he makes just as much money on retirement as he did working a 40 hour week. And he said, and he never had a 401(k). So he said thanks to the union I have this mainstay

retirement that I'm making as much not working riding around in my boat that I was when I was going to work for 40 hours a week.

[CROSSTALK]

He did. He put-

They changed the rules after that after retirement so now-

30 something.

So for us retirement, are you saving for retirement, are you-

Well, so I'm trying to learn how he did it and he said I don't think it's going to happen for you.

My in-laws are retired but they probably are the last generation who'll really be able to retire. So I would assume your father's probably in that same age range.

You must be talking about saving for retirement, having retirement plans and all that.

He never saved.

I'm hoping to have investment properties that'll cash in.

That would be your retirement.

That's my retirement, investing in myself.

Next one, tariffs.

Pointless.

Pointless. Eric?

I can see his point but it can be a good thing and a bad thing. Good-a bad thing that we will pay more at the counter. But the good thing is hopefully more companies will invest here instead of –

AI, any thoughts?

I see them being used a lot more often now. A lot of big tariffs to threaten or try and force ways.

We've been getting beat up for decades and what's happening now is trying to level the playing field.

Trying to level the playing field.

I agree with that.

James, any thoughts on tariffs?

Not a lot.

Balance is on a scale and needs to be corrected.

Balances out, needs to be corrected. How about trade agreements with other countries? Trade agreements with other countries?

More exports less imports.

That's out of whack too.

Out of whack.

I think in America sure. Nothing wrong with that. But I buy American. I buy a lot of tools and all that. I try to buy American.

Buy American.

I buy American vehicles.

Al, trade agreements?

Just make sure you look over them. Make sure it's in the benefit for our country first.

Do you feel like it is, isn't?

Yes. As far as I know buying American. Do a lot of that.

When you can.

Three years ago but now good luck finding anything made in America. That's the problem. It's all been [CROSSTALK].

I have, obviously I have a Harley Davidson motorcycle. I have two of them. But a lot of that stuff is not made right here.

It's not anymore.

And there was a big thing with-

Bring that outsourcing.

Trump joining up with Harley Davidson trying to improve that company. And I don't-

No, and-now with how this.

[CROSSTALK]

Hang on. Frank's talking.

I road with some Harley guys, I had a Goldwing. And I road in to this group, they were, not a gang but they were some rough guys and the sergeant in arms said to me, he said don't let anybody give you a hard time about that Goldwing. There's more American steel in that thing there than most of these Harleys.

Trade agreements other countries Chuck, what do you think?

Absolutely necessary in the world that we live in now where if you try to isolate as a country you can't survive.

We'll get smaller every day.

The last one here, China.

I want to teach my daughter how to speak Chinese, mandarin, Chinese [INAUDIBLE].

Thoughts on China.

For me I have friends that from China and too much government control and so everything's government run.

They're going to be a big thing in the coming decades.

Worried about technology and how much the Chinese have got us-

By the [INAUDIBLE].

So, I want to just for a second go back to economy and ask you this question. Who's winning in the current economy? Who's winning? Who are the winners?

1%.

1%.

China.

Dan, you think they all are winning?

We all are.

We're all winning?

We're all going to in the years to come, sure.

In the world economy or-

In the US economy.

Probably the US.

We're all better off. Why not? Work is way easier. Finding work, there's work everywhere.

Henry, who are the winners?

Who are the winners?

In the current economy.

I would say my father's generation. Those people won.

Eric who do you think are the winners?

I agree. The older generation right now until-

So who's falling behind or-

We are.

We're at the-

The generation behind him.

[CROSSTALK]

Generations, a lot of digging and clawing and fighting.

Probably generation Z.

All the special classes, all the people who, the women and the homosexuals, and illegal immigrants, and all these people are-

This, few-

And we're supporting them all these separate factions.

How are they winning in terms of the economy?

They're all being supported.

But I can-

You're saying who's winning?

Who's winning?

Economic support.

We're falling behind-

In the past three decades the stuff that's been the hardest to be a white man in this society.

So economically you said those groups are doing better.

They're being supported more. They're being held up. Again, my wife with her school, she was, they've been pushing women into school which is a good thing. There's nothing with that. I believe personally we need more mothers. That's my opinion. Probably not many people agree with me, but there's, society seems to be holding up certain groups at the expense of the core it seems like.

Eric [CROSSTALK]

The middle class is falling apart. And like he was saying, certain groups is getting more support than other groups.

So what I want to do now is pass out these papers. Does everybody have a pen in front of them, grab one. There's a few floating around. You can pass those around.

If you guys want cookies.

I don't have [INAUDIBLE].

One, two, three, four. So these papers that are, just, you'll read some things, get some reactions, write a few things down. I don't care about spelling or penmanship as long as I can read it. Bad with my own writing, But-

I have one.

I'll challenge you both.

One thing that's really important about these is I don't want you to flip ahead. I will tell you when to turn the page. So that's just a rule. Don't start flipping through reading everything because I want everybody to be reading at the same time. When I pass these out we're going to be doing just this first page that you can see. First thing, first name, last initial up here at the corner. So you're going to put your name at the corner. Then there's two sections here. In the first section we're talking about President Donald Trump here. In the first section we're going to be talking about any good things that you think about Donald Trump and in the second section any doubts or concerns about him. You do not have to write full sentences. Words and phrases or bullet points. Just brain dump is totally fine. You do not have to make it nice prose. But if you would take one and pass it please.

Thanks.

Take one and pass it. First name, last initial up in the left hand-right hand corner. And then the first section is any good things that you feel about Donald Trump, any good things at all, words, phrases, any, and then on the bottom half any doubts or concerns about Donald Trump. Words or phrases are fine. Keep writing if you have more things to say, give as much as you want. It's totally fine. If you're done I want to start hearing about what you wrote. Let's start with the good things about Donald Trump. What

did you come up with? AI let me start with you.

I wrote he's mixing things up. A lot different than before. We said a little bit earlier trying to balance the scales in putting America first.

How do you see him putting America first? What has he done?

Trying to build jobs here, bring jobs back from overseas. Stuff like that. Building our economy. And really trying to help the American people instead of reaching out to find maybe a cheaper option. Trying to really focus on us.

And you said he's mixing things. Why is that a good thing?

I think every once in a while things need to be changed up. I've only been around for two other presidents so I don't have that much experience but I feel he's kind of gone down and decided hey instead of forgoing and going the same route that everyone else has been going let's try take it from a different angle, look at it differently. Do it his way.

Eric?

Pretty, he, running the country like a corporation. He's trying to, trying bring jobs back.

And running, what does it mean to run the country like a corporation?

Like, because he's a business person so he's, he has to, he's trying to do what I have seen negotiate, threaten stuff, say well I'm going to put tariffs on this if you don't follow, buy more stuff from us and stuff like that.

The negotiations, and then sort of-James you're still working on yours?

No.

What good things?

Only real good thing is that he has a good solid head in business and knows, for that he would be better at fixing the economy. Not saying the best, better.

Have you checked how many bankruptcies he's had?

Yes. I agree with that. That's what business is.

Bad business.

Bad business.

Good point. He gets attention. Man, there's no other candidate that gets the spotlight that he does. That's [INAUDIBLE].

And is that good or?

It's good for him.

Good for him.

And frankly if it's not good for him then he works, I just pray that his self-interests matches what the country's interest is.

Gene. Good things?

He's bringing back the jobs but there is a price to pay. Organized labor's paying the price.

Organized, what is it?

Organized labor. Unions.

They're paying the price.

That's the, that's the, there's always a trade off because everything was found out because labor prices became so high. They said they work cheap because it's all the work and then he wants to have a unlimited wage and have a house, a car, a vacation, and retirement plan. Well we don't want to pay that. We want more money for us so we farmed it up. He's bringing it back so that's the concession. It's at our expense.

Unless you work for carrier. Those jobs went away.

That's right. It's about a billion instead of by the millions.

What good things did you write down Terry?

He celebrates economic positives. So if there's good economic news he celebrates it and there is value in celebrating good news.

Henry.

I wrote that he's brave. He's not afraid to do what he wants to do.

Is that your definition of bravery?

No.

Just checking.

No, I was describing why it's brave for him. I wouldn't use that as my definition of brave.

Dan, what good things did you write?

To sum it up, America first.

America first. And how has he shown you that he's putting America first?

All the things that we just talked about. He's trying to shut down the illegals. He's, overseas, he went overseas, he's just [INAUDIBLE] ties with [INAUDIBLE] again, thank goodness. He's standing up against Europe, Israel. We're back being tight with Israel. And all of that is good for America. Building up the military and we're all, we're standing up again in the world. We're not bowing to nobody.

Let's do doubts and concerns. What doubts and concerns do you have about Trump? Go ahead Francis.

Business losses. He's one of the worst performing business leaders as far as bottom line is concerned he has lost a lot of money well to be brief here.

But why does that matter for him now as president? That was in the past. Why does it is a concern now?

Because when people say they admire him because he's a business man and that's a major positive I think people are blind as to what the actual performance has been. Secondly, military hypocrite. He is pushing further and further toward war possibly in Iran and all of this, but he's a draft dodger. I'm worried that he'll never leave the White House regardless of what it is. I believe he's putting Russia interests ahead of America. That's a major concern.

What tells you that?

When he gets all of the intel from our CIA and the FBI and all our intelligence and turns and says well Vladimir says this and I believe him and he'll take other country's input way before and may not even consider our intelligence.

AI. Concerns, doubts about Trump?

I wrote he's got, since he was a business man I feel like he's a little less, has a little less political gravitas. So as a president he's a lot different than what people have seen before because he doesn't have a big political background as most people have. And I think for some people they, they're maybe threatened by that, concerned by it because it's a different norm than what –

Does it concern you?

A little bit. That's why I write it as a doubt but it wouldn't be a horrible negative because it is something different.

Dan you said it could be negative.

I could see where that could be a negative. I wouldn't consider it one, but I could see where it could be.

Do you have any doubts about it?

His temper. I just finished reading a book by Bob Woodward and of course you can take as much of it as you want [INAUDIBLE] truth. But a lot of it was behind scenes in the beginning of this investigation thing and he's definitely fired in a short time period. And some of the stuff that was happening was about [INAUDIBLE]

So, why does it matter if he has a short temper? What are you worried about?

Because he's the leader of the free world. I think maybe being impulsive in certain situations might be - not be good, very few. But I'd rather see him more even tempered.

Henry? Any doubts, concerns about Trump?

Well, my concern, I guess we've touched on it but his past life and how it affects people's outlook of how he can do the job and what he's doing. So people could take a look at who he is and what he's done and base their opinions on that. But rather than see what he's actually doing. So, that would be a big concern.

Chuck? Any doubts or concerns?

Bully, he's petty, he appears to be uninformed many, many times on subjects that

he should be informed of. And, bottom line, he seem - his temperament is a concern because it seems that it is potentially dangerous to both our national security and our soldiers. Diplomacy is called the best tool of politics for a reason. Because if you aren't diplomatic to these other countries you can start a war. And I got a nephew in Korea, I'd just soon see him not die in a war.

Any other doubts or concerns I haven't heard yet?

Yeah, pretty much he - some of the people talked about it. But he's too mu - he Tweets too much and he talks and that's the main -

Your concern is -

Yeah, I'd assume less Tweeting, making a mockery out of us, that part.

He's lowered the bar as far as campaigns and what will be during campaigns and so forth.

James, did you have something else?

I'll say that he speaks his mind rather than thinking about what he says and talks political volumes.

I personally like that.

You like that he speaks his mind.

Yeah.

Absolutely, absolutely.

I like that he speaks his mind but tell us the truth.

He's not afraid to say anything.

Not quite serious but what do you think?

Yeah, but sometimes it's -

He's opened his mouth too many times.

Is it - tell me why that's a good thing, that he says what he thinks.

Because I can relate to a lot of the things that he thinks. That people - you hold

back from saying, you feel uncomfortable saying, he says it. Whether it's good or bad. Some people don't say it at the work place or this but he don't care, he'll say it. And that's what I like.

It's honest.

Honest.

Direction.

I like that in the bar with my buddies. Don't necessarily like it from the leader of the country in negotiations with leaders of other countries. Two different situations.

Good point.

When he was on a reality show and he spoke his mind, great, you're on a reality show. He's got the nuclear codes, it concerns me a lot.

Is it OK if he offends people sometimes? Or is that a problem?

It could be a good thing and a bad thing. But I have spoke my mind in K-mart and bite me right in the ass. It's probably the same, he does - and a lot of people - it happened to him several times but I do like his -

Some of us kind of like it and then some of us kind of are concerned about -

We're all concerned a little.

A little, yeah.

We're all concerned a little that maybe he might go too far.

At least -

Yes.

On certain issues.

The man on the edge.

The man on the edge.

People are too easily -

Sitting on the wall.

Offended.

Right, because people are too easily offended. Is that true, people are too easily offended?

Someone's always going to get offended no matter what you say.

Yeah? Too easily offended.

Yeah.

No?

Yeah.

I feel like we've taught people that it's OK to be offended and they get offended about the smallest things that they normally wouldn't have before.

Darryl?

I used to be like him, addicted to the news. On it for the last few - now I can't -

I don't even watch it.

I can't deal with it.

Let me ask you, regardless of how you feel about Donald Trump, what is his greatest accomplishment so far?

Building his new hotel in Dubai.

That's a - a lot of his businesses now have gone to his family. So, under his part of [INAUDIBLE]

He has significantly got into the cabinets, putting people that are against the EPA, the head of the EPA and many other examples, education and so forth.

Got more people out to vote. Even otherwise that they won't go out and vote.

Greatest accomplishment?

Becoming the United States President and for him that was his greatest accomplishment, becoming the president.

Melania.

His greatest accomplishment?

I just took it really far.

His wife is the best looking wife to the president.

Greatest accomplishment, Chuck?

He's right, I mean becoming president. I mean that's - for Donald Trump to have pulled that off.

But as president, what would you point to as his -

Either Israel or the Supreme Court.

Israel or the Supreme Court.

Supreme Court.

Supreme Court.

And the lower courts and bringing on.

Lower courts.

And [INAUDIBLE]

And regardless of how you feel about him, what's the greatest disappointment you have?

No dignity.

No dignity.

I don't have one.

No disappointments?

I'm pretty neutral in that, yeah.

AI, any disappointments for Trump?

Not really, no.

He needs to do something with his hair.

His hair.

I can't ever wear a red hat.

You can but you won't.

I used to be able to, now I'm not so sure.

Dylan, greatest disappointment?

Seeing him evolve Making America Great Again and the cost of we're all going to pay for it.

He said, when he was campaigning until now, putting America first, putting America first. How well do you feel he's doing that so far? How's he doing on that? Putting America first?

I will give him an A for effort pretty much.

A for effort.

He's trying.

He's trying.

He's trying.

Even if it cuts the nose of to spite the face.

What about draining the swamp? He said repeatedly he's going to drain the swamp. How's he doing on that?

Awful.

Probably he's got to start.

Start but -

It's a long process.

But it might - and that also might turn around and bite him right on the backside too.

Why? Tell me.

Why? Because he's going to have a lot of push back, I believe. With -

The five richest counties in the country surrounding DC, that's disgusting.

The what? Say that again?

The five rich counties in the country.

Around DC.

Surround DC. That is disgusting.

Well, it's all that graft.

The lobby - yeah, industrial lobbyists but the fact that he is making - no, he is not draining the swamp. He has found a way to use that phrase while lining his own and his family's pockets. The Trump hotel in DC is the simplest example. There is a story in the newspaper today of the Agrarian hardliner who has spent the last 27 days renting, I believe it was the pent house suite of the Trump hotel.

That's like \$100,000 a day.

Yes, so just handing money over to Trump International with the hope of trying to influence Trump's decisions. Well, whether it's successful or not, I mean that's pretty swampy.

Yes, you can't put it in his pocket, you got to funnel it through his business.

Right.

How about this, he also talked about being a voice for forgotten Americans.

Not.

No, why not Gene? Why do you say not?

Just thinking.

That's my opinion, he's not.

Why not, can you explain a little?

How is he helping anybody at the bottom? He's not. He's taking care of that top percentage, corporate America and the rest of us he's not.

Is the bottom is the one that's sort of been forgotten or is it the middle?

He's talking about middle aged white guys when he says that.

That's not what they mean, I disagree.

Who do you think he's talking about?

I think he's talking about us.

We are middle aged white guys.

We're the poor. [CROSSTALK] I mean my family, we're the poor. [CROSSTALK] We're supporting all this crap that's been going on for a couple of generations? The hippies are running the country now. Thankfully they're getting old and next it's our turn. That's my opinion.

So, voice for forgotten Americans? Gene says no, Dan says yes. Where are the rest of you?

I don't know what he meant by that statement. I do believe that he was making a plea to middle aged white America. The whole Make America Great Again is a call back to the 50s when middle aged white America was in control. Women knew their place, coloreds knew their place, the whole Make America Great Again was a call back to the 40s and 50s, before Civil Rights were enacted.

Today is D-Day.

Yes, today is -

That was his generation.

Absolutely.

They had principles, they had morals, they had standards.

And they also -

The nucleus family ruled.

They also made sure that blacks didn't vote.

Incorrect.

No, it is not incorrect. Read a history book. The south made a -

You're going to [INAUDIBLE]

There was a concerted effort in the 50s, by the people of the Greatest Generation, who I knew.

I understand, it was the Democrats that were holding people down.

So, I'm getting a message that we need to move onto the next thing. Hang on a second. He just told me -

Do we turn the page?

I think it was 11.

Don't turn the page yet, don't turn the page yet. We're going to watch some videos now. One or two minutes, one of them's a little shorter but they're about a minute, minute and a half of Donald Trump. And I'm just going to make sure I get the order right here. And after each one we'll talk about it briefly. So, the first one - I'm going to see. [PRESENTATION PLAYS] I'm going to stop it right there. Reactions, thoughts?

I can't draw more money than I was five years ago, I'll tell you that. That is true. I'm a self-employed carpenter -

And you're making more money?

One of the things I do - I can't get \$25 an hour now. All I can get is 20 bucks and I'm finding that out. I'm getting very weak, I've been going for 15 years and I'm broke again.

Francis?

Compulsive liar. Anytime he says any stats, numbers, ever since he was elected and had this huge six million people at his inauguration. I don't believe a word he says, he has no credibility.

James, what did you take away from that video?

Well, we now know he's a great business man but it doesn't mean that his personal business practices should be applied to the government at all.

Eric?

Yeah, I agree somewhat. He does, on certain things, blow up on certain circumstance on the economy or with certain things. He does say it's six million instead of five million and stuff like that. He just adds a few numbers on his one.

Is that a problem that he does that?

It can be, it all depends on if you want to be accurate and people can nitpick on what.

Al, what did you take away from there?

Even if the numbers are increased more than they were, there is an increase. Which I think forward progress is better than going backwards.

Flip the page in your handout, we're going to look at one of these Tweets. 'Republicans have created the best economy in the history of our country and the hottest jobs market on planet Earth. The Democrat agenda is a socialist nightmare. The Republican agenda is the American dream. Vote GOP.' Henry, what do you think about that Tweet?

Well, he doesn't need to be Tweeting.

Here, here.

Is what he says about the jobs market here, is that true?

Well, I'm conflicted on the job industry because he says that he's grown jobs. In the industry that I have worked in and what I've done in my experience with what I see every day, that young gentlemen's generation over there, they're going to school and they're going to these big jobs to make big money. There was a comment earlier about how the Walmart's have self-check out, the McDonalds now have self-help. His generation, I'm sorry, doesn't want to work. They don't want to start out at these entry level jobs. And immediately they think they're

worth something and they want these high dollars. So, they don't want to actually do physical work. In the industries that I've worked in, I've seen people that come to these jobs and we can't find qualified workers. The jobs are there, the jobs are there but you cannot find people to actually fit the job, to do the job.

So, is it the highest job market ever?

Where is it higher? Where is it higher in the world? We're growing by leaps and bounds.

I agree, I said that earlier.

Tell that to the coal workers that he made promises to that shut down.

Coal's coming back.

He shut down the [CROSSTALK] he shut down coal.

I live in Maine.

He shut down the coal industry, coal. He shut it down.

I know, it was being shut down before he came in.

[CROSSTALK] Chuck real quick and then I want to move onto another video. What's your thought on the video or Tweet?

Well, the Tweet I want to look up. No, I would want to look it up to see when it was made so I could check. My guess is, much like in that, the numbers are not correct.

I think it's recently he just started -

Yeah, I don't know when this Tweet is from but -

It's a whole re-election thing.

- any statement, whether it's from a video or from a Tweet, I do not take it at face value because you can't, you have to look it up.

Any politician - you have to know anything any politician says.

But just as far as the job -

He is not a politician.

No, he's a salesman.

Because they constantly have [INAUDIBLE] sides going.

I'm just curious, if the job market is hot that seems in direct contradiction to something that you just said, that you can't get \$25 an hour for carpentry -

I'm not getting what I want.

Right. So wouldn't in a hot job market, though, your carpentry skills be in more demand and therefore you're able to get more for it?

Have you ever lived outside of Maine?

No, I'm saying if--

I have.

If you're saying that there's a hot job market, why are you not able to get more now than what you were?

I just, I'm sorry--

It just seems contradictory.

I need to move on. We're gonna look at another video and then do another tweet. [PRESENTATION PLAYS] Thoughts on that? Chuck [ph], AI?

Going back to Make America Great Again, Keep America Great, and the Greatest Generation on the 7th birthday of D-Day, back in the day when we pulled ourselves up by our bootstraps, went over and kicked Germany's ass, maybe going back to a time when people wanna work those low jobs. They wanna work their way up to those high money jobs, not just expecting that first. Because I agree with you, a lot of people in my generation, they just expect to be there, to make a lot of money first, and they're not willing to work. And that's gonna hurt them very quickly once they--if they get out of college with student debt, try and find a high job, won't get one, then you have to go pay off all these student debts with a lower job first and a degree that won't get you anything.

You mentioned strap those boots on. Why aren't you serving our country?

He is.

I am.

You're military?

He's gonna be. Yeah, he's gonna be in the Air Force.

Sorry.

No problem.

Thank you. Thank you.

No problem.

Back to the video, reactions, thoughts?

There needs to be more of you.

He's slamming the Democrats and trying to pump up the Republicans.

Slamming the Democrats.

That to me is not right.

Not right; why?

Because why would—you're just throwing that statement out, but what are you basing it on?

Gene, thoughts on that?

No.

No thoughts? Turn the page for the tweet. "Thanks to REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP, America is WINNING AGAIN – and America is being RESPECTED again all over the world. Because we are finally putting AMERICA FIRST." What do you think about this tweet?

I love the America First.

Eric?

I think that can be a double-edged sword with—he can make a lot of enemies with

that statement.

Any other thoughts on the tweet?

Maybe America is being respected again. He gets a lot of attention on himself and I don't think a lot of people know who he is. And so America being respected and him not being afraid to do things to get stuff for us instead of—

Do you think America is more respected now?

I feel like we've always been respected, but it might've been going a little downhill, a little pushover, but he's definitely coming back and be like, hey now, this is not the way it's gonna go.

So more respected since he's been in office, you think?

Maybe, yeah.

Go ahead, Eric.

Yeah, but for the respected, I've heard a lot of people, countries, because he's not pushed, being pushed around, like he was saying, the other countries. And the countries are not liking that, so they don't really want to respect us because he's not letting us, letting other countries walk over us, what I could see.

So he's not letting other countries walk over us, so they don't respect us as much.

Yeah, that's what I feel.

Francis, what do you think?

Trump's method of operandi is to repeat something over and over and over again, no matter how false it is, until people get used to hearing it and start believing it, even though there may be no truth whatsoever. This is a perfect example of it.

Yeah. They're being brainwashed.

Let's watch another video. [PRESENTATION PLAYS] Country's full; what do you think about that?

Phew.

Ongoing problem for a number of years. [CROSSTALK] Closing the door. It should've been done a long time ago.

I agree.

Rather than it be wide open and it's a free-for-all.

1991, I went to—

And you blame it on the Democrats, but that goes way back.

I had a flu when I was in North Carolina and never had health insurance. Self-employed. I went down to Tarboro Street to the clinic. And on one side was a whole line of Mexican women with their little bambinos, and the other side was a whole line of black women with their little kids, and they're all in there for free, for free Medicare. This was in 1991. I thought to myself, this is happening in every village and burg across the country. And that was 36 years ago and it's 10 times worse now, five times worse now.

Well, right here in Maine, right here in Maine, when I was younger, the blueberry industry, the blueberry industry, who was raking the blueberries?

I raked berries.

White people.

Well, there were, but most of them, illegal immigrants. [CROSSTALK]

Yeah, because a lot of the—

Another business, builder's insulation. Who'd they employ?

I don't know. I'm not [INAUDIBLE].

Illegal immigrants. They had a lot of illegal immigrants. [CROSSTALK]

That's the thing.

That's what I'm saying. All those blueberry towns, if you could employ the locals there, the local kids, they used to be young and made money.

But the local kids don't want to.

Acres of blueberry land.

Support the locals.

Flip the handout for another tweet here. "We have a State of Emergency at our Southern Border. Border Patrol, our Military and local Law Enforcement are doing a great job, but without the Wall, which is now under major construction, you cannot have Border Security. Drugs, Gangs and Human Trafficking must be stopped."

I agree, but [INAUDIBLE].

Yes.

Is there a state of emergency?

Yeah.

Absolutely.

Yeah.

Not anything close.

Not a state of emergency?

Who said no? You did? Really?

Yeah, but for me, it's—

He admitted to the public that he could deal with it longer down the road.

I see what you're saying.

But he just determined he doesn't wanna wait till it's a national emergency.

By calling a state of emergency, that allows him to access the funds—

Get the money.

—and do what he wants to do without any intervention or anybody [CROSSTALK].

Is that OK, Don, that he can?

Yes, it should be a priority to close the gate. Close the gate. Put a stop to it. You

don't put a stop to it, it's just gonna get worse. And it's already out of control.

But there's a difference between making it a priority and making it a state of emergency.

That's the old line.

State of emergency has certain connotations to it that are dangerous.

Yes, yes, yes.

And it has legal, political ramifications that are dangerous. Martial law.

Oh yes, yes.

You can override the legislative bodies.

Bypass the Constitution.

So making control of illegal immigration a priority is good. Illegal immigration is not a good thing. There's two different factors here.

What about him talking about the wall?

He's using that to fast track for the funding.

And for you that's OK that he's doing that?

Well, maybe not a state of emergency, but it is a, it should be a priority.

When he talks about building the wall, how do you feel about that? What's your reaction?

I feel it's a good thing, because then we just funnel them in a certain area so it'd be easier for them to catch them.

Totally political. It's a campaign promise he made and he's getting criticism that it's not being done.

What do you think, Henry? When you hear him talk about the wall, good thing, bad thing? How does it feel?

My only feeling is I support the wall.

You support the wall. Al, what do you think?

Yes, [CROSSTALK].

James, how about you?

The wall.

The wall?

I support the wall.

Support the wall.

A couple of reasons. One is, when I worked at a restaurant, one of the manager's brothers was on the Texas border patrol doing the actual work, and so I got to hear firsthand how that was actually going, and it was not a pretty job. He had to shoot people. That's not good.

Let's watch one more video.

[INAUDIBLE]

One more video here. [PRESENTATION PLAYS] Thoughts there? [INAUDIBLE], reactions?

He's a salesman.

Salesman?

He is. He's a salesman.

What was he selling there?

Selling America.

America.

He's our biggest cheerleader.

Yeah. I can agree with that. He's probably exaggerated on certain things, but at least he's telling that he wants us to buy, or I feel, buy more American instead of having China.

Go ahead.

There are at least four complete inaccuracies in the statement that he just made. Dollar value—I'm sorry, Gene.

Let me just get other reactions. Gene?

He's showing the power by a lot of that manufacturing coming back from China, which leaves them out of jobs. That's money out of their pocket that's coming back this way and it makes a big difference.

Henry, what did you here there?

No. No.

No? Don't know? James, any thoughts on that video?

Not a lot. He's pretty much saying the truth.

The truth, you think he's saying the truth.

Pretty much.

Another quick tweet here, handout 5.

Can I just say something?

Yeah, go ahead.

I'm the least offended by that one of all of them.

Tell me, how is that different from the others?

Everything else is just so blatant and in your face that it's hard to ignore. But this is [INAUDIBLE].

Just middle of the road rhetoric? "Our great Patriot Farmers will be one of the biggest beneficiaries of what is happening now. Hopefully China will do us the honor of continuing to buy our great farm product, the best, but if not your Country will be making up the difference based on a very high China buy."

Supposed to mean that they buy—

He's selling rice to China.

—rice and soybeans to—soybeans, China's about 30% of our economy that buy from the soybeans.

But they're not buying.

They're not buying now because they—

Sell it to other people. No bailouts for anyone, anytime, ever.

But that's exactly what this tweet is promising. This tweet is promising a \$15 billion bailout to farms based on the last highest buy that China had to our farmers. Because the farmers have lost those markets completely in a wave of these tariffs.

A lot of the farmers don't want the bailout. They say, some of them say that "We don't want them, we don't want a handout, we want to sell it."

I have not seen anything—

They had it on—

Meaning what, they wanna sell it—

They don't want a bailout. I heard [INAUDIBLE] —

Are you saying they're for the tariffs?

No, they're against the tariffs, but they're also against government bailout. They want to sell the food to China still, but without any problems, because they say it's hurting them more than it's hurting the country.

I wanna do a little bit more word association like we were doing before. These are more names, except for the first one, which is the House of Representatives. But the House of Representatives, with over 100 newly elected women, which is now controlled by Democrats. So what do you—

Powerful.

Powerful. What do you think of the House of Representatives, now controlled by Democrats, but over 100 newly elected women? What does that say to you, what reaction do you have?

Who's raising your children?

Change.

Hopefully as many men.

[INAUDIBLE]

AI, what do you think?

Changing.

Changing. Henry?

I don't know.

How about Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi? [CROSSTALK] What about her?

Have you seen some of the videos of her talking? She can't even complete a sentence.

Term limits.

Yeah, term limits. How can I—

[CROSSTALK]

Were those the real videos, or the fake videos?

No, there were no fake videos.

It was her trying to give a speech and it was, oh my gosh, I can't believe they even have her speaking.

How can I put this?

[CROSSTALK]

She was rich.

AI, any thoughts on Nancy Pelosi?

Not really. Yeah, a lot of those people in those leadership positions are rich,

whether they make their money on back foot. But a lot of them have been there for a long time, and 100 newly elected people in the House of Representatives might be—

She's ineffective.

—a trend towards, yeah, term limits, getting fresher people in there, different ideas, different perspectives.

And what'd you say, Francis?

Ineffective.

Ineffective. How about Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell?

Politician.

A politician?

Yeah.

If you want the government closed, he's your man.

James?

Term limits.

Any thoughts on Mitch McConnell?

I haven't seen enough of his actions to make an opinion.

How about you?

I don't know, I don't know.

How about Joe Biden?

Joe Biden?

Grabby grabby.

Grabby grabby.

Yeah, too touchy.

Touchy.

My first wife knew him. She was a page, an intern, whatever, in Congress. And he's not a very nice person.

Did he hit on her?

Not that. He's not a very nice person.

Henry, any thoughts on Joe Biden? Any impressions on him, words, phrases?

I don't care for the guy.

Don't care for him.

Yeah, I don't care. I don't support.

How about Bernie Sanders?

Too much leaning to the left.

Too much leaning to the left. James, what did you say?

I said I kinda feel sorry for him because—

You feel sorry for him?

—campaigning kinda is just not powerful enough, I guess, to—

Represents the middle class.

Middle class. Gene, Bernie Sanders?

We had a better chance with him than the other candidate.

You wish he would've gotten the nomination last time, is that what you're saying?

Yeah.

Al, Bernie Sanders, any thoughts?

I met him.

You met him?

Yeah, just at a fair in Vermont.

What was your impression?

He didn't speak much, him just sitting there in a middle of a fair, kinda nonchalantly like a person. Kinda surprised me, maybe, but that's kinda the way his character is, anyway, I've heard, is he's kinda—he doesn't make a big deal about it. He's kinda low down, low key.

What happened to Ross Perot?

Here's the last name: Elizabeth Warren. Elizabeth Warren.

Potential.

Potential? You don't think so, Eric? What's your opinion?

I don't think she's worth political TV time.

James?

I listened to 30 seconds of her last night. Oh my word.

What was your impression?

She's weird.

Weird?

She's a weirdo, yeah.

Gene, any thoughts on it? How about you; Elizabeth Warren? Word or phrase to describe her.

Can't believe [INAUDIBLE].

I don't even know who she is.

Massachusetts senator.

Senator.

She says she's Cherokee, and Cherokee people don't want nothing to do with her.

She lied. [CROSSTALK]

Let me go to the next one, next name: Pete Buttigieg.

Who the heck is that?

You don't know who he is?

Never heard of him.

Has anybody heard of him?

Mayor of Notre—not Notre Dame, where Notre Dame is. Mayor of South Bend, right? He's a political, he's a presidential candidate.

Are you the only one who knows him? Anybody else heard of him?

I've heard of him.

You've heard of him, heard of him? Any impressions from you guys? No?

Opportunist.

Senator Susan Collins. Senator Susan Collins.

Goodbye.

Trump flunky.

Trump flunky.

Not acting in the best interest of the people.

Not in the best interest of the people.

Self-serving.

Self-serving.

Term limits.

Yeah, term limits.

I feel like she's from Maine but does not represent Maine well. She does not have a—it's almost like, how do you not represent us? You're from Maine.

Eric?

Yeah, even—I agree with term. She even said on her first term that she was gonna only serve one term, one term, and now she's, what, doing, what, her fifth term or sixth term, something like that?

Forgot where she came from.

Senator Angus King.

Integrity.

Integrity? Al, any thoughts?

None, really.

None, really.

Potential still.

Potential. James, Angus King?

Doesn't impress me a lot.

Doesn't impress you.

He was governor or whatever he was. He seems crooked to me. I don't know.

He seems crooked?

Crooked, yes. I don't trust him.

I support him. I like him. I feel like he's all for this state.

What tells you that?

The things that he does, just the little things that he gets involved in. Matter of

fact, he used to be involved in something that I was involved in, was United Bikers of Maine Toy Run. He used to be personally involved and would take time out of his day to do that. And he made that—I feel like he made these big efforts to make it bigger, to give to the charity. That's what it's for.

**One more name and I'll move on: Congressman Jared Golden.
Congressman Jared Golden.**

Smart campaigner.

Smart campaigner; why? What tells you that?

He knew going into that type of an election, that whole election, that he needed to reach out across the aisle, and Bruce didn't. And he nailed it.

Jared Golden; any thoughts?

I voted for him.

Devoted to the 2nd District. He's from here, he knows the 2nd District, which is the northern part, congressional district for the northern part of Maine.

Eric, any thoughts on Jared Golden?

I think he needs a little bit more experience, like for an intern or something before running for office of anything.

Al, anything?

Better than Bruce, yeah.

Are you guys paying attention to the Democratic presidential race at all?

Yes.

Do any names stand out for you? Any candidates you think might be potentially successful?

Too many.

Too many. Any stand out, Francis?

Just too many voices. [INAUDIBLE]

They should have a limit.

What are their priorities? What do you think about the Democrats? What are their priorities?

Middle class.

Middle class.

Healthcare. Pay. Jobs.

Francis, what do you think, priorities for the Democrats?

Living wages.

Do you see any differences among the candidates? Are you able to distinguish any of the—

They really disagree with what Trump's doing.

Yeah, that's the only thing that they have—

In common.

—in common, I think, is that they all—

So you see more differences than similarity?

Yeah. They're just all going after him instead of—

When they all sat down to dinner at Maine [INAUDIBLE], they didn't sit in the same room. They sit in totally different rooms [CROSSTALK]. I've seen them. I have seen them.

That's a problem.

If you would, flip the handout for me. We're now on handout 6. These are some reasons why some people are concerned about Donald Trump. I want you to read each one of them and star two of them that you find most concerning. So regardless of how you feel about him, which two of these concern you the most?

Can you verify the page number? Because you said 6?

It looks like 7.

The papers got mixed up, but this handout 7 at the bottom is actually for the next page. It got screwed up. At the top it's got a little box that says, "These are some reasons why some people are concerned about Donald Trump." That's the page we should be on. Star two that you find most concerning.

How to make a star.

Everybody starred two, or do you need more time?

Waiting on me?

You might not be the only one, but are you done? You got two?

Yeah, I have one, but sure.

Go with your gut, go with your gut. So what I wanna do is real quickly just go down. Raise your hand if you starred that letter. So A, did anybody star A, raise your hand. One, two, three, four. I'm just counting out each time, so raise them high. B, anybody star B? One B. Any Cs, any Cs? Two, two Cs. Ds, any Ds? One D. Any Es? One, two Es. Any Fs, Fs? One, two, three, four Fs. I feel like I'm doing an auction, yeah, calling an auction. So A, he promised better and cheaper healthcare—let me go down the numbers. Four for A, one for B, two for C, one for D, one for E, and four for F. So A and F are the top ones with four each. A is he promised better and cheaper healthcare for everyone, but insurance rates have increased for everyone, including a 50% increase for premiums in the individual market, and his plan would make older workers pay five times more than younger. Why'd that one stand out as one of our top ones?

I'm getting old.

That's a good one.

How old are you, Francis?

This is like being on "Family Feud."

Why is that one of our top ones?

For me it's that that's gonna be a hard one. I think he's gonna have, still gonna have a lot of pushback on that. No one's gonna have the right answer for that,

really.

It's a tough problem. How about F, he campaigned as a populist and promised to be a voice for the forgotten, but his tax cuts went almost totally to corporations and the top 1%, who paid stock bonuses, not higher wages. Four people on that one.

Yeah. It's like a major campaign issue coming up, I would imagine.

Al, any thoughts?

1% is only 1%. You gotta focus on 100%.

So let's go to the next page. So I'm gonna have you read two paragraphs, but we'll do them one at a time. This is one candidate. I want you to just read it and underline anything that stands out, anything that grabs you, and we'll talk about it briefly after you've read through it. So keep in mind what's appealing, what isn't appealing, what you like, what you dislike about it, but underline anything that stands out. [PAUSE] Keep reading if you need more time, but let me just hear kind of what stood out. Gene, let me start with you. What stood out here, what did you like, what didn't you like? Let's start with likes; what did you like?

It all sounds good. If they could only hold to that promise, boy, we'd be in real good shape.

What's the one thing here that really grabs you and sounds really good?

The roles of the economy are rigged to the benefit of those at the top. And the ending the lobbying. I've seen lobbying firsthand and it's disgusting.

Does this seem like a candidate you could support?

Yeah. A lot of good points there.

Francis, what stood out for you here?

Ending lobbying, leveling the playing field. Not just the wealthy.

James, how about you? What stood out for you that you liked, that was appealing?

Create the tax on America's 75,000 richest families. And then what stood out is it won't be easy.

It won't be easy. Eric, what did you think?

Just for me, it's just fight for America to, for everyone to work out. That's the only good thing I can see.

Is this someone you could vote for?

No. On some of the policies, some of the other stuff I don't really agree on.

Tell me what.

Like the Medicare for All, which that's too much government control. If there's—it's just like if a mouse goes up to a trap that has cheese on it, he doesn't know why it's free until he bites it and then it kills. So everything is—

You put it in perspective. [LAUGHTER]

So everything I can think of is that for the Medicare for All, if it's free, there's a catch.

Nothing's free.

Well, socialized medicine up in Canada, that doesn't work. They all come down here. They'll die before they receive cancer treatment, so they all come over the border down here.

Yeah, you nailed that one.

Al, what did you see in here that you liked or disliked?

Big, disruptive change and corruption.

Blake's talking now.

The roots are dug deep in lobbying and big corporations having so much influence, that yeah, it's gonna be—it won't be easy and it's gonna be big, disruptive change.

Is this someone you could support?

Yep.

Henry, how about you? Could you support this candidate?

I feel like I could. I'm a little concerned about saying taking control on corruption, because there'll always be corruption. And I feel like—

What do you think is the best part? What do you like about what's here?

I like what was said. Don't get me wrong.

What stood out the most? What really grabs you?

That sentence right there: We need big, disruptive change to take on corruption and level the playing field.

But you're just not sure that it—

I would be skeptical. I like it, it stood out to me, I would pay attention, I would focus on that, but I'm skeptical.

Dan, what stood out for you here?

This is liberal hogwash.

I agree with you.

Was there one thing in particular you really disliked?

Universal childcare, student loan debt relief, and down payments on the Green New Deal. Medicare for All. This is hogwash.

Now I want you to read another one. Next page, it says candidate 2. Read it, again underlining anything that stands out. Anybody need more time?

Chuck, let me start with you on this one. What stood out here?

Two lines: The country was not built by Wall Street bankers, CEOs, and hedge fund managers, it was built by you. And the, we need a president who works for all Americans. Those are the two I underlined.

Does this sound like someone you could support?

Possibly, but—

Not that excited.

Well, it's just not enough information for me to make a decision, that's all. But

there's nothing in here that would make me go, there's no way I'm going to support this person, if that makes sense.

James, anything stand out for you here?

The same line that said we need a president who works for all Americans. That to me would be a reason not to vote for him, because he's trying to say that you can, but we don't know you that well. And then, and I cannot stand by and watch that happen. OK, that's not a very positive thing to want us to elect you, that's all.

So this isn't someone you probably would vote for?

I probably wouldn't, no. I don't know how it is.

Francis?

I agree with pretty much everything that's said. Great American middle class stood out to me. And we always do better when we act as one America.

Henry, someone you'd support?

Definitely not. 100% not.

How come? What do you dislike?

He, he or she, is trashing on Donald Trump. I feel like I'm gonna vote for him again. That's my feelings. He may not be doing a good job, but he's doing a better job than the others, is how I feel. And to trash on him as your campaign, not good campaign.

Al, anything stand out here for you?

Not much. It was kind of ambiguous. I agree with his point that probably not someone I would vote for, but nothing outstanding that would make me [INAUDIBLE].

So here's what I want you to do. Just real quick, compare candidate 1 and candidate 2. And even if you don't really feel like you could vote for either one, which one is closer to your view? I need you to pick one or the other. Even if you don't think you'd vote for either one, pick the one that's closer to your view. Circle it or star it or something like that. Circle it or star it, then I'll get a tally once everybody does theirs. And then after that, we have two more quick things and then we're done, and we're not even gonna talk about them, we're just gonna do them on the handout. So has everybody

circled one or starred one of these, 1 or 2? Whichever one comes closer to you. If you have hesitation about both of them, which one comes closer? So how many people said candidate 1, raise your hand. One, two, three, four, five, six of you, and so two on candidate 2, is that right?

One that we prefer?

We—huh?

Which one comes closer to your view, even if—2?

2 for me.

So how many are on 2? Can you raise your hand for 2? Two people, so six and two. Good, just so I know that. Now, the last two things we're gonna do we're not gonna talk about, but I do want you to spend at least a minute thinking about it and giving me something thoughtful. On handout 9, I want you to write a note to President Trump, anything you want him to know. Could be anything. And again, it doesn't have to be full sentences, it can be bullet points, words and phrases, but what would you say to President Trump if you had the opportunity? And when you're done writing that, you can do the last handout for me. I just want you to pick a choice here, we're not gonna talk about it, the choice on handout 10, the last handout. And once you're done with that, you can pass them in to me, and pretty soon my colleague is gonna come in and give you your money. Thank you so much.

What about the \$25 drawing?

I think they'll tell us [INAUDIBLE]. Thank you guys. I know it's a little tough sometimes, but I really appreciate you being here and telling me your opinion.

Don't be afraid to send us an email if you—

OK. [CROSSTALK] Just discussing things and—

It's fun. Yeah, think different.

[INAUDIBLE]

We agree, yeah, discussions and the—

Can you pass it in? Thank you so much, guys. Todd will give you your—

What about the \$25 drawing?

Eric?

Eric.

Right here. [CROSSTALK]

Now you should go down the hall.

I'm not gonna give my money to this place.

[CROSSTALK]

Thank you, guys. Have a great night.

Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you.

Thanks, guys.