

**DEMOCRACY CORPS  
GROUP 3  
TUCSON, AZ  
WOMEN, WHITE, AGES 45-60, COLLEGE, OVER 50K HH INCOME,  
WEAK PARTISAN, MAX 4 UNION MEMEBER  
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MODERATOR - (INTRODUCTION/INSTRUCTIONS).

My name is Ada. I am retired. I previously worked for the army as a civilian. I'm not in the army and made a career out of that and I am now living here in Tucson with my 97-year-old father and my dog.

My name is Barbara. I am no longer working. Live out in northeast Tucson with a husband and a dog, which mostly his hair is on my pants I noticed.

Your husband or dog?

The dog's. (Lots of laughter).

My name is Claire. I am working, I work at [Maribell] Life & Balance at the spa. I am a fitness trainer there and I have been in this area for about a year and a half, beginning to already dread the summer.

My name is Danielle and I have lived in Tucson for 24 years and I have recently sold a business of 23 years and I am starting another business so I am still self-employed, whatever that is, but I have 4 cats and a husband and we like to scuba dive and travel.

My name is Eva. We moved here in July from Wyoming. My husband who I have been married 35 years, we have 8 children that range in age from 34-18. I teach school. I teach 2<sup>nd</sup> grade out in Sereno and my husband is retired. There is not time between two children living home still.

I am Fran and born and raised in Arizonia, going back a few generations, currently living in Tucson. Was born and raised in Phoenix. Working for TOSD as a ready readiness aide, I guess, and also working at a local art gallery right now.

My name is Gail. I was born in Tucson and I have lived here my whole life and I have 3 kids, one in college at ASU, one in [PEMA] College and one is 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

My name is Heather. I grew up in California but I've been here about 22 years. I have a large family, 7 children, 4 are at home right now. The youngest is 11. I don't currently work.

Oh yes you do.

But I take on part time jobs like work that the book store.

My name is Iris. I am an intensive care nurse manager. I have two children, one 17-year-old boy who is going to go to school at the (inaudible) Coast Guard Academy in the fall and my daughter is (inaudible – speaking softly). I came from Long Island. I've been here longer than I thought I would ever be. I've come here in 69 when I was 17 and I never went back home again to stay, just visit. I have a 94-year-old mom that I help to take care of. I work at two hospital, Tucson [Heart] Hospital and St. John's. I retired from the VA after 24 years.

My name is Jane. Was husband was active duty air force when we moved here and we've been here 14 years now and I have 1 daughter who is a freshman up at Central Arizona College this year and at home currently we have 3 dogs and my daughter got a new dog and he only comes home on the weekends when she comes home. He spends the rest of his time with her boyfriend during the week. He is just a puppy and we can't have him at long now because the days are too long, but other than that, I am with an dermatologist here in town. I have been with him for 10 years.

MODERATOR - OKAY. I THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT. I WANT TO START OUR CONVERSATION REAL BROAD. I PROMISE THAT WE WILL NARROW IT DOWN BUT THINKING ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON WITH OUR COUNTRY THESE DAYS, DO YOU FEEL LIKE THINGS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR WRONG DIRECTION?

That is a tough question.

It is.

The wrong direction.

I would have to agree with that.

MODERATOR - HEAD NODDING ON THE WRONG DIRECTION. WHAT THINGS ARE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION? WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL THAT WAY?

Family values.

MODERATOR - WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

That's we're seeing the downgrade of the American family as far as I'm concerned and how much time they spend with the families, spend with their children, you know, they're latchkey kids, this sort of thing and I was very involved with my child and

involved with child organizations with her and the apathy that you see is just growing, much to quick.

MODERATOR - HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?

I would echo that. Working in the schools and seeing, I had a good day today but yesterday wasn't. You know putting up with disrespect that I see from children and their attitudes about things and knowing real issues that kids have in their lives is so sad that they have to come to school with all this garbage and I just see that as a real problem and I think anytime you have the break down of family that is (inaudible – softly speaking) to society.

That's right.

I think a third of the children are born to unwed mothers. That is a real shame. It is not fair for children not to have a father.

MODERATOR - HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU, HOW ARE THINGS GOING ON IN THE COUNTRY?

For me, I think it is more economy and spending, government spending, no real oversight and control. My mom worked in government for many years and she would always bring home these (inaudible) when my school reports years ago was just, you know about just the odd spending controls and you'd see it all the time. You see it recently with FEMA and Katrina and all these thousands of dollars that were misused and misspent and just the budgets going, spiraling out of control and aide going elsewhere versus within our own country.

I also have a concern with, not to say that I don't agree with that but on the other side, that there is a segment of society that expects government to handout and do more and more and more instead of taking responsibility for themselves and that is a concern too.

I'm concern about the billions, and how many billions is it now that we've thrown into Iraq and that is outside the normal billing process. That much used here, think about what it could have done in our educational system. Think in terms what it could have done in terms of inoculating children. I mean (interrupted).

But it would have never been put there, so it is kind of a mute point.

And if hadn't put it there, we would probably have had the war here, so if we don't take care of (interrupted).

Oh I disagree with you on that.

...issues over there, we would be fighting the war here. They started it bombing (interrupted).

Iraq didn't start it.

Well no, the Middle East and the turmoil of terrorism of 9/11.

Okay, that is a real problem for me, is the fact that so many Americans seem to be living in fear. All our president has to do is say; you know we got terrorist out there and we need to be watching for them.

I disagree with you, I don't think Americans live in fear compared to other countries. I mean Americans don't have any idea to know what it is to live like other countries.

I think that is it. I don't think it is a fear, think it is just the simple fact that we take it for granted that we are untouchable. If you travel in any other country, 20 years ago they had more security in their airports, more police control than we even have now. I think we are foolish to think that we are untouchable and I think it is coming back to us in that regard but at the same time, I think we live a double edge sword, where other countries expect us to step up and give them aid but when we try to take care of ourselves and step away, um, they accuse us of not caring. (Interrupted).

Basically you're damned if you do and damned if you don't.

...but if we get in there too long then we are being too political.

**MODERATOR - OTHER FOLKS, OTHER THOUGHTS?**

I think the war has been a real issue economically and the continuance of it and people at home, their kids have not returned and I am very disappointed with how they were treated, things that have happened, you know more recently, there is that whole lawsuit that is coming up with the friendly fire and I think people are really questioning this and starting to have a lot of doubts in their leadership. I also think a lot of what we are experiencing in the family values and ethics is because of the (inaudible) issue, the issue that they are saying it is okay, they are demonstrating how to spend money, how to do things and people get away with a lot more. I think the ethical standard as really incinerate and there is a huge element of entitlement, I will agree with that, that people definitely people expect more, like they are just living for today but that attribute that to, people have to go to the top and look at our leadership and see how we mirroring that in our families.

**MODERATOR - LET MOVE ASK THIS BEFORE WE MOVE ON WITH IRAQ. REGARDLESS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT WHETHER WE SHOULD HAVE GONE OR SHOULD NOT HAVE GONE, GIVEN WHERE WE ARE TODAY, WITH THE SITUATION IN IRAQ, WHERE DO YOU THINK WE GO FROM HERE? ARE THERE GOALS THAT WE STILL NEED TO ACCOMPLISH OVER THERE? ARE THERE BENCHMARKS THAT WE HAVE TO ACHIEVE BEFORE WE CAN START TO BRING TROOPS HOME OR DO YOU THINK IT IS TIME TO START**

BRINGING TROOPS HOME NOW? WHAT DO YOU THINK? WHERE DO WE GO FROM WHERE WE ARE TODAY?

I think we over (inaudible – speaking softly).

MODERATOR - WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY OVER (INAUDIBLE)?

Well, we made a mess of things and we are suppose to clean it up. We don't have the funds to do it and we are not able to pull out our promises and if we do pull out, we are really negating some promises that we made, so I think it went way too far. I think it is a very big problem. It would be interesting to try to (inaudible) to solve it, but.

(Both talking – inaudible) good, we send only enough troops to keep things in some type of moderate check and it seems that they are heading off to civil war, it seems to be fairly clear (interrupted).

We are not going to be able to do anything about that and although we are plodding along training the local Iraqis, they are not going to be able to arise to the occasion of a civil war and it seems to be getting out of control. Do we under commit? Do we not go in there and do just what we can do with enough troops.

See, this is the first time we've seen this happened.

(Many people talking).

As far as I'm concerned, there were like these guidelines and goals. We were going to only stay there until they had their election. Well, they had their election and why aren't we starting to pull out? Why aren't we sitting there and giving them basically the room and road to figure it out on their own? Why are we still holding their hand? I mean we went in saying; okay, this is what we're going to do. As soon as they have their election we're pulling out. We haven't pulled out. We are sending more over and they've had their elections.

I'm not sure we said we were going to pull out than it was undoable past probably when we said; even had election and it is progressively getting worse.

I think we don't understand the Arab mindset.

I agree.

I don't think that they think like westerns do.

Oh no they don't.

It is not necessarily Arab as a group but more the terrorists mindset that we don't understand. You think; how can somebody blow themselves up for those kind of (interrupted).

No, I think it is a little bit, I don't understand that I agree with you but I think it is a little bit broader than that and this could just be a stereotype on my part but you know how Arabs like to bargain and Arabs like to strike deals and women have a certain role in Arab society that we don't mirror here unless we happen to be a Muslim family, so I think we thought that we would be welcomed as liberators, that they would want what we have (interrupted).

And some do.

... and maybe they do but they're not use to having, they don't know the route for getting there.

They're little children. They are not ready to take on the whole aspect of democracy and I think that is the whole goal.

(Many people talking).

I don't know if they want it or not but that is the U.S. goal, to give them the democratic thing and I think we're not going to come out until that is achieved and how long that will be.

I don't know if it is fair to call them little children but it is a tribal system and they work on and have through history as to whatever the strongest tribe is the reigning tribe and so right now with these elections they are basically trying to figure out which tribe is going to take over. Well, that is not going to please the other ones because now it is suppose to be democracy and it's.

Because it is not a melting pot society, they are still sectioned.

And always will be.

And always will be.

Yeah. It seems like I've heard a plan and I don't know where I've heard it, where we would simply pull all of our troops to the border and surround the country but leave the Iraqis themselves in there to work out their problems without our people putting their bodies between the fighting segments. Am I the only one who has heard something like that? I guess so.

**MODERATOR - COMING BACK TO THIS COUNTRY FOR A MINUTE, TALK TO ME ABOUT THE ECONOMY. HOW ARE THINGS WITH THE ECONOMY IN THIS COUNTRY?**

We got to figure out how to balance the budget.

I don't know how you balance a budget when you have Iraq going on.

I don't know how you balance that kind of budget, it is tremendous but I think we have concerns (softly speaking – inaudible), I do.

MODERATOR - WHAT IS THAT?

Energy.

Having been to Alaska and seen the Alaskan pipeline in person and seeing how huge it is up there and how many more resources available, I am frustrated that we can't do something else to get away from fossil fuel. Also, I came from Wyoming where the county I lived in provided like a third of the coal for the nation but eventually that will be gone too.

Yeah.

MODERATOR - OTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT THE ECONOMY AND THINGS GOING ON IN THIS COUNTRY?

If we can't educate our children to be creative and develop as Europeans do and other nations, and we're not, children are coming out of school barely educated, we're not going to compete with other nations, and we're not going to solve our problems, but we do have to come up with a better way of maximizing the resources we have and we have plenty of them. What is keeping us from doing it, I don't understand, I don't really know.

Really are coming out of school learning how to take test and that is all they know.

But they can't use the information.

And I will say having been here in Arizona for just a short time teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, you know I know I am giving my 2<sup>nd</sup> graders test anxiety because I am getting so uptight about it but I'm finding that we are expecting, I mean this is really off the subject but I think we expecting things from them that are not develop mentally appropriate for their age. (Interrupted).

That is right.

...And we expect them to learn this. For example, borrowing and carrying in addition and subtraction. They are learning how to do it but they don't really have a clue as to why and it has been very frustrating to me that I have to teach that way and I have to

teach these things where I am not giving them a chance to open their minds and observe and look and figure out somethings and patterns and find examples of things in their life.

MODERATOR - OTHER THOUGHTS, OTHER THINGS GOING ON IN THIS COUNTRY?

Well, can we afford to support the people who come across our border illegally? California is one of the biggest issue and there are more people that come across this border than there are in California.

That's right.

I don't have any children so I don't know what is going on in the schools of the medical facilities, we have to treat.

It is horrible.

We are drowning in these cost are we not?

Definitely, and the government is cutting the percentages that it is paying back to the doctors under Medicare every year. Our doctors are getting paid less now than they were 2 years ago because the beginning of January, Medicare's guides come down. Oh, we are only going to pay you this and this. You know what, we were getting that 2 years ago. No increases then. Doctors were starting to stop taking Medicare because they are not getting reimbursed enough to make it.

Yeah.

I'm certainly not going to encourage my daughter to go to medical school at this point and have a private practice. You can't do it on your own. It is hard.

MODERATOR - LET ME ASK ABOUT ONE ISSUE THAT YOU GUYS DIDN'T RAISE THAT HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS A FAIR AMOUNT. WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE RECENT CONTROVERSY OVER A STATE OWNED COMPANY FROM UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TAKING CONTROL OVER A NUMBER OF US PORTS?

The ports?

MODERATOR - YEP. WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THAT? WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT?

I read in the paper that who manages it doesn't really, security is going to be separate. (Interrupted).

That is what they're trying to tell us, but.

I don't know that much about it.

...because the Coast Guard is responsible for security of the ports but even before Dubai got involved in this there has been a lot of concern about the fact that the homeland security money was not going to check the security of the ports. We spend a lot of it on airports but you got millions of containers, these huge containers that come into our ports all over the country and they are not even, they can't possibly check them all.

The number of containers checked is minimal.

Yeah, yeah.

1%.

And that is not Dubai's fault. That is, you know our Coast Guard is probably understaffed. Homeland security dollars, you read about it going to little towns in Wyoming that don't even border anybody who is going to be threatening them, you know, so that is what I've heard, and as far as Dubai goes, I heard what you heard. They are not really in the security business. Just my thought of them being Middle Eastern.

I don't have enough information to have an opinion to it.

MODERATOR - HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?

Apparently, the president didn't either.

I don't think they want us to have it, do they, you know?

I think that it is real interesting that politically to listen to the two party sides talk about it and how you know, of course racial profiling is not acceptable in any way, shape or form but then, we can't have these people at ports, okay, is that a racial profiling issue? To me it seems to be.

Yeah.

It is. I'll admit it, for me.

But then you go to the airport, I was in the airport a few weeks ago and here is this old lady obviously with osteoporosis having a very difficult time and she is like getting padded down because she was randomly chosen and I'm thinking; yeah, she really meets the requirement.

Yeah.

If she can hijack a plane, you go girl.

(Laughter).

Right.

MODERATOR - OTHER THOUGHTS ON THE PORT ISSUE? (NO RESPONSE). I MEAN, IS EVERYBODY FAMILIAR WITH IT OR YOU JUST HAVEN'T HEARD ENOUGH TO REALLY (INTERRUPTED)?

We haven't heard enough about it really.

Apparently, there aren't any companies in this country that have the wherewithal, this is an international company, that is what they do, they run ports and we don't have, you would think we would first, you know, get a U.S. company to run it but apparently we don't have any of the substance of this company to do it. I don't know whether that would negate the deal. It probably needs to be researched more and somehow, who made that decision and the president didn't know until the last minute! That is problematic to me.

Yeah, you are losing confidence in your leadership when if you are only getting partial, part of the information or the can't really answer the questions in the media and I think there is a lot of lack of confidence than it obviously (inaudible – speaking softly).

MODERATOR - WHAT IS THE ISSUE? WHY HAS THIS BECOME SUCH A BIG DEAL? IS IT THE FACT THAT IT IS AN ARAB COMPANY? IS IT THE FACT THAT IT IS A FOREIGN COMPANY GETTING PAID BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO RUN AMERICAN PORTS?

Yes.

MODERATOR - IS IT THE FACT THAT ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY WHETHER IT IS ARAB (INTERRUPTED)?

I think it is more because it is an Arab.

(Many agreeing).

If it was some European company or something it would not have even been brought out.

Well, the British were already running the (interrupted).

The Chinese run Los Angeles.

It is totally that it is Arab.

Yes, that is my issue.

MODERATOR - WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES PAY COMPANIES OWNED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO RUN OUR PORTS?

Is it our government who that is paying them, Carl?

MODERATOR - YEAH, THEY PAY THE LEASES ON THEM.

So, basically, we're paying?

MODERATOR - YEAH. THERE ARE OTHER PRIVATE CONTRACTS THERE AS WELL BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS THE PRIMARY.

Well, I guess you would have to know what the alternative is and whether there is in fact as she said a company that has the ability to do the same level of management. If there is no alternative they have to pay whoever they have to pay.

I don't have a problem with it being a foreign company, [parse]. I think the reason that everyone is up is arms about it being an Arab country is just because of the conflict in the area and Arab is behind us sometimes and then the next week it is not. You know there is a lot of vagueness in their alliance towards us.

And instability.

Is it a competitive contract?

MODERATOR - IT IS A GOVERNMENT APPROVED CONTRACT, SO.

(Many people talking).

MODERATOR - IT IS NOT REALLY A CONTRACT.

But is it a bid contract?

That is what I am asking. Is it a sole source? Was it a sole source?

So it is not a bid contract.

The government really didn't have any control over the Brits selling their company to UAE, you know the Arab Emirates. We didn't have any say in that. It is a private business deal in a global economy.

Right.

So the only way we could ever step in is refuse to lease to UAE.

MODERATOR - RIGHT.

Exactly.

And we apparently are not going to refuse to do that.

I wonder what the ramifications are, you know it is not, gee, I'm the government and I can stop paying the contract when I feel like it.

Well, we would have to find somebody else to (interrupted).

MODERATOR - LET ME ASK THIS. DANIELLE RAISED; IT KIND OF UNDERMINDS YOUR CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESIDENT, IN THE WAY THAT THIS HAS BEEN HANDLED. DO THE REST OF YOU FEEL THAT WAY? DOES THIS KIND OF CHANGE THE WAY THAT YOU LOOK AT BUSH?

(Many people talking).

My feeling is; the president is the leader of the country but the president can't know every little deal and every little instance of everything that goes on. I mean that is not his job. I mean there should be people, there are people around him or in outline, I don't know, I am not very governmental but I would think it would start at a state level and maybe go to, I don't know, but you can't be the president just because you're the president. No, oh, well this is happening in the corner of Washington and this is over in California, I mean that would be impossible.

But he has to be in a position where he doesn't isolate himself from the experts that he's got that are working for him and I think that he does that.

I mean at one point in this conversation about the ports, I thought he said; oh, it is all okay. We've done our security checks and blah, blah, blah, and the next day he said; I didn't know anything about that, so which is that.

(Many agreeing).

I think he finds himself and I think it has gotten to be an easy out for him because that is not the first time he has used that time where; oh everything is fine, fine, fine, yahda, yahda, yahda because he doesn't do his homework and then when people start bringing up, well what about; Oh well I didn't know anything. It is very easy for him to just throw up his hands and say; (interrupted).

MODERATOR - WE'RE GOING TO GET INTO MORE SPECIFICS ON BUSH A LITTLE BIT LATER BUT I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT ONE OTHER THING BEFORE WE MOVE ON, WHICH IS ANOTHER THING THAT CAME ON IN THE MEDIA LAST WAS THESE VIDEOS THAT WERE SHOT PRIOR TO KATRINA

COMING, THE BRIEFINGS, DID ANYBODY SEE ANYTHING ABOUT IT OR HEARD ABOUT IT?

I didn't see the video.

MODERATOR - ANY IMPRESSIONS OF THAT?

Well yeah, of course it's TV and so we will take it as TV but still it portrayed from that, the slant was that there was a lot of information, that there were people giving information and nobody was responding to it. There was definitely some sort of negligence along the way, so yeah none of the reports I saw balanced it with both sides or anything else, it was a bias report (interrupted)

But that is kind of the media anyway.

I mean the TV is very biased.

...but it was still a video, it was an obvious video, it was something that actually got stated about the danger and nobody responding. I mean we were (interrupted).

But they've been talking about the levees in New Orleans for years.

Exactly.

So, then why not worry about that especially when someone says; this is a danger.

Well, there has been money appropriated to fix those levees years and years and years and that money has been chosen by, I don't know if it is the state government or what to be used in different manners.

It was also about the evacuation. It was also about taking care of the people (interrupted).

Well, there were buses sitting there waiting to take people out, so whose (interrupted).

They couldn't get to the buses.

No, this is way before that.

That was way before that.

MODERATOR - I DON'T WANT TO GO TOO FAR DOWN THE KATRINA PATH BUT I JUST WANTED TO SEE IF ANYBODY HEARD ABOUT THOSE VIDEOS OR ANY IMPRESSIONS OF THOSE. I WANT TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT NOW, WHICH IS THROW OUT THE NAMES OF SOME PEOPLE, ORGANIZATIONS AND JUST GET YOUR FIRST GUT REACTION TO THEM.

Like thumbs up, thumbs down?

(Laughter).

MODERATOR - LIKE WHAT IS THE FIRST WORD, FIRST PHRASE YOU ASSOCIATE WITH THEM. I DON'T CARE IF IT IS RIDICULOUS, VULGAR, JUST THAT FIRST HONEST REACTION. WE WILL START WITH ONE THAT ALWAYS GETS A REACTION. BILL CLINTON.

Immorality.

Immoral.

Intelligent.

Extremely.

A waste. He could have been so much more.

Lack of integrity.

MODERATOR - DICK CHENEY?

(Inaudible).

Bad shot.

Bad time.

He is really elusive.

I think he is secretive.

Not trustworthy.

I think that he doesn't worry about what others think.

Oh absolutely. He is above it all.

Uh-huh.

The smartest thing he could do to me is resign.

(Many people talking).

MODERATOR - JON KYL?

Rubber stamp.

At least that is what the media tells us.

There you go.

The media really wants to control the way we think.

Yeah.

And they do, don't they.

Uh-huh.

MODERATOR - OTHERS ON JON KYL?

He supports Arizona issues.

MODERATOR - HOW ABOUT JIM PETERSON?

I don't have any real information on him.

No.

I have to be honest, I don't recognize those last two names. Were they Arizona?

Yes.

MODERATOR - JOHN KYL IS A SENATOR AND JIM PETERSON IS THE ONE RUNNING AGAINST HIM.

Give me another year.

MODERATOR - NO REAL SENSE OF EITHER OF THEM IT SEEMS.

No.

No.

It is going to be tough for them.

Well, Jon Kyl, you know I agree with you in that he has a strong of sense of where he would like to see Arizona go but nationally I've seen him flip-flop and I guess my take on politicians is that I don't want them to flip-flop. I want them to do their homework

and be one way or another but don't take a stand and then do your homework and then change your stance.

Well, they may get new information.

Well, that is why you do your homework first.

But usually whenever they are asked something, if it is something that is just brought up they wouldn't have time to necessarily.

Well, you know, if it is something specific to that moment, you're right, they wouldn't know but then they can sit there and say; you know, this is something that just came up. I don't have a lot of information on it. I need to research it and get back to you but if it is something that is ongoing like education or economy or the war they should have their homework done and have a solid opinion.

MODERATOR - OKAY, A FEW OTHER NAMES. SCOOTER LIBBY?

No idea.

Fall guy.

I think he was the fall guy for Carl [Row].

For Cheney.

For Cheney.

MODERATOR - JACK ABRAMOFF?

Lobbyist.

Crooked lobbyist.

Big money.

Big money, yeah.

Line my pockets.

I think he is going to be in the news for a while as things cascade out from the number of people that he gave money to.

MODERATOR - ANYTHING ELSE? TOM DELAY?

I think he's going to lose this election.

Yeah.

He seems to be a good guy.

And again I think the media is trying to let us know how we should feel.

MODERATOR - OTHER THOUGHTS OF TOM DELAY?

Overreaching.

MODERATOR - HILARY CLINTON?

So smart but a loser.

She is smart.

Non-electable.

Thank God.

Very ambitious.

She is smart. She's got a lot of good qualities but she will never be elected, in my opinion.

People have a negative feeling about her.

Grasping for power.

Too much affiliation with her husband.

MODERATOR - OTHER IMPRESSIONS OF HILARY?

Loyal, loyal to her husband.

MODERATOR - CONGRESS? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU THINK OF CONGRESS?

[Scum].

Self-serving.

Power hungry.

You would like to think that they are working hard for us but since we're not there we can't really know what is in their minds.

There's just been too many reports in the media about kickbacks and affiliations. They are just untrustworthy.

A congressman from California just got 8 years and 4 months for, from the San Diego area so I knew him and I remember that possibility, why did he sell his \$200,000.00 and get \$2 million for it. I left town and didn't pay attention until this week when it becomes national news.

Then you wonder how many more of those stories. You know I am so cynical about all of them. I don't have any emotions left about principals being (interrupted).

(Both talking – inaudible)...ethical bar that (interrupted).

It doesn't exist anymore, you're right.

No and it is acceptable.

My (inaudible – both talking) lines his pockets, I want to have my pockets lines and when is it going to stop?

It is both parties.

It is.

It is definitely. They say power corrupts and I think we see it everyday.

**MODERATOR - IS THIS CONGRESS WORSE THAN OTHERS OR IS THIS JUST LIKE BUSINESS AS USUAL?**

Well, I don't know if it is worse or more in the past or not but in the 60's there was a whole ideology out there that you don't print bad things about your president and the congress and you don't print bad things about political issues happening within congress or the senate and that veil is gone, so I think it is more prominent only because it is recorded now.

**MODERATOR - OKAY, WHAT DO THE REST OF YOU THINK? IS ONE WORSE THAN OTHERS OR IS JUST (INTERRUPTED)?**

I think you get more information.

Yeah, I think we're just hearing more about it.

**MODERATOR - SAME TRICKS, JUST WE KNOW MORE ABOUT IT?**

Yeah.

They must have learned them from somewhere.

I guess what I'm hearing though and I heard this from the people and I don't know if I agree with it but it is like you doubt your past experiences because you are more informed today and that you do think about the 60's, so you think, well things might have been better or things were better but now you are doubting about how much information you had to make those decisions.

**MODERATOR - HOW DOES ALL THIS CORRUPTION AND ALL THE THINGS WE TALKED ABOUT IN WASHINGTON IMPACT YOU?**

It makes me angry a lot.

Cynical.

Cynical, angry.

Coming from a military background, military family and then my husband serving 21 years, very cynical. You know, I mean he was in Afghanistan and he was in Italy when everything was going on in Bosnia (interrupted).

**MODERATOR - BUT MY POINT IS; DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?**

Yes.

Yes.

You bet.

**MODERATOR - HOW DOES IT IMPACT YOU IN YOUR DAILY LIVES?**

I think when it comes to election time, you are really looking for somebody that you can feel good about, that you feel like that is actually going to be honest and work hard.

Never going to find him.

I think they're out there but I think they may be afraid to run.

It cost so much money to run. You have to be just about independently wealthy to make a race unless you can get 3 million people to give you \$1.00 each.

I haven't voted party line in I don't know how long because, you can't trust either party and you really have to do your research on the individual, look at their voting record, look at what they are doing in their community and state and then vote for that person.

MODERATOR - OKAY, ONE OTHER ONE I WANT TO TALK ABOUT NOW IS GEORGE W. BUSH, BUT I WANT YOU TO WRITE SOMETHINGS DOWN BEFORE WE GET TO THAT. TAKE ONE, PASS IT DOWN, EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE PENCILS IN FRONT OF THEM. FIRST IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOUR FIRST NAME. YOU TWO BARBARA'S CAN PUT YOUR LAST INITIAL SO I CAN TELL YOU APART AND WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO IS JUST HANDOUT 1 AND 2, DON'T FLIP AHEAD BUT ON HANDOUT 1 WRITE DOWN ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT COME TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF PRESIDENT BUSH AND ON HANDOUT 2 WRITE DOWN THE NOT SO GOOD THINGS THAT COME TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF PRESIDENT BUSH AND THEN WE WILL GO BACK AND TALK ABOUT THEM. IF YOU ARE STILL WRITING TAKE YOUR TIME BUT IF YOU'RE DONE FLIP BACK TO HANDOUT 1 AND TELL ME WHAT ARE THE GOOD THINGS THAT COME TO MIND ABOUT PRESIDENT BUSH?

I put down that he had a father that was a good leader and that his presidency is coming to an end.

I put down that he has a good wife.

I put down that I appreciate his stance on family and marriage between a man and a woman.

Mine was basically the same, family ties real strong.

Because he was the Governor of Texas he has more of an understanding of the immigrant problem.

MODERATOR - HAS HE DONE ANYTHING AS PRESIDENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT TO YOU?

I don't know.

I don't think we've seen enough of it yet. What there is are three hundred and something new border patrols suppose to come on between now and October 1<sup>st</sup> so you know, we'll see what happens with that issue.

MODERATOR - OTHER POSITIVES ON BUSH? GOOD THINGS THAT COME TO MIND?

He is well intention. With his actions, what he does I don't know. I think he is steering in the right direction.

I think he is well intention as a person.

I think he shows real concern for individuals, if he sees someone in need or someone hurting or a soldier that returns from Iraq. I mean, I think all of that is very genuine. I just don't think he sees the big picture.

Yeah, can't spread it around enough.

MODERATOR - ANYTHING ELSE? (NO RESPONSE). FLIP TO HANDOUT 2, WHAT DOUBTS AND CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT BUSH?

Too many issues that he is wishy-washy on without having done research, background on them.

MODERATOR - ANY PARTICULAR ISSUES YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT?

The military spending.

I started thinking about the Katrina thing again and I have a sister-in-law who lives in New Orleans and this is just strictly my opinion and I (inaudible – softly speaking – mumbling)...but it seems like he (inaudible)... yeah, the buck stops with me. I (inaudible) shoulder responsibility but I like the mayor and governor and, but what did you guys do and I just didn't see a whole lot coming from them. (Interrupted).

Finger pointing.

And I thought, well, okay, I guess the buck does stop with him but other people have responsibilities too.

I don't think he encourages honesty from his subordinates. So, I don't think he encourages them to bring in the truth whether it is good or bad.

I'm not sure he relates to the average American except maybe as a family and he doesn't say the would nuclear correctly.

I'm concerned about all the bills. He hasn't vetoed anything. He has signed many, many bills with advisory riders, which in affect the intent of the law, just like he did with the torture one and so I am very concerned about his use of that particular power, yeah I am concerned about that.

I think it is really sad when a president can't unite the country along bipartisan lines. This one thing I felt (inaudible – very soft spoken)...one nice thing about Regan, he was more popular. You know people looked at him and they liked him. I think it is really sad when people (inaudible – softly speaking). Why do you have to hate the president? I mean you can disagree with something. (Inaudible – softly speaking).

MODERATOR - OTHER DOUBTS YOU HAVE ABOUT BUSH?

I have some concern about his sense that God has ordained to be president of the United States. (Interrupted).

That is a good point.

...I mean he has the, and who am I, I don't know the mind of God; my concern with his religion and his religious viewpoint that it seems to stop just with that. God made me president, I'm president and he seems to ignore the rest of what I think is the gospel message, which is concern and love and doing something about some of these other problems that we have. My concern is not that he is a religious man but the limits to his religious viewpoints.

MODERATOR - WHAT ELSE?

I think the country is going to have, you know decisions that are made today affect us 5 years from now and I think it is going to take a long time to recover from this administration.

Uh-huh.

MODERATOR - ANY PARTICULAR ISSUES?

All these issues. (Inaudible) government, the ethical issues, the economy with the expenditures. Someone is going to have to make this decision about the war and what we are going to do and what we're going to do next time. I could not say anything favorable.

Well, our budget deficit, I mean they are already, even in his cabinet predicting that it is going to triple and how are we going to recover as a nation from that sort of deficit.

The Chinese call their bonds (inaudible).

Many of our debt is held by foreign governments.

And a lot of our money is in other foreign countries, it is the same thing but what we've given out to other countries is a drop in the bucket as to what it looks like our budget is going to be down the road and how it is tripling.

MODERATOR - LET'S STEP BACK A MINUTE HERE. YOU DIDN'T HAVE PRETTY MUCH ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT CONGRESS. YOU KNOW MOSTLY A NEGATIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY. A LOT MORE SPECIFIC NEGATIVES THAN POSITIVES ON BUSH. OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF DISSATISFACTION WITH LEADERSHIP IN

WASHINGTON AND THE WAY THIS COUNTRY IS GOING. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? WHY ARE WE IN THE POSITION THAT WE ARE IN NOW?

My opinion is that power breeds power. Once they get in there, they have the power to do some things, especially if there are other people who are interested in power. I have seen it at the local political level, people who are already in a county position, they work real hard to stay there. I just kind of think it is a power issue. I think once you get up there you either got too little of it or too much of it. It is very hard for one person to swing congress, so you have to try to make coalitions and then trade off and compromises. We all do those things, but.

MODERATOR - OKAY, HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?

I can agree with her just because I've done a lot of volunteer work in the past 30 years and been on boards and use to have great times, use to feel that there were no personal agendas for many years on those small boards that I was on and today they get on, they get their gavel and there is a lot of me first, what is in it for me on the very vocal level on the volunteer driven types of associations and I still think they are reflecting exactly what is happening in government on a micro level but that is what's happening. There is really a just me first. Bush's family is going to be fine but our senior citizens and the poor people and even the middle class are not going to be fine in 10 years. We are not going to have a healthcare system that works. We're not going to have insurance that works. If you work for yourself, for a couple it is at least \$900.00-\$1,000.00 a month. Not that many people are going to have, so there is, it is just a; what's in it for me. I don't see any good modeling happening.

The worst of it is that is where the kids are getting their values.

Exactly.

That is our future, our future leaders.

They are hearing mom and dad with everything and of course where do they develop their views from? TV and mom and dad, you know.

Uh-huh.

Are mom and dad doing their homework?

Most of them aren't.

This is a (inaudible) group of people (interrupted)...most of them know what is going on but (interrupted).

You only have to go to one meeting at school or one soccer game or you know whatever and you are going to find out how many parents are doing their homework and those that aren't.

Are we really apathetic or we just kind of (inaudible – speaking really softly)?

Part of me, you know, I don't watch a lot of news programs, I won't listen to talk radio because it upsets me (interrupted).

(Many people agreeing).

...and so in a sense I limit where my information comes from because emotionally I can't take it.

What information? Are we tuned into American Idle?

(Many people talking).

I don't me we, but the American public.

**MODERATOR - THAT IS A FAIR QUESTION. IT GETS HIGHER RATINGS THAN ANY NEWS PROGRAM.**

Exactly.

They make enough money to get re-elected, to get re-elected again and again. It is being done by us who check off their name knowing nothing.

We are also picking the lesser of two evils.

**MODERATOR - THAT IS A FAIR QUESTION. I WANT TO ASK THAT. YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE TOO MUCH POSITIVE TO SAY ABOUT CONGRESS AT ALL AND YET EVERY SINGLE ELECTION SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 96-98% OF THEM YOU ARE RE-ELECTING. WHY IS THAT? WHY ARE THERE NO CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL THESE (INTERRUPTED)?**

Look at the voter turnout though.

(Both talking – inaudible)...cases. You may be talking about 40% of the electorate, eligible voters voting, which leaves 60% of sitting out there doing nothing, not voting.

I think there is an apathy that; well, my vote isn't going to make a difference. It is not going to change anything, they say; why put the effort into it and that is terrible.

**MODERATOR - BUT EVEN AMONG THOSE WHO VOTE, WHY DO THEY KEEP SENDING BACK THE SAME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS?**

Name recognition.

MODERATOR - ARE YOU NOT AT THE FRUSTRATION POINT WHERE YOU WOULD POTENTIALLY VOTE AGAINST THE NAME YOU KNOW AND SAY; (INTERRUPTED – MANY PEOPLE TALKING).

But you don't know anything about the new person.

You kind of know where that one person stands.

I find it very difficult when you get election information, I mean you are weeding through these pages and pages and maybe it has a little biography but it is very difficult to find out (interrupted – many people talking).

My inclination anymore is just to almost and it makes no sense but it makes me feel better, to vote against every single incumbent. Whoever is the incumbent is not getting my vote. I am that discouraged.

So, you just feel like weeding it out.

Yes.

Change.

How bad can change be? You know reality is bad enough.

MODERATOR - AS YOU GUY KNOWS, THE REPUBLICANS HAVE CONTROLLED THE WHITE HOUSE FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS NOW SINCE BUSH HAS BEEN IN OFFICE. THEY CONTROL CONGRESS FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS NOW, SO IT HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY RUN OF REPUBLICAN CONTROL IN WASHINGTON SINCE 2001 ALL THE WAY FORWARD. HAS BEEN REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP IN WASHINGTON BEEN A SUCCESS OR A FAILURE. IT HAS BEEN 5 YEARS NOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE WHITE HOUSE, BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS, DO YOU THINK THEY HAVE PROVIDED SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP OR DO YOU THINK THEY HAVE FAILED AS LEADERS?

I think you almost have to go back prior to that to see where we were when the democratic run took place.

Clinton.

And are we better off than we were then? I'm better off than I was.

MODERATOR - WELL, IT WAS SPLINT UNDER CLINTON. CLINTON HAD A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS, SO I AM SAYING THIS IS ONE PARTY FOR ALL THREE OF THEM.

I think what surprised me about the republican run is that deficit, is the spending because you don't necessarily associate out of control spending with the republican party. I think that has been a big surprise to me.

It is rampant.

And there is no one there reining it in and saying; no, what is happening here.

And they report to every (inaudible), all of them do, republicans and democrats alike. (Interrupted – many people talking).

**(SIDE A ENDS/B BEGINS)**

... and I see it within our state with the republican running the legislation up out of Phoenix and the public school system funds getting cut or, and it filters down and I am pretty heavy on the PTA and just seeing year after year about the complaints within the school districts and, but if you are in there and working within the school districts, the school districts have their hands tied to some degree and they are following rules that have been sent down by legislation and you know you got people up there in Phoenix right now that want to get rid of public schools.

MODERATOR - OTHERS WAYS, AGAIN, SAME FOCUS ON WASHINGTON AND REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP IN WASHINGTON?

The republican leadership has been very effective at putting people on the Supreme Court that they believe will reflect their views. They have been very successful with that.

And family values and pro-life.

MODERATOR - HAVE THEY MADE AN DIFFERENCE ON THOSE ISSUES?

They're trying. They're trying and to me that is positive.

MODERATOR - HOW WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE THE CURRENT CONGRESS AND IT'S RECORD, HOW WOULD DESCRIBE THEM? (NO RESPONSE). OKAY, FLIP TO HANDOUT 3. I GOT SOME PROBLEMS FOR YOU. AGAIN, JUST REFLECTING SOME OF THE FRUSTRATIONS AND CRITICISMS THAT WE'VE HEARD. READ THOUGH THIS LIST. DIFFERENT DESCRIPTIONS, WAYS OF DESCRIBING THE CURRENT CONGRESS. PICK THE 2 THAT YOU THINK RESINATE THE BEST OF YOU AND CIRCLE, CHECK, X, WHATEVER.

Only two?

MODERATOR - THE TWO THAT DO IT BEST FOR YOU. OKAY LET BE GO AROUND QUICK AND GET A SHOW OF HANDS. HOW MANY PICKED; DO NOTHING? 1. TOO PARTISAN? 6. WRONG PRIORITIES? 5. BEHOLDING THE CORPORATE INTEREST? 3. RUBBER STAMP? 3. FOR THE RICH? 0. CORRUPT? 2. OKAY, SO 6 OF YOU PICKED; TOO PARTISAN. WHY THAT ONE MORE THAN ALL THE OTHERS?

Well, I think we've seen it a few times that if things are brought forth by the democrats, be it healthcare, be it Medicare, be it taxes, be it whatever, they just automatically will veto it and it doesn't even stand a chance of being heard, discussed, talked about, re-written, compromised, it is just automatically thrown.

MODERATOR - JUST BECAUSE IT CAME FROM ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER?

Uh-huh.

MODERATOR - HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU, WHY DO YOU THINK TOO PARTISAN DESCRIBES THE PROBLEM?

Well, I go back to the, what we were talking about earlier, about the courts and how of course the democrats have been so strong about racial profiling and not singling out the Arab countries and yet when this came, they were the first ones to jump on it and it, we are talking about, saying there is a concern there, it just seems so two faced.

MODERATOR - ADA YOU PICKED TOO PARTISAN, WHY?

Because I think there is a lot of team officiation within the congress. There are lots of deals made just based on, I'll support you if you support me and this other one and I don't think they necessarily look into how it is going to play into the big picture, what is best for the country.

MODERATOR - HOW ABOUT WRONG PRIORITIES, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT ONE?

I just think they really need to come up with a plan for healthcare for the nation because we're a wealthy nation and we shouldn't have old people who are getting older (interrupted – many people talking)...healthcare and there are going to be so many more people and as a nurse, I don't even know why people would want to go into the profession because you are bombarded by all different aspects on how do you get all of this done economically. It is a major problem and it's not that hard to fix. They are not using the resources they have. They have the resources to figure out the answers but why they are not involving the people I don't know but it is just not that hard to fix, it is just purposely not being fixed.

MODERATOR - THE REST OF YOU, WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT THIS ONE FOR YOU?

Well, the borders they are doing nothing. This is a federal issue, so it doesn't matter where you come from, it is an issue that cascades out of here and they are not addressing that it is going to be something that is going to be so significant and they're really sitting on their hands with the war in Iraq. They are letting the president and Donald Rumsfeld who is running a muck.

MODERATOR - (INAUDIBLE).

That was one of the ones that I struggled. I could have chosen that one too.

I mentioned the energy crisis (inaudible – speaking so softly, can't hear)

MODERATOR - WHY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, WE TALKED ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS FOR THEM TO GET RE-ELECTED. WHY ARE THEY FOCUSING THEIR TIME NOT ON HEALTHCARE, NOT ON THE ENERGY CRISIS, NOT ON THE BORDERS BUT ON THESE OTHER THINGS?

Those problems are too big.

I think they are too controversial.

(Many people talking)...don't affect them. Security isn't an issue with congress because they're not in the social security system. They have their own privately voted for better system, so why do they have to worry about it. They're set. So sometimes I think they are just not in touch with everybody that much.

I think they are often supporting the issues that will get them re-elected.

Yep.

The people that they can reach best.

It is like teaching to the test. They are reacting to the things that going to [keep them] in office.

MODERATOR - ANYONE ELSE ON THAT? (NO RESPONSE). BEHOLDING TO CORPORATE INTEREST. WHY IS THAT A BETTER DESCRIPTION THAN OTHERS?

I just think that oil, the major big businesses, the steel, the lumber, you just see too often contracts going somewhere without the background and the research and it is more kind of like the buddy, buddy system. Take my defense contract and I'll do X, Y and Z for

you if you do A, B and C for me and we've been burned on that. We've been burned on that with our vest over in Iraq. I mean that is a major lobby right there.

It just doesn't seem right (inaudible – softly speaking) Congress (inaudible) would be or government should be so interested in listening to a lobbyist instead of looking at the Americans. (Inaudible) the important issue, not just what somebody.

Us as citizens aren't giving them perks. Us as citizens aren't giving them gifts. Us as citizens aren't buying them houses and vacation and giving them rides on private jets.

Well, I think it is even more than that. You know they are looking to get elected and re-elected to their positions and who is it that supports them financially to get to where they need to be.

MODERATOR - I KNOW IT IS A LONG WAY OFF BUT IN SOME WAYS IT IS NOT. IN NOVEMBER THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION FOR CONGRESS AND I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO HOW YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING TO VOTE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BUT FOR YOU PERSONALLY, WHAT WILL YOUR VOTE BE ABOUT? WHAT WILL IT BE BASED ON? WHAT IS GOING TO BE MOST IMPORTANT FOR YOU? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE LOOKING TO FIND OUT TO INFORM YOUR VOTE?

Well, we are kind of in a unique situation, at least in my congressional district because there won't be an incumbent running. He has announced that he is not running so we are getting two new candidates so my priority, which is change, is going to be accomplished no matter how I vote. Other than that, I am going to be looking for signs of integrity somewhere.

MODERATOR - SO, JUST KIND OF PERSONAL INTEGRITY.

Yeah.

MODERATOR - OKAY, WHAT ELSE? HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

If they are believable. That's integrity right there.

Yeah, a believable plan.

Yeah.

And if it seems like they will stand behind what it is they are preaching.

Their voting issues on the issues that are important to me. You know, if they are consistent with their voting issues, on issues that are important to me.

MODERATOR - WHAT ELSE? ARE THERE SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING TO? ARE SOME ISSUES GOING TO BE MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN OTHERS?

Iraq.

Our military, yeah.

Healthcare.

Education.

All the things we think they are not doing now.

MODERATOR - FAIR ENOUGH.

The energy issue.

Yeah.

MODERATOR - ANYTHING ELSE? (NO RESPONSE). OBVIOUSLY, AS YOU GUYS SAID, YOU LOOK AT INTEGRITY, BELIEVABILITY, ALL THOSE PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES BUT I WANT TO MOVE BEYOND THE INDIVIDUALS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT DISTRICT YOU GUYS ARE IN OR WHO THE CANDIDATES ARE GOING TO BE BUT LOOKING AT THE PARTIES, AS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THERE IS A LOT OF PARTISAN AFFILIATION IN WASHINGTON, DEMOCRATS GOING IN ONE DIRECTION AND REPUBLICANS GO IN ANOTHER DIRECTION BUT THINKING ABOUT YOUR GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, REGARDLESS HOW YOU PLAN TO VOTE, WHAT IS THE BEST REASON TO VOTE REPUBLICAN FOR CONGRESS? WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES REPUBLICANS A BETTER CHOICE FOR THE COUNTRY?

Well, they are suppose to be fiscally responsible.

That was always really their handle. They let it go.

Yeah.

MODERATOR - ALL RIGHT, SO WHAT ARE THEY (INAUDIBLE)?

The idea that people are responsible, more for themselves, like it was said before, rather than government handouts or taking care of (inaudible – many people talking).

MODERATOR - OKAY. WHAT ELSE? WHAT OTHER THINGS DO YOU THINK MAKE REPUBLICANS A BETTER CHOICE FOR THE COUNTRY?

There would have to be a terrible democrat running.

MODERATOR - WHAT ELSE? ARE THERE SPECIFIC ISSUES WHERE REPUBLICANS GET IT RIGHT (INAUDIBLE) DEMOCRATS? ANY ATTRIBUTES ABOUT REPUBLICANS DO YOU THINK?

The key word that you keep saying for me is; “right now”, that government.

MODERATOR - THAT’S WHAT WE’RE TALKING ABOUT.

Yeah, and that, I can’t think of the quality right now that has been a standard that has fallen apart now.

MODERATOR - ANYONE ELSE?

I don’t know, the whole issue of republican versus democrat is a hard one for me because there has been so much inner lacing and party lines over the few years that I really have to look at the candidate.

MODERATOR - FLIP TO HANDOUT 4 IN THIS PACKAGE YOU HAVE AND WE’LL LOOK AT SOME OF THE ARGUMENTS THAT REPUBLICANS MAKE FOR WHY THEY ARE A BETTER CHOICE THAN DEMOCRATS. AGAIN, READ THROUGH THE LIST AND JUST PICK THE ONE THAT YOU FEEL MAKES THE BEST CASE FOR VOTING FOR REPUBLICAN FOR CONGRESS. IT DOESN’T MEAN YOU ARE GOING TO VOTE THAT WAY, BUT WHICH ONE MAKES THE BEST CASE? AGAIN, LET ME GET A SHOW OF HANDS ON THESE. HOW MANY PICKED A?

I actually did because that is the only one I know (many people talking).

MODERATOR - OKAY, SO 3 ON A. B? 2. C? 2. D? 3. LET’S START WITH A. DEMOCRATS OPPOSED THE PATRIOT ACT FUNDING FOR OUR TROOPS... .

We if we can leave out the last line. (Laughter).

You can also leave the last line in and take the first line out.

I finally had to just read the last line of each one, because I couldn’t.

There is the word trusted in there.

MODERATOR - OKAY, WHAT IS YOUR TAKE ON IT?

My take on it after reading through them all, I think that if I were vote republican for one reason and that I believed it would be not necessarily believing that they opposed the

Patriot Act because I don't think the rational behind it is for the opposed, I think it is how they money is spend and how the troops are, or supporting the troops once they are over there. I mean they are over there doing their job and we.

MODERATOR - BUT IN TERMS OF WHY YOU WOULD VOTE REPUBLICAN, IT WOULD BE?

It would be to show that I think the Partiot Act for what it stands for is a good thing. I think the troops being over there doing their job of being over there is a good thing.

MODERATOR - WHO ELSE? WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT?

I really don't agree with the first sentence at all and I can't even look at it so, but the second sentence, seriously, I think it is admirable that they can support their president and I think they have done that and I think they have done it to the best of their ability. That would be the best reason to vote for them.

MODERATOR - OKAY.

I felt that same way.

MODERATOR - IRIS?

I didn't pick A.

MODERATOR - EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T PICK IT.

(Many people talking).

MODERATOR - ANY OTHER THOUGHTS ON A EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T PICK IT? ALL RIGHT, GO DOWN TO D; DEMOCRATS REJECT THE ROLE OF FAITH IN OUR PUBLIC LIFE AND TAKE... .

That's right and if starts right there where we started when we wrote the Constitution we might be able to fix some of the problems.

I think the majority of people that I know who are stanch republicans, this is why they are republicans.

MODERATOR - BARBARA, YOU PICKED THIS ONE?

Yes, I did. I don't know what I was thinking but I believe in the strength of the family as the basic unit of the society.

Well, as a democrat I raised a wonderful family as far as I'm concerned and I'm in church two times a week.

Absolutely, and I don't believe that, and that is why I said, I'd like to cross out (interrupted).

I don't believe that all democrats (many people talking).

But that is the reason why I didn't vote for that because I don't think that is a party issue. I think that is an individual person issue and it shouldn't be democrat.

Some people, their thinking is tough, I'm not saying it is right but (many people talking).

It is a perception.

I agree it is a perception.

MODERATOR - WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT CHRISTIAN VALUES ARE THE MORAL FOUNDATIONS OF OUR COUNTRY, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU? IT COULD BE INTERPRETED A LOT OF WAYS. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU WHEN YOU HEAR THAT?

(Inaudible) and acceptance of diversity. I really have a reaction to that. I do know that is why a lot of people have voted republican and that it is about Christianity and family values but you know this country has a lot of other types of families and they have a lot of different kinds of religions. Yeah.

I agree with that, that there are a different kinds of family and we do need to be accepting and supportive of all families but I guess I look at it as Christian values doesn't mean that person is has to be a Christian.

Exactly.

MODERATOR - SO, WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN THEY SAY GOOD CHRISTIAN VALUES?

You could maybe say good moral values or something like.

MODERATOR - I'M TRYING TO GET SPECIFICS. GIVE ME A SPECIFIC.

How about making your actions consistent with your beliefs in honesty and telling the truth.

Doing good.

And dealing honestly with others. You know serving other people, helping other people.

Use the 10 Commandments in their daily life. That is not Christian or Jewish.

It is biblical.

That is probably what it should say; biblical, not Christian.

And I would suppose that other religions have also their own book of standards and values for living that would be similar to biblical.

They do. You have the Koran the torah and they are beautiful.

MODERATOR - HOW ABOUT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT GAVE BEEN LABELED AS VALUE ISSUES IN ELECTIONS RECENTLY LIKE ABORTION AND GAY MARRIAGE? THERE ARE ALSO CHRISTIAN VALUES?

Personally, I think it is an individual value. It is a personal value. It is what this country was sort of based on. It is your freedom to choose for yourself.

MODERATOR - HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If those are Christian values they are pretty (inaudible). I don't know, totally biblical. It doesn't mean you have to be one denomination of the other. There is no denominations in the Bible.

You know, I look at crime, sex and other issues, permissive attitudes and you know what are the Christian values that we're talking about, we are having a hard time articulating them sort of, I think. I do, I mean it is more than crime and sex, it is about loving other people and I don't mean about loving in a permissive way because discipline is a part of love as well. I hate to hear the term Christian values just thrown out there and only associated with abortion and gay marriage because I think that is way too narrow.

Yes, absolutely.

But we do, it is treated in a narrow way most of the time.

MODERATOR - LET ME ASK ABOUT THE OTHER TWO REAL QUICK.

(Interrupted)...election.

Well yeah, is that a media thing that they are trying to get us to believe that?

Partly I think. I mean I would think so. I think the media has a role in it.

MODERATOR - OKAY, LET ME ASK ABOUT THE OTHER TWO. DEMOCRATS OPPOSE REPUBLICAN EFFORTS TO (INAUDIBLE). DEMOCRATS OPPOSE REPUBLICAN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OUR ECONOMY, LOWER HEALTHCARE COST FOR OUR COUNTRY... .

I chose that one, since I had to choose one because I do think of the four that are listed here, I don't hear democrats offering a lot of solutions.

Just a lot of criticism.

Well, I am personally not sure of that because you hear about proposals, bills that come towards and up to congress that are immediately shot down that we don't get to hear what their solutions are.

But like on some talk shows or Face the Nation, whatever those things are on Sunday morning that they yell at each other, that is what they do, they yell at each other. They don't listen to each other, offer any solutions, they just yell back and forth at each other so that is kind of why I picked that.

Well, that's both sides.

When you hear about proposals going into congress for debate, we as the public never really get to hear what those proposals were, we just hear that it was vetoed so we don't really know if they have true solid solutions.

(Many people talking)... they are not doing a good job of getting them out there, making them obvious.

Right.

MODERATOR - BARBARA?

I was just going to say, a go along with, a partisan thing again and again I wanted to cross out some things. I'm not sure that republicans, I think republicans are afraid to tackle the challenges and I think democrats are too.

MODERATOR - AND AGAIN, THESE ARE OBVIOUSLY ALL COMING FROM ONE POSITION AND IN A MINUTE WE ARE GOING TO FLIP TO THE NEXT PAGE AND SEE FROM THE OTHER POSITION. THEY ARE WRITTEN FROM SPECIFIC PERSPECTIVES BUT TAKING WITH THAT GRAIN OF SALT. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE LAST ONE, B. DEMOCRATS TRY TO RAISE TAXES... . WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT ONE?

Well, I didn't choose that one just because they are asking to increase the budget. They want to increase the spending right now, so that's a (inaudible) right there.

I didn't choose that one either but their new idea on healthcare seems to be every person for themselves and lots of luck baby.

(Many agreeing).

Look at Medicare.

I mean I chose be and I do agree. It is hard for me to sift it out, if I could re-write it, it was mostly if I want to be very selfish and just think of myself 10 years from now and more control over their money part. It is true that you have some lower taxes. We haven't had, capital gain tax right now has never been this low and the republican party will probably be the likely one to keep it that way. There are other advantages in people investing at a particular level of the economy if you are there to vote republican, so I was just thinking, I wasn't thinking that is why I would but it was just, what reason could I think of to be okay, okay, just be first just like everybody else.

**MODERATOR - LET'S FLIP IT TO THE OTHER SIDE AND LOOK AT DEMOCRATS. BEST REASON TO VOTE FOR DEMOCRAT FOR CONGRESS RIGHT NOW?**

They care about people and they help people.

**MODERATOR - WHAT ELSE?**

Hopefully change.

Yeah.

Yeah, we see some of these things put into motion.

I think we are more likely to get a more moderate candidate.

Probably good idea to stir things up right now. And aren't we heading for the classic, 6 years after the president gets in things change up? That is what historically happens and just to have a change. I think they will probably make gains just to have a change.

They are going to vote them on it.

Yeah.

**MODERATOR - OTHER REASONS TO VOTE DEMOCRAT? THINGS THE DEMOCRATS GET BETTER FOR THE COUNTRY RIGHT NOW?**

Their jokes are better.

(Lots of laughs).

**MODERATOR - OKAY AND FLIP TO HANDOUT 5 IF YOU DIDN'T ALREADY AND AGAIN THIS WILL BE THE SAME TYPE OF ARGUMENTS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE. READ THROUGH THEM AND PICK THE ONE THAT YOU**

FEEL MAKES THE CASE FOR VOTING FOR DEMOCRAT FOR CONGRESS. EVERYBODY PICK ONE? A? 1. B? 1. C? 2. D? 1. E? 4. AND IRIS I AM STILL WAITING FOR YOU.

D.

MODERATOR - OKAY, 2 ON D. SO, THE BIG WINNER HERE WAS E. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT ONE?

(Many people talking).

That's the one that mostly emphasis all the things we've been talking about.

MODERATOR - WHAT IN PARTICULAR?

I like the security here at home and I like expanding affordable healthcare to all of us and I like the energy independence. I liked it all.

Yeah.

(Many people agreeing).

I have to change my vote.

MODERATOR - OKAY SO YOU WENT WITH E AND ONE DOWN ON D, SO FIVE ON E. OKAY, OTHER REACTIONS TO THIS ONE.

It was almost a counter reaction to the other four (interrupted).

(Many agreeing).

...because all the others were too hard. You can't say that is absolutely going to happen.

MODERATOR - IS THIS ONE BELIEVABLE?

No.

No.

No.

MODERATOR - SO, IF SOMEBODY OFFERED, AGAIN, IF A CANDIDATE CAME IN AND SAID THIS WHAT WOULD BE YOUR REACTION?

I would depend on whether I felt idealistic that day or night, whether I am in my cynical mood or optimistic mood. Yeah, I would like to think that somebody could do that.

It shows something. That I have a plan there.

(Many people talking).

A few specifics would make it nice.

It kind of sounds like the democratic argument of saying that they will do everything but not (inaudible – laughing) suggestion.

MODERATOR - OKAY. OTHER REACTIONS ON THIS ONE? (NO RESPONSE). DO YOU AGREE WITH THE BEGINNING PART THAT THE REPUBLICANS HAVE FAILED IN HANDLING THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING THE COUNTRY?

Yes, I do.

Uh-huh.

MODERATOR - HOW DOES THIS ONE BECOME MORE BELIEVABLE? YOU KNOW WHEN KENNEDY GOT UP AND SAID; I'M GOING TO SEND A MAN TO THE MOON. HE DIDN'T SAY; I'M GOING TO BUILD A ROCKET WITH THIS AMOUNT OF THRUST AND WE ARE GOING TO PUT THIS KIND OF METAL CASING AROUND IT. HE SAID; WE'RE GOING TO SEND A MAN TO THE MOON AND WE'RE GOING TO BRING HIM BACK. WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WHEN THEY MAKE THESE PROMISES TO GIVE THEM CREDIBILITY?

Well, I'm going to go back to what we talked about earlier when I'm looking at candidates. Do I get a sense that this person really does have an idea, that he or she is just not mouthing words and do I get the sense that I am being told the truth?

That there is some integrity.

I mean a lot of us, it has to be that feeling, it is just going to be gut feeling.

MODERATOR - LET'S TALK ABOUT C. REPUBLICANS HAVE FAILED TO ADDRESS AMERICA'S HEALTH CRISIS. DEMOCRATS WILL REFORM THE... .

That will be great.

Yeah, but it is not believable because look at Hillary tried to do it before and they gave up. How is that going to happen?

Well, the republicans are still trying to do it with all the Medicare drug benefits and everything but they are not succeeding at it yet.

I don't think anyone has the answers to this.

MODERATOR - HOW PICKED THAT ONE? WHY?

Well, because I do think it is believable and it didn't put a date like (many people talking – laughing) and there have been, is not as active right now but there have been a lot of committees that have been formed and there have been ideas out there and this needs implementation soon. I don't think we're short of ideas on how to handle it so I think it is a real possibility as far as one issue that is big, that is also local. You know that is another thing too. I think it is the, kind of more of a domestic issue are going to be reasons to vote democratic where domestic issues versus foreign issues. Not that it is not (inaudible) but a lot of neglect is happening here.

MODERATOR - OTHER REACTIONS TO THIS ONE? THINGS THAT MAKE IT NOT BELIEVABLE? (NO RESPONSE). OKAY, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ONE; REPUBLICANS ARE GIVING AWAY BILLIONS TO THE WEALTHY CORPORATE INTEREST. DEMOCRATS WILL... . WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT ONE?

They've never done it before. When they were in power, when the democrats controlled congress, I don't remember who gave all the corporations the offshore credits and move it offshore and you will get some kind of tax break, I don't know if that was democrats or republicans but reforming the tax code, have you ever looked at the tax code.

(Laughter).

You can't even read it much less reform it. It is not going to happen, I don't think. That is the part (inaudible).

MODERATOR - WHAT DO THE REST OF YOU THINK?

I voted for it just because mainly that is what I would like to see happen.

And who decides what fair (interrupted).

Well, I think it is more across the board versus how it is happening now, be a sliding scale based on your income, based on your allotment, whatever and it is not right now.

MODERATOR - B; REPUBLICANS HAVE GIVEN PRESIDENT BUSH A BLANK CHECK... .

I voted for that one.

MODERATOR - WHY?

I think it is the only sliver of reality. They are actually going to do some research into how he is doing more of this wire tapping. That is going to happen and if they have an

ounce of sense, they are going to find a way to deal with the war in Iraq, which is going to make some impact on the out of control spending, so I thought that was the only sliver of possible reality anywhere on the page.

**MODERATOR - WHAT DO THE REST OF YOU THINK ABOUT THAT ONE? DO YOU AGREE IT IS MORE BELIEVABLE?**

They haven't demanded, they have been pretty much all of them at least prior to maybe the last few months voting new funds for Iraq. They won't be able to demand accountability for unconstitutional behavior unless they wind control of congress because republicans in my opinion will keep that from happening and the out of control spending, again um.

**MODERATOR - OKAY, AND THE TOP ONE. IT SAYS; REPUBLICAN DEFEND THE STATUS QUO IF IT BENEFITS THEM. DEMOCRATS WILL BRING... . WILL DEMOCRATS BRING REAL CHANGE TO WASHINGTON DO YOU THINK?**

No. I think it is too deep seated. It is going to take years, a very strong group, idealistic, moral, however you want to think of moral individuals and groups before that sort of corruption is weeded out.

Did you vote for that Heather?

I did. The reason I voted for it was because, I don't know about real change but yeah, if they were in control that would be a change. So, it seemed a little believable to me and they could possibly have an ethics committee, that sounds fine and you know; no congressional pay raises, that is not very hard to handle without a (inaudible). To me, that seemed like it could actually happen.

**MODERATOR - THE LAST THING THAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS SOMETHING THAT BARBARA RAISED EARLIER, WHICH IS HEALTHCARE. IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE SAW ON BOTH SIDES. THE REPUBLICAN HAVE NEW IDEAS, NEW WAYS OF DEALING WITH THIS. DEMOCRATS SAID THEY WOULD EXTEND AFFORDABLE COVERAGE TO ALL AMERICANS. AS A LOT OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, PRESIDENT BUSH IN THE STATE OF THE UNION TALKED DRAMATICALLY EXPANDING HEALTH SAVING ACCOUNTS. A LOT OF REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS SUPPORT THIS IDEA AS WELL. BASICALLY, THESE ALLOW INDIVIDUALS OR THEIR EMPLOYERS TO MAKE TAX FREE CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN ACCOUNT FROM WHICH THEY CAN THEN PAY OUT OF POCKET HEALTH EXPENSES. THE ACCOMPANYING INSURANCE POLICY THAT GOES WITH IT IS BASICALLY A CATASTROPHIC CARE, VERY HIGH DEDUCTIBLE. YOU KNOW IF YOU GO THROUGH A NORMAL MEDICAL, YOU WOULD PROBABLY NEVER HIT THAT DEDUCTIBLE. IF SOMETHING DRAMATIC HAPPENS THEN THE INSURANCE WOULD KICK IN. IT IS USUALLY A \$4,000.00 OR \$5,000.00 DEDUCTIBLE AND**

SO YOU HAVE THIS HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT WHERE YOU CAN PUT PRE-TAX INTO IT AND USE THAT MONEY FOR YOUR HEALTHCARE EXPENSES, WHETHER IT BE DRUGS, DOCTORS' VISITS, WHATEVER IT MIGHT ME.

Glasses.

MODERATOR - YES, GLASSES, DENTIST, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE. THEY SAY THAT THESE POLICIES WILL LOWER COST AND INCREASE COMPETITION BY GIVING INDIVIDUALS AN INCENTIVE TO SHOP AROUND FOR LOWER PRICES, BY ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN DOCTORS AND THEIR OWN TREATMENTS AND GIVING INDIVIDUALS THE POWER TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON THE TYPE OF CARE THAT THEY WANT.

I think that sounds really good for people who are government employees or work for a large corporation that can put the money into a account like that but if you are talking about small businesses or self-employed workers that have their own job that are trying to make ends meet as it is, where are they going to get the extra funds to match their employees' account?

But basically, isn't it though, the ideal thing would be that the premiums of the insurance are at such a lower rate because of that deductible that the money that you would normally be spending on the insurance policy for the normal, that is almost what goes in there so you really have no more outlay per month than if you were paying into a regular insurance policy. See what I'm saying. So, like if it were to cost you \$400.00 a month for health insurance and now you are paying \$100.00 a month because the deductible is \$300.00 and it would go into the savings.

I just don't think that has a long term impact on our society here because this is not new. This type of insurance has always been available and it has been really good when the interest rates are good and you have some stocks that are working right. It is all based on that part of your economy for it to grow, and yeah, there is a higher deductible and you can do it as a small business person, they do have ways for you to do it but next year it is not going to be good enough because things change. It is just like buying stocks or something. You need to pop out of that market and then go into another type of (inaudible). I have examined it a lot and it seems to be really good for the rich but it is still not addressing the healthcare issue abroad.

And basically, rich people don't have to worry about that \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00 deductible. I mean you wouldn't have to have a health savings account.

But that would be a tax write-off.

They would only give them the tax write-off by putting it in there.

Is there any kind of safety net for people making minimum wage?

MODERATOR - NO.

With the (inaudible) savings account (interrupted).

None.

MODERATOR - NO.

Okay.

I understand what you are saying but a lot of small businesses don't have that cash flow to put into a savings account and a lot of people that are self employed or are doing a start up business on their own don't have that extra income to put into a savings account.

Or even individuals wouldn't, you know it is like, well, that is not something I have to do right now. I have to buy food, so I am not going to put that money into that account right now. (Interrupted).

Exactly.

...It is easier to have to pay a bill than to have to put it into a savings.

MODERATOR - OKAY, I JUST WANTED TO GET YOUR REACTIONS TO IT. FLIP TO HANDOUT 6 AND THESE ARE QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE HAVE RAISED AND AGAIN READ THROUGH THE LIST AND PICK THE TWO THAT YOU FIND IS THE MOST CONVINCING TO OPPOSE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. EVERYBODY PICK YOUR TWO? HOW MANY PICKED A? 9. B? 2. C? 3. D? 1. E? 0. F? 1. G? 3. OKAY. EVERYBODY WENT TO A EXCEPT FOR ONE PERSON, WHY?

Because it doesn't address the real issue.

Yeah.

Yeah.

It says it right there in the first sentence.

MODERATOR - SO IF IT IS NOT DOING SOMETHING TO CONTROL COST OVERALL OR EXTEND COVERAGE TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE IT, YOU'RE SAYING IT IS NOT A REAL SOLUTION.

Right.

Yeah.

There are people out there that are already uninsured. There are people out there already losing their home to cost and that should not happen.

MODERATOR - AND G?

I have a really good one about that you guys and this is speaking first hand. Everyday of office, everyday, we will get a patient at least that does not know enough about their medical insurance and what is happening is the insurance companies are going out there and they are telling these people exactly what they want to hear, exactly what they want to hear and that poor patient will come to the office with no referral, the higher co-pay, you know they didn't tell them they were going to have to pay a higher co-pay to see a specialist. It happens all the time and so many people are not educated about their medical insurance.

That is the one that I chose mainly because I agree with you. I don't think, I don't want to say the majority of people, but I don't think a lot of people be it second language, be it education level, be it just not wanting to take the time to learn about the options and just say; oh, it will take care of itself.

I'll listen to them. This person is going to pick this policy, oh maybe I will just do the same thing as what they are. Someone said; oh the co-pays are good no this one so I'll pick this one without going through. I mean they don't know how to read and interpret the policies and the average has a hard time with that.

But that is not really a reason to discount a policy. A policy could be wonderful and give everybody 100% full coverage, whatever, that doesn't mean we shouldn't pick it because somebody doesn't understand. I see what you are saying but really a good solution you know, we'll have to educate people, yeah.

But the problem is, is that doesn't happen.

Yeah, I think a person, a policy or solution out there should be understood. The gist of it should be understood by everyone involved and not to just a select few.

Third grade reading level would help.

(Laughter).

I'm serious.

Yeah.

Well, look at the new Medicare right now. The total confusion and the lack of knowledge about what is allowed and what is not allowed by the people who have been in Medicare for years. They don't get the new standards.

MODERATOR - OKAY, SO IT IS PRETTY CLEAR WHERE WE GO ON THIS ONE. FLIP TO HANDOUT 7. THIS IS THE LAST THING I AM GOING TO ASK YOU TO DO. WE ARE NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS, JUST FILL IT OUT. AGAIN, NOT SPECIFIC CANDIDATES BUT AS WE TALKED ABOUT DEMOCRATS OR REPUBLICANS, WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM BOTH OF THEM; IF THE ELECTION WAS HELD TODAY WHICH ONE WOULD YOU LIKELY SUPPORT? 0, FLAT UNDECIDED, COULDN'T CHOOSE IF YOU HAD TO; 1 OR 2 YOU'RE LEANING IN ONE DIRECTION; 3, 4, 5, YOU ARE PRETTY SURE YOU ARE GOING IN THAT DIRECTION, WHEREVER YOU WOULD PUT YOURSELF ON THE SCALE OF HOW YOU ARE LIKELY TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER AND THEN UNDERNEATH, TELL ME WHY? WHAT IS KIND OF LEANING YOU ONE WAY OR THE OTHER? WHAT ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE? WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES THAT YOU HAVE? WHATEVER IT IS THAT IS INFLUENCING YOUR DECISION.

(end of focus group)