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MODERATOR- (INTRODUCTION).

My name is Anne. I have four boys, eighty-four, fifty, and two dogs three and three. I'm glad to be here. I'm also a Real Estate Broker as well as an H.R. Trainer.

My name is Bernadette. I teach fifth grade. I'm going to school. I'm getting my doctorate actually, so I don't have a lot of free time.

That's a lot.

I know.

I'm Claire. I have two sons. One who is [apt] to go to college so we're working on that process. I work at, I'm a Summer Camp Director.

My name is Dinah. I'm a Medical Records Coder. I have two daughters, seventeen and twenty-one. I'm happily married for thirty years.

I'm Eliza. I am also a Teacher. I teach eighth grade. I'm from Iowa. I have three sons, twenty, sixteen and nine. I have a great husband and we just moved to Florida.

I'm Faith originally from New England. I've been in Florida for five years. I'm single, no husband, no kids. I run my own consulting firm.

I'm Gloria. I'm married. I have two boys. One just started college and he's a lot of work. It never ends. I have another son who is sixteen, a junior in high school. I have a cabinet manufacturing business with my husband and I run the office. I'm happily married twenty years this year.

I'm Heather. I'm a newlywed sort of. I've almost been married a year. No family yet. We're trying. I'm a Flight Attendant with American Airlines and I work for a production company.

MODERATOR- WE'RE GOING TO START OUT THE CONVERSATION WITH JUST A VERY GENERAL QUESTION. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COUNTRY, DO YOU THINK THINGS ARE GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR IN THE WRONG DIRECTION?

Slowly improving from where they were, meaning September 11th, but we have a long way to go.

The wrong direction. I think the way the world looks at America now is terrible. I'm not thrilled with what's happening in Iraq, how we went to war, why we went to war, the length of the war. We're not in and out like we were promised. I think it's in the very wrong direction.

The wrong direction. I think just from an educational standpoint, it was too much government control in the way of education. I think there's too many restrictions. I don't like the restrictions I guess, on education right now.

The wrong direction. Their priorities were, I consider, being in the wrong places.

MODERATOR- OKAY. SUCH AS WHAT?

Such as America always steps in when someone needs help. We don't need to do that anymore. We did in the old days because of Russia, to help other countries. We don't need to do that anymore. We don't need to prove our power. Stepping in is not the right thing when it costs us money and our own people. Basically the priorities today, the [mother] is still out there. I can't believe he's still out there. Hussein, here we catch this man, we put him in prison instead of executing him. You sit there and say, "These are the people that cause (inaudible) in our lives and we're sitting back and saying it's okay. Let them go in front of a judge." I don't get it. I just don't get it.

MODERATOR- JOAN?

As an American, I love the country. I do not like the politics. I hear from people from other countries that this is the best place in the world to live, but if the, Just the whole country, the whole realm of politics keep going the same way, Vancouver, Canada looks very nice to me. Dual citizenship. I just can't believe in this day and age that there are people starving, losing their homes, people that have no health insurance. We have aging people that are eating cat food. Yet, we have Senators that have pensions galore. I do believe that we should protect our President's with secret service coverage, but do they warrant their full salaries until they die? What's going on in this world? I think we have to readjust our whole look at this country. I think our President has made it very clear that the Republicans are not going to get in again. The righteous Christians put him in. Even the righteous Christians are sick of him.

It depends on who the Democrats put up and right now it doesn't look like they're putting up the right people.

That's right. They have to put up somebody that, I would be very happy to look at a Democrat, but right now I don't see anybody.

But anybody has to be better than our Presidency now that we have one, We have the first President in the country that has a criminal background. He had a D.U.I. Where Cheney, our Vice President, who had off shore places in the Cayman Islands that dealt with third world countries. This is what our government is? We're the laughing stock to the rest of the world!

We are.

MODERATOR- WHY DO YOU THINK THE COUNTRY IS GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION?

I don't think it's going right. I think my Dad was over eighty-one years old. He told me that if I could find another place to live other than the U.S. to go and he's an Iwo Jima survivor. He believes in the country right or wrong. Every time he heard of things when he was growing up the next generation was going to have it better. He sees right now that his children and his grandchildren are struggling to maintain the level of life that he had. People working to try to just maintain their livelihood. There's too many people below the poverty level and the middle class is not middle anymore. It's the working poor. Even if I stay where I am today, in ten years my standard of living is going to be worse. I don't want to be working until I'm seventy-five because I have to. The whole future of financial security worries me. The whole physical security of not knowing who is going to show up where because people all over the world are pissed off at us, and laugh at us. I just spent three months in Brazil. After two weeks I started saying I was Canadian instead of American.

MODERATOR- YOU MENTIONED THE ECONOMY. WHAT WORRIES YOU ABOUT THE FINANCIAL SECURITY?

There's no way I can say I can retire at fifty-five. If I have a fixed income and stay where I am, I'm going to be eating cat food. I don't believe that the ability to make a living and succeed and then rest exists any longer.

MODERATOR- DARLA WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I agree. I'm forty-two so I have a hard time saying, "Boy it used to be better." I can't say that, but I can say that I think it's embarrassing that we can't go to the hospitals without totally devastating our lives. One trip to the hospital and we are done. Don't ever have a major medical anything. I think it's a travesty that the schools aren't allowed, I buy my own paper. I have to buy my own paper. I spent \$400 putting my classroom together and I'm not an elementary teacher. I'm a middle school teacher. This is my seventh school district in five states, fiscal district I'm sorry, in five states. I'm so embarrassed. I'm embarrassed that I live in a country where the teachers have to buy their own paper, pens, everything. I don't have colored paper for my kids. I'm embarrassed. When I talk to people from other countries, students from other countries, they say, "Wow! This is a travesty. Your education system is a travesty!" If we don't have an education system, we have nothing. We have no future. I can't compare it to the past, but I can see what other kids tell me from other countries and I'm embarrassed.

MODERATOR- NANCY WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I think I agree with a lot of things that have been said but I think that there are some good things too. My son has a "Bright Future" scholarship, which is paid for by the State of Florida. 75% is paid for. There are other states, I have relatives in other states and they're in shock when I tell them that my son is going to a university. I don't know that I could afford that if he, Or I'd have to make a lot of other sacrifices. So that's a good thing. I'm not pro-Republican per say, but I want to be safe. I don't like the war either but I want to be safe. I don't want to sit back and wait for another attack. I want them to be proactive.

I definitely agree, but secure our borders. After the wall came down, we were so relaxed that we had no political policies. Then 9/11 came at us. We had our pants down! For them to go walking through with the chemicals they had on them and nobody picked anything up. Armaments and everything! We were very lax and it showed. Look at the 3,000 people that died in those buildings and all of those children now that have no fathers. To me, it's a travesty. It really and truly is.

Those were some of the good things, the "Bright Future" scholarship. But we also own our own company. We're self- employed. The health insurance for a family, "My gosh!" All of the taxes and insurance are a statewide or a countywide thing. I own my own home. The wind storm insurance, the taxes, it's unbelievable how much they just keep going up and you get less coverage. Now I have an HMO that has just gone up and up and up to where now I'm searching for other policies. I might have to go to a catastrophic policy just to be able to afford the monthly premiums but it's going to be such a huge, A \$5,000 deductible per person. That's a major concern for me, is taxes, property taxes, insurance, all types of insurance. Even our business insurance. Liability insurance for our business doubled within one year. Worker's comp is, I can't even get started on that one.

MODERATOR- DO YOU THINK THE ECONOMY IS GOING TO GET ANY BETTER? DO YOU SEE IT TURNING A CORNER?

How? I don't know. I'm not an economist. It hasn't gotten better in my, My Mom made more money twenty-five years ago than I do now and she worked an assembly line.

Yet, everyone is spending more money.

Living is higher. I think there's a problem with spending. People are spending beyond their limits. That's becoming the focus of everything. It's what you have. It's becoming very materialistic. For our children, I think that will create problems.

There's also a lot of fallacies that are given to us. Let's talk about it. What's the average C.O.L.A., cost of living adjustment these days? Two points right? Over the last couple of years, Look at those state taxes, look at the insurance. It's ridiculous. The government has encouraged us to go out there and be Americans. Buy your first home and buy more property. The encourage all of these developers to come in and build properties and build properties. They've promised us, the middle class people, that these people coming in, a lot of these taxes would be saved by us because we have all of these new developments coming in, there'll be more taxes coming in. And what do they do? We're not going to have any more middle class. There will be rich and poor.

That's it. Because now, we do what they tell us to do, interest rates are low, we refinance, we do all of these things. This is what they tell us to do. We did it and where are these people now? In foreclosure. Where are they now? Trying to sell their houses \$100,000 below market just to get out. This is ridiculous. You put us there and then you make us suffer. Who is going to win? All of the greedy investors who have the big bucks, who come in and steal homes from us because we can't afford the mortgage payments. The poor people are stuck with their houses in Section 8 and the rich people are going to take all of the properties away from the middle class people. That's what's going to happen. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. We're not a (inaudible) society anymore. That's gone. All of the self-employed people are suffering, trying to survive because all of these mega giants are coming into play. We die. We actually die.

Well for us, gasoline prices are a huge effect on us because it trickles down into everything else. Every delivery I get now has a big delivery fee tacked on. The prices of the materials that I'm buying are just increasing so fast. Faster than I can keep up with in increasing my prices. It just effects everything. What I don't understand is the prices of gas is going down now. One of the reasons has been explained to us in the news is because we haven't had as many hurricanes. If they go up because we have a hurricane, they shouldn't go down when don't have one, they should just not go up to begin with.

That's why it's going, It's totally losing control. They say it's going to go down, people are going have this misconception and then they're going to think that the leadership that we put into office is going to stand behind that. But it's going to go right back up because they're the ones controlling it anyway.

I think that has to do with the summer thing.

That too.

Who owns most of the oil? Let me think about it. Bush!

Doesn't Venezuela, who's supposedly [in bed] with Castro and other people, doesn't he own Citgo? That's what I've heard about that.

(Multiple people speaking at once) Citgo buys their gas from Venezuela. They do not deal with the Arabs. I really try to go to a Citgo station. I'm so sick of what's going on over there. I just feel in my heart that things will improve. They have to improve. They can't get any worse.

But they can.

MODERATOR- ARE THERE ANY OTHER ISSUES THAT DIDN'T COME UP THAT YOU WANT TO MENTION AS THINGS THAT MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE THE COUNTRY IS GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR THE WRONG DIRECTION?

I have some issues as far as things like stem cell research. I have issues with people not accepting other avenues. I would like to see those avenues accepted to help out things like Alzheimer's patients or whatever. I have an issue with the definite "no" against it from some people.

MODERATOR- ANYBODY ELSE? ANY OTHER ISSUES?

Just the whole healthcare issue. Healthcare is a difficult thing.

One thing that I have an issue with is how much Americans expect from the government, though. Like when we had the hurricane, all of the politicians were telling us have water, have this, have that for three days. They were freaking out and standing in line hours after the hurricane and blaming everyone. "Where is our water? Where is our supplies?" I want them to be here if we have a devastating hurricane and I expect them to be here, but not in a few hours. They tell us prepare for three days. Everyone seems so entitled, but then we want less government, yet we want more from the government and we want to be more entitled. I don't think they (inaudible).

MODERATOR- WE'RE GOING TO DO A DIFFERENT EXERCISE NOW. I'M GOING TO SAY THE NAME OF A PERSON. AFTER I SAY THE NAME I WANT YOU TO SAY THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF THAT PERSON. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S VULGAR, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S NICE. WHATEVER IT IS, JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT. WE'LL DO THIS FOR A FEW DIFFERENT PEOPLE. THE FIRST NAME IS BILL NELSON. WHAT'S THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU HEAR BILL NELSON?

I need to know more about him.

Advertisements.

When you say that it's like I can hear the advertisement. "Bill Nelson."

I know he's been around for a long time but what does he stand for? I don't know.

Name recognition but I don't know what (inaudible).

No name recognition...

Somebody said that whoever was going to be elected, I can be Bill Nelson. That was the campaign slogan.

I never heard the name.

MODERATOR- JOAN, THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND?

Advertisements and those little posters all around. Those little sticks in the ground.

MODERATOR- THE NEXT NAME IS KATHERINE HARRIS. WHAT'S THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU HEAR KATHERINE HARRIS?

No thank you.

"Ew!"

She sends me more e-mail than my husband, I think. I get more e-mails from her.

She scares me. That remark, I'm going to get it wrong, but basically that all of the politicians should be the same religion that she is.

I'm just angry that she called my cell phone. How dare you to get my cell phone number and call me on it? [But, I'm on the solicitation list and you put it to play].

I would just say that I know she was in the news for something negative.

Yes.

I don't have an opinion on it yet, but...

No opinion.

MODERATOR- THE NEXT NAME IS CHARLIE CRIST. THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND.

Good old boy.

A lot of campaign money.

A lawyer.

The lesser of two evils.

Possibly.

Too much like George Bush. I mean not George Bush, Jebb Bush.

I think he's voting the same way for the schools.

I just heard the statement, "Following in the Jebb Bush legacy." That doesn't appeal to me.

I just need to verify my "good old boy" was not meant to be good.

MODERATOR- THE NEXT NAME IS JIM DAVIS.

I liked his appearance on his debate against [Rod Smith].

I missed the debate so I don't have a comment on that one.

I saw the debate but I didn't realize that's who it was.

He made a great impression!

The name anyway.

MODERATOR- SHERRIE? JOAN? THE NEXT NAME IS CLAY SHAW. WHAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU HEAR THE NAME CLAY SHAW?

Hasn't he won too many times?

An older politician.

He's been running for a lot of positions over the years hasn't he? I just remember him posting...

Seeing his things everywhere.

Yes.

(Multiple people speaking at once). I don't know if it's the same person that's been running for different political positions over the years. I've heard his name.

Obviously he lost so he's still there. I don't really have an opinion on him.

MODERATOR- SHERRIE.

The same thing. Name recognition. I don't really know what he stands for though.

You'd think that when you see someone everywhere then you would know what they stand for. Which is kind of going against the money they're spending.

I did get pure water at my door that was from Clay Shaw to sign a, To give a donation that they could go to the state and put this petition through.

MODERATOR- MARY ANY IMPRESSIONS OF CLAY SHAW?

Red Neck. You asked for the first thing that came to my mind.

MODERATOR- THERE'S NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS. DARLA DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON CLAY SHAW?

Just name recognition, but not political.

MODERATOR- WHEN YOU HEAR HIS NAME IT'S NOT POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER?

Yes. It's positive because my brother's name is Clay.

MODERATOR- BEYOND THE FAMILY...

For me, it just has a family feel to his name. It's not hard like Crist. That's hard. It's a hard name. You have affiliations in your memory with people named Charlie. Isn't Charlie Crist? Is that his name?

MODERATOR- SO THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT CLAY SHAW THE PERSON THAT..?

No, it's just his name. You said his name.

Well, some people pick horses because of the name.

MODERATOR- ANYBODY ELSE ON CLAY SHAW POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE? THINGS ABOUT CLAY SHAW? THE NEXT PERSON IS RON KLEIN. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU HEAR RON KLEIN?

I thought of Calvin Kline. Sorry.

I don't know who he is.

I know the name. I'm thinking he's a Democrat but I could be wrong.

I don't know.

MODERATOR- DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHO RON KLEIN IS?

I got an advertisement yesterday.

I throw them out. Sorry.

MODERATOR- THE NEXT NAME IS THE NAME OF A THING, NOT A PERSON. CONGRESS. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU THINK OF CONGRESS?

A bunch of blow hards.

The first word that comes to mind is deception.

Corruption.

Decision makers.

Disappointment.

I think they've lost sight of why that job is there.

I think it's somewhat elitist.

MODERATOR- RAY, WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?

Originally, they were supposed to represent the people and I don't believe that happens. I believe they represent whatever company comes around with the most money like medical companies, drug companies, oil companies, car companies. I don't believe their hearts are with all of the little people sitting in their houses trying to put food on the table.

MODERATOR- PEOPLE ARE NODDING THEIR HEADS. ANYTHING TO ADD TO THAT? DO YOU THINK IT'S POLITICS AS USUAL OR IS THIS CONGRESS DIFFERENT THAN IN THE PAST?

I don't think it's different from what we've seen, which is sad.

(Inaudible).

I think it's more noticeable now than it was in the past but it's always existed.

(Inaudible).

MODERATOR- THE NEXT PERSON WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT, WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO WRITE DOWN THINGS. IT'S PRESIDENT BUSH. I'M GOING TO PASS AROUND SOME SHEETS. PUT YOUR NAME ON THE FIRST PAGE. TAKE A MINUTE WITH HANDOUT NUMBER ONE AND WRITE THE GOOD THINGS THAT COME TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT PRESIDENT BUSH. THEN WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THAT TURN TO HANDOUT NUMBER TWO AND WRITE THE DOUBTS THAT YOU HAVE ABOUT PRESIDENT BUSH. THEN STOP. DON'T GO BEYOND THE FIRST TWO PAGES. TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND WRITE DOWN YOUR THOUGHTS AND THEN WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT. IF YOU'RE STILL WRITING KEEP GOING. IF NOT, WE'LL START TALKING WITH EVERYONE WHO'S FINISHED. LET'S START WITH THE GOOD THINGS. WHAT ARE THE GOOD THINGS THAT COME TO MIND WHEN WE THINK ABOUT GEORGE BUSH?

It looks like he loves his wife.

That's what I put. His wife.

I wrote his wife.

I put his parents.

I wrote Milly the dog.

I think he's strong on homeland security.

That's what I put.

I think that he stands his ground. If he's not completely right it's better than being "wishy-washy." It's better than cutting and running like his father did, which could have put us in a position in Iraq that we're in because [we're in a Gulf war]. I like that he believes in God and he talks about God.

I have the empowering of the homeland security, staff changes he made there. He gave them money for enhanced training on how to deal with security of the systems and policy revisions for the homeland security. It's all homeland security.

MODERATOR- OKAY. OTHER POSITIVES? LIZA, WHAT DID YOU GIVE FOR A POSITIVE?

I have so many mixed negative messages about him because it's so near this whole thing with September 11th because I'm in that industry. He almost seemed sincere when he was on the news when he was at the Pentagon. There was a brief moment where I really thought he really was sincere and he really cares about those people. But there's too much negativity towards everything else he's doing. That's all I have to say.

MODERATOR- LET ME TALK ABOUT THE DOUBTS ABOUT HIM, THE NEGATIVE THINGS. WHAT DID YOU SAY?

Obviously, securing our (inaudible) the whole thing at the [T.S.A.] since I've had to deal with that so much. I think that they don't know what's going to work so they keep trying other things thinking if they cut everything out, Then pretty soon there won't be any air travel anyway because of all of the laws and everything like that and things that they're cutting out. The whole securing the borders. I fly trips/charters over to Cuba and people are constantly being able to come into the U.S. As soon as they step one foot here they're allowed to come over. Education. How taxes, Medicare, education, How people growing up today, they have so many more things. They have cell phones. There is just so many more things that are effecting children today. They're not getting the education but they're being given all of this monetary stuff. I think that's a problem.

MODERATOR- OTHERS, WHAT NEGATIVES DO YOU HAVE ABOUT PRESIDENT BUSH? WHAT DOUBTS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT HIM?

He's not in touch with Americans. He's just very, very insulated. He's an extremely poor public speaker. Very stubborn. Will not admit, even when he gets information to the contrary that he was wrong. Yes, he stands his ground...

I was going to say the same thing. You can put it as a positive or a negative.

I think that he's a puppet. I'm not sure he's the one in charge. I think he's just some kind of a front man of some kind of thing.

MODERATOR- FOR WHO?

I don't know. There's somebody else, I think. I think he's a puppet. I don't know who would be running him, but...

[Cheney].

They say [Cheney], but...

Maybe Daddy.

That's who I think it is, but...

It's probably the two of them.

I just don't think that, He's so inarticulate and there's so many of those types of character things that I think...

He just looks like a deer caught in the headlight. When 9/11 happened, he just had this look on his face. Then he continued reading to the children. Our country was attacked and he just had no clue what to do. Zero clue. It's not what you want to see with your leader.

It's like seeing a pilot scared. We don't like that!

You want somebody who came in like [Giuliani's] who took charge, knew what to do and was in command.

But they didn't show Giuliani's face when he first heard.

Absolutely not. But I didn't get the same feeling in general, that Bush knew how to handle anything where some other people really did.

He always seems like he doesn't have confidence. He seems like he's indecisive. It sounds like he doesn't know. He needs someone to push him to go left or right, even when we see him on the media.

I put his inability to speak properly and use correct grammar. His attitude. I think he's very (inaudible) about a lot of things. I think he jokes poorly. I think he's an actor. He's a politician type actor, acting his job. I think he always has. To me he has the appearance that he doesn't know what he's talking about. I don't like him. I have doubts about his involvement in Iraq. Like someone said, I don't think he wants to admit failure. He's just going to keep at it, being stubborn. I don't like some of the relationships he has with people from other countries. Also, his involvement with education. The "No Child Left Behind."

MODERATOR- LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ELECTIONS COMING UP IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS. THERE'S GOING TO BE ELECTIONS FOR CONGRESS. FOR YOU PERSONALLY, WHAT IS THIS ELECTION ABOUT? WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT'S GOING TO DETERMINE HOW YOU VOTE OR WHO YOU CHOOSE IN THE ELECTIONS?

I'd like to see less negative ads. I feel like all I'm seeing is one attacking this one, attacking that one but I don't know what you stand for. All you're doing in these ads is attacking your opponent, but I don't know what you stand for.

MODERATOR- WHAT IS IT THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THEM TO STAND FOR? WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

Education is extremely important. I have two teachers here in the room. I have cats. It's a very hot topic. I don't understand it. They should just be abolished. They really should. To waste three quarters or at least have of a school year teaching towards a test, Just teach the kids the curriculum. Test them and that's that. But when you start with, you're missing out on P.E., specials and all of these other things because all you're teaching is towards that one test, it's unfair to the teachers, it's unfair to the kids.

MODERATOR- OTHERS. WHAT'S THIS ELECTION ABOUT FOR YOU?

Economy, taxes, insurance.

Insurance.

Health insurance, all insurance. Not just health insurance, but insurance on our homes and taxes on our homes. Property taxes are huge.

MODERATOR- ANNA WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?

I was [hearing] what she said. My issue is that they know all of the issues. We know all the issues. I don't want to tell them what the issues are. I know the issues. Say, "Increased insurance, we'll get government funding." Tell me what you're going to do. They tell me what the issues are. Every single candidate says education. What are they doing? Do they say what they're doing? "We feel that education is important." Wonderful. So do we. We're not going to be able to do anything about it. What are you going to do about it? You hear ads on top of ads of just blackballing each candidate, or Bush with the issues. Tell me, "High insurance, government will pay. I will fight for the government to pay." Obviously, insurance companies go bankrupt when there's claims out there. Real estate taxes. Let the rich have the higher taxes. Tell me a solution. I've been hearing the same problems for the last nine years I've been in Florida. I still don't see a solution.

Yes. They [tell] us the same things that we think about, but they never say how they're going to find the money or how they're going to allocate it or however they're going to do it. There's never, it's all talk. It's all lip service. It's not action. I don't watch the ads because I'm tired of hearing their slogans and them cutting each other down. It's always like a little movie. It just doesn't seem real. It seems Hollywood made up to me, which loses its validity.

I kind of want sincerity. I don't expect them to be able to tell me exactly how they're going to do something. I think that's unbelievable. I don't think they know that yet, until they get into the position. But I want to feel that they are being sincere that they're not just telling us what we want to hear. I don't have anything against politicians at all. I don't think of them all in one group as a negative group. I think there are a lot of good politicians. I don't want to see them, the negative campaigns. I don't want to hear that they're in somebody's pocket. I know with the Ron Smith and the sugar industry and those kinds of things, as soon as I hear that it kind of turns me off. Then when I hear the constant negative, they don't ever talk about themselves they just talk about what their opponent did or didn't do, or they bring up something that they voted on twenty years ago, ten years ago. They change their minds. People do things differently and they think it's...

MODERATOR- WHAT ARE YOU HEARING SPECIFICALLY FROM THE CANDIDATES? YOU MENTIONED THE SUGAR, BUT WHAT ELSE ARE YOU HEARING SPECIFICALLY?

When I hear, I don't know if you want me to refer back to the primaries which is not going on anymore, but I heard that he voted, Jim Davis voted a certain way on not compensating two block prisoners or something. Now here he is in the news apologizing. Great he's apologizing, but it's kind of like he was forced to have to look at something that happened however long ago it was. I don't think it's really relevant too much to what, for us to move forward. Maybe it's relevant to a certain voting base, but...

MODERATOR- OTHERS, WHAT ARE YOU HEARING FROM THE CANDIDATES?

I think he's the one that they were saying had a poor record, a poor attendance record. I know the negative things because I just hear the negative ads. He had a poor attendance record in Congress.

That wouldn't sway me that much. I'd rather hear what you're going to do now, rather than another politician...

See that's what I heard. I'm not saying it's swaying or not swaying but that's what I know of him, what you said about him not compensating the men that got out of jail that were innocent, having a poor attendance record, not voting on a lot of issues at all. I don't know if that's true. That's just the [playing] card.

MODERATOR- ARE YOU HEARING ANYTHING FROM THE CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS? THOSE ARE THE GOVERNORS CANDIDATES. WHAT ABOUT THE CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS?

Just that Katherine Harris would be Congress, right?

MODERATOR- SHE'S SENATE.

Okay. I just heard the negatives as far as what she had said recently. I really haven't heard a lot yet.

Those are the people that scare me. I don't want any congressional candidates to try to win my vote. I want them to be what they are and have me say okay now you're worthy of that position. Words are crap as far as I'm concerned. I want somebody to be business minded. I want somebody who has the guts to not be a sheep following the shepherd just because everybody that's up for a vote, if you think it's no and everybody else thinks it's yes, and we all think it's no you say it. I've been supporting in the past, people who just go along with the flow in Congress because my little voice isn't going to say, You have to have guts and start somewhere standing up for what is real. Stop the lobbies and stop the poor [ferrules] and get the money back to where it's going to make a difference to people. Not to a select few who are running some corporations. No ad on TV is going to tell me you have guts. I'm looking for somebody to prove it and I don't know how it's going to happen.

MODERATOR- MOVING AWAY FROM THE SPECIFIC CANDIDATES, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE REPUBLICANS IN THE ELECTION, WHAT REASONS ARE THERE TO VOTE FOR A REPUBLICAN?

They have guts. I think they have sheep following them.

Maybe they believe in less government. Maybe. Maybe that would be a reason to.

I think it would be nice to get the house a little even and not so right wing. Let's have it a little spread out some way. That's my feeling.

MODERATOR- IS THAT A REASON TO VOTE FOR A REPUBLICAN?

No, that's the reason to vote for a Democrat or an independent. Do you know what I mean?

MODERATOR- LET'S STICK TO REPUBLICANS FOR NOW. WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT DEMOCRATS LATER. WHAT REASONS ARE THERE TO VOTE REPUBLICAN?

I feel safer with Republicans than Democrats. They scare me that they won't be strong enough on homeland security. I feel that they're just too much for the party and not for the issue. It's just Democrat is right and I think sometimes it can be more moderate or the issues should be the issue, not if it's a Democratic issue or a Republican issue. I feel safer that the Republicans do that more.

I vote for the person. I don't vote necessarily Republican or Democrat. I vote for the person.

That's how I am.

MODERATOR- WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE WAY IT GETS PLAYED OUT IN THE CAMPAIGNS AND THE ELECTIONS GET VERY ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARTIES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS DISCUSSION, JUST THINK ABOUT IT. WHAT ARE THE REASONS TO VOTE FOR A REPUBLICAN?

Our reason, or a reason in general?

MODERATOR- YOUR REASON. A REASON THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO VOTE FOR A REPUBLICAN.

I think most of the time they look at the big picture a lot more than Democrats do. I think they're more micro-vision.

Supposedly, Republicans are better for the economy.

MODERATOR- WHAT HOLDS YOU BACK FROM VOTING FOR A REPUBLICAN?

Nothing.

Maybe the candidate. You might think that that's a better way to go, but you look at the people that are running and some of the things that are coming out of their mouths and their campaigns and it's a risk. You don't know that they're not accountable.

But there are a couple of issues that are pretty much, Gay marriage and abortion.

Stem cell (multiple people speaking at once).

My issue would also be because of past performance and recent performance of other Republicans and wanting a change. That would be a reason for not wanting to vote for Republicans.

MODERATOR- LET'S TAKE THE FLIP SIDE OF THIS. WHAT ABOUT DEMOCRATS? WHAT WOULD BE A REASON TO VOTE FOR A DEMOCRAT?

History proves itself. They don't have their hands in everybody's pockets. Republicans do. They're so high powered that they owe everybody.

I would say because of being more open to things like gay marriage, abortion and stem cell research.

I would say historically, the education issue for me. The liberal issues.

Religious rights. They're not in the religious rights pocket.

More tolerant.

I think they're for health insurance. (Inaudible) for me. I think they're more interested in having a whole new plan for health insurance. I don't see the Republicans doing much about that at all.

MODERATOR- WHAT HOLDS YOU BACK FROM VOTING FOR A DEMOCRAT?

I'd say lack of confidence in leadership. Not necessarily presenting good leaders.

Their recent hue people have running. They didn't exactly send their best candidates to represent their party, necessarily. I met John Edwards, had dinner with John Edwards and really liked him, but Carey went in instead.

MODERATOR- WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT NOVEMBER AND THE ELECTIONS COMING UP, WHAT WOULD HOLD YOU BACK FROM A DEMOCRATIC (INAUDIBLE) WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS GOING ON?

Credibility. What you've seen and where you think it's going to go.

MODERATOR- CREDIBILITY ON WHAT?

Just the things that they stand for. Like you said before when you were talking about the other side, there's some things that are so important that I think are going to help Americans. Then there are other things that they are undecided about on some of their issues.

MODERATOR- A LOT OF YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THINGS BEING WRONG. IF THE DEMOCRATS TAKE CONTROL OF CONGRESS DO YOU THINK THERE WILL BE A CHANGE?

Not necessarily.

Not necessarily, but it would just be an even picture in my mind as it was years ago. It's too the other way. It makes me very nervous. If that button were there, somebody would hit it. I just, The country was created for a reason. They made the government and the Congress, they wrote the Declaration of Independence for a reason. It just seems that one party is just running our country. Look at the deficit we have in this country. We're going to be in hock for the next fifty years.

MODERATOR- SO IF YOU THINK IF THE DEMOCRATS TAKE CONTROL THEN..?

Oh, there's no doubt about it. Clinton got that down to where it was manageable. Bush, [These dividend] to social security. He's selling everything off. The biggest joke was the government was selling the Florida ports. They own the Statue of Liberty. I think the

own the Twin Towers. They own every big piece of property in New York. What's going on with this world?

MODERATOR- OTHERS? DO YOU THINK ANYTHING WOULD CHANGE? WHAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF THE DEMOCRATS TOOK CONTROL?

Of Congress or of everything?

MODERATOR- OF CONGRESS.

Of Congress, I'd be afraid that if we stayed with the Republicans in office in the higher seats, I'd be afraid of not as much getting done. If it's too even, I feel like the Republicans have [no space] to fight each other just because they each want their own way and then nothing gets done. I'd almost rather see either side have the majority than have it be more even. They're so busy fighting they can't agree and then nothing gets done.

I'm looking at maybe a good balance at this point between the Democratic Party than to have the super strong. Some people feel that they're super weak. So it pushes the Democrats to be strong but not as aggressive as the Republicans have been over the last eight years.

Can you state the way you ask your question one more time?

MODERATOR- SURE. WHAT, IF ANYTHING, WILL CHANGE IF THE DEMOCRATS TAKE CONTROL OF THE CONGRESS?

This isn't really a change, but I guess in a way I kind of feel confident that some things will not change like some of the abortion laws or certain things like that. I think, hopefully, some avenues will open for other types of research that maybe wouldn't open otherwise.

MODERATOR- WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT NOW. I KNOW YOU TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE ADS THAT HAVE BEEN ON TV AND THAT YOU'RE NOT CRAZY ABOUT THEM. GUESS WHAT? WE'RE GOING TO WATCH SOME ADS. TURN TO HANDOUT NUMBER THREE. YOU'LL SEE A SCALE THAT GOES, ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SCALE IS A FIVE UNDER THE NAME RON KLEIN AND AT THE RIGHT END OF THE SCALE THERE'S A FIVE UNDER THE NAME CLAY SHAW. THEN IN THE MIDDLE IT HAS ZERO FOR NO DIFFERENCE. AFTER YOU SEE THE AD I WANT YOU TO CIRCLE WHERE ON THAT SCALE YOU FALL IN TERMS OF WHETHER THAT AD MADE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR CLAY SHAW OR MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR RON KLEIN. AFTER YOU CIRCLE IT JUST WRITE DOWN A LINE OR TWO ABOUT WHAT YOU TOOK AWAY FROM THE AD THAT MADE YOU GIVE IT THAT RATING. (PLAYS AD). I'M JUST GOING TO ASK YOU TO TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE RATING IS AND THEN WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT AFTERWARDS. ANNA, WHAT DID YOU GIVE IT?

I gave it a one for Shaw.

Four for Shaw.

MODERATOR- SHERRIE?

I gave it no difference because I don't know enough about either candidate.

MODERATOR- OKAY. WE'LL TALK ABOUT WHY IN A MINUTE. I JUST WANT TO QUICKLY GET EVERYBODY'S SCORES. JOAN?

No difference.

No difference.

I said a three for Shaw.

Two for Shaw.

Five for Shaw.

MODERATOR- FIVE OF YOU GAVE IT A POSITIVE SCORE FOR SHAW. IT MADE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR SHAW. WHY?

Because I wouldn't vote for Klein based on that.

MODERATOR- BUT WHY? WHAT IN THE AD STOOD OUT TO YOU?

About the Everglades and how they're already putting all of this misconception out about what he stands for, which he's very sorry to have this corruption and things like that. Not that I have any idea about some of the things Shaw stands for. If I had to vote for either of those two, and those were my only two choices, I wouldn't vote for Klein at all.

MODERATOR- YOU FOUND IT CONVINCING? WERE YOU CONVINCED BY THE ARGUMENT THEY WERE MAKING?

In some way. I'm not saying that what they say and what they write in these ads means anything. If you're putting it that way, "no." I wasn't convinced I was just convinced that I wouldn't vote for him.

It's pretty much the same. It made me want to understand the truth about Klein. Right now I didn't look favorably towards him. I didn't give it a "no difference," I didn't give it a five, I stuck it right in the middle because I still don't know what's up with Shaw.

I put "no difference." The ad doesn't effect me. I feel that Shaw is smearing Klein. Therefore, he loses his validity in my eyes. I won't go his way or the other guy's way until, The ad doesn't convince me. I'd want to look at the truth, find the truth. I'm part of the problem because I don't have the time to go searching out the truth. I'm hoping they do that for me, but they don't.

MODERATOR- WHAT DID YOU WRITE DOWN MICHELLE?

I put (inaudible) supporting Klein is what I got from the ad and also they say Klein is a Tallahassee politician. From those statements with no other information, it lends itself to a more positive for Shaw. It's not to say I believe it again, but it puts Shaw in a more

positive light. Or, I shouldn't say that. It puts Klein in a negative light, which leads you to Shaw.

MODERATOR- SHERRIE?

I have no idea what they're saying about Ron Klein. Whether it's true or not true. I have taken nothing away from the ad as far as who Clay Shaw is or what he stands for. At this point, I have no, I wasn't educated at all. I have no clue as to what the candidates stand for. I need more information.

MODERATOR- NANCY, WHAT DID YOU HAVE?

The Everglades are at risk if Ron Klein is in office. The Everglades are really important and he won't take care of them because of his involvement in big sugar.

MODERATOR- TURN TO HANDOUT FOUR. WE HAVE ANOTHER COMMERCIAL. (PLAYS AD). ANNA WHAT DID YOU GIVE IT?

Three for Klein.

MODERATOR- MICHELLE?

Zero.

MODERATOR- SHERRIE?

Four more likely for Klein.

MODERATOR- JOAN?

Four more likely for Klein.

One more likely for Klein.

Three more likely for Klein.

Two more likely for Shaw.

Zero.

MODERATOR- LET'S START WITH THE FIVE OF YOU THAT MADE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR KLEIN. WHY? WHAT DID YOU TAKE AWAY FROM THIS THAT CAUSED YOU TO..?

As soon as it's a negative ad I just zone out. But what I do catch are the things that they're saying about them. All he did was strike him. The last one, all he did was one strike against Klein so [I was torn between zero and one]. It was three strikes against, I'm using the striking system.

MODERATOR- BUT WHAT'S IN THIS AD?

Basically, he's just a shadow of Bush. He's not a leader he's a shadow. Again, he's going to follow the same leadership we've had over the last four years, which I haven't been thrilled with for six years. (Inaudible).

MODERATOR- OKAY. OTHERS WHO GIVE IT A THREE OR FOUR FOR KLEIN, WHY?

The same reason, but also that he's so closely aligned with Bush and I dislike Bush so much. That's a real negative for me.

MODERATOR- DID THE MILLION DOLLARS MEAN SOMETHING OR WAS IT..?

No. No. I guess it's more the energy companies.

MODERATOR- WHAT ABOUT ON IRAQ?

That too.

MODERATOR- DO YOU THINK THERE'S A ROLE FOR CONGRESS IN IRAQ?

It's really tough because obviously we can't just pull right out. But I don't believe that we should be there. Again, we were sent there under false pretenses and too many of our children are getting killed. What worries me and I don't know if it's going to happen, is God forbid a draft.

MODERATOR- FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO GAVE IT A "NO DIFFERENCE" OR MORE FOR SHAW, WHAT WAS THE REASON?

Am I the only one?

MODERATOR- NO. THERE ARE SOME OTHERS THAT SAID, "NO DIFFERENCE."

For me, the first part, when he said that the Republicans raised money for Bush and Cheney raised money for Clay Shaw, I felt like, "Duh! He's Republican." Right from that very start, I did kind of catch at the last part when they talked about the eight billion dollars, I maybe would have listened to that more, but by then I was so negative. The Democrats always turn me off because they're so negative about the Republicans, even on things that they shouldn't be negative about. Of course people in their own party are going to raise money for them. Right there you turned me off and maybe when you did have a good message to give me, I was already turned off and didn't want to listen to anything you had to say. Also, he criticized...

(end of side)

Again, your criticism of that negative ad to begin with turned me off on your ad. He lost me right from the start where he might have had something that I might have wanted to listen to.

I think he's just using the majority of people that distrust and dislike Bush. He's just using that as his ploy. He's just giving his lip service thing. There's nothing about who

he is, what he stands for or what he's going to actually change, which is what he doesn't want people to hear.

Just the ad itself, I thought there were too many words. It was too hard to walk away with what the message really was and to really have one thought about him. There were just too many words.

MODERATOR- TURN TO HANDOUT NUMBER FIVE SO WE CAN WATCH ANOTHER AD. (PLAYS AD). ANNA WHAT DID YOU RATE IT?

Zero. The thing is, what social security benefits? (Inaudible) the last couple of years. There's nothing there. Whether it goes to privatization or...

MODERATOR- LET'S GET THE RATINGS THEN WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT.

Four for Shaw.

MODERATOR- SHERRIE?

I know I keep fluctuating but I don't know enough about these candidates. I was just taking this ad on its own. Three for Shaw.

MODERATOR- JOAN?

One for Shaw.

Based just on this ad I was swayed toward Shaw. Four for Shaw.

One for Shaw.

Four for Shaw.

Three for Shaw.

MODERATOR- OKAY. NOW ANNA?

I know privatization is a [statement where we] decide what to do with our money and invest it as opposed to having a stable income. But the thing is they keep telling us our money is going to the older people. We're not going to have anything so where my concern is, is that we're not going to have anything. Give me less taxes and I'll save my own money.

MODERATOR- OKAY. EVERYTHING ELSE THOUGH WAS VERY POSITIVE TOWARDS SHAW. LET'S START WITH THE PEOPLE WHO SAID THREE OR FOUR. WHY DID THIS MOVE YOU SO MUCH?

He told us where he stands. Here's an ad which tells you about him, which was good. Social security is a huge issue especially in Florida. That's a very, very important issue for the state.

I thought it was positive. It was specific and sincere. He said he represented Florida, not a political party. He said that he went against Bush. All of those things and there was one issue that he actually didn't agree with.

MODERATOR- KNOWING WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT CLAY SHAW AND HEARING THAT, DO YOU FIND IT BELIEVABLE THAT HE BREAKS WITH BUSH?

Possibly.

On that issue.

(Multiple people speaking at once).

Which means that he would...

I would think that he would fight with him on other things that he felt strongly about based on that ad.

He said the right things but I didn't believe it. He looked to me like he was shmoozing. I don't want someone who is representing and making decisions that are going to be effecting me to be, I don't want friendly and chummy. I want someone who thinks this is business. What he said was fine, but how he came across, it looked like he was just shmoozing me. I don't like being shmoozed.

I swung to four and I'm surprised I did that. For me, he has kind eyes so that took me right there. I felt that his commitment to social security seemed realistic and it was organized. I can clearly write those this down and hold him accountable.

Can I say one more thing? I felt like he clearly stated his intentions.

And there was no mudslinging.

Right.

True.

MODERATOR- TURN TO HANDOUT NUMBER SIX. LET'S RATE THE NEXT ONE. (PLAYS AD). ANNA WHAT DID YOU GIVE IT?

One for Klein.

One Shaw.

Two Shaw.

Three Klein.

Five Shaw.

Five Klein.

One Klein.

Two Klein.

MODERATOR- WE HAVE A MIXTURE THERE. LET'S START WITH THE ONES THAT WERE MORE POSITIVE TO KLEIN. WHY WERE YOU MORE POSITIVE TO KLEIN ON THAT?

He brought up some very good issues. If he has a record in the Senate, which I don't know what it is, I don't think he would be speaking about it if it weren't true. Then Shaw would come back and do some more mudslinging.

MODERATOR- WHICH ISSUES DID HE HIT THAT SPOKE TO YOU?

The insurance premiums and healthcare coverage which is a big issue down here. I think maybe we need a little more blood.

MODERATOR- OKAY. OTHERS WHO WERE MOVED TOWARDS KLEIN? WHY?

It spoke to the issues that are important to me. Again, I don't like people being bought out by big corporations. He also, again, is an intangible. He just seemed to be more assured.

I gave him one just because of the three words: "Lead, not follow."

MODERATOR- WHAT DO OTHERS THINK ABOUT "LEAD NOT FOLLOW?"

I think that's the same thing that Shaw said in his last ad.

I think it's B.S.

I liked some of the things that he said and some of the things that he stood for like insurance, but I don't know why. I watch him and he doesn't seem to me, He seems kind of, not like a leader like a wimp or something. I don't trust him.

He doesn't come across as sincere. There's something just...

I said one towards Shaw. I thought that it was attacking and I couldn't remember what I was supposed to take away because of the end of the commercial where he went back and attacked Shaw.

MODERATOR- THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE WHO SAID THIS MOVED THEM TOWARD SHAW.

I thought it seemed boastful and unrealistic. He's boasting that he's going to take on big oil. I think that he should just be more sincere and realistic. Don't say things you know you can't accomplish.

MODERATOR- WE SAW SOME BACK AND FORTH HERE BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM. SHAW WAS SAYING THAT KLEIN IS TIED TO BIG SUGAR. KLEIN IS COMING BACK SAYING HE ACTUALLY IS GOING TO FIGHT THE SPECIAL

INTEREST IN WASHINGTON. ON THAT KIND OF BACK AND FORTH, YOU DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT KLEIN BUT FROM WHAT YOU SAW WHAT DO YOU TAKE AWAY FROM THIS? IS KLEIN TWO TYPE SPECIAL INTERESTS OR IS HE GOING TO TAKE ON THE SPECIAL INTERESTS?

Based on this one ad or everything?

MODERATOR- BASED ON THE FOUR SPOTS THAT YOU SAW.

I think he's just as tied as the other guy. I think a lot of the Republicans are tied to big oil, but I think he's tied to big sugar. That big sugar ad really effected me.

He didn't discuss it all. He didn't (inaudible).

He didn't refute that. That it's not true.

That was more powerful for me I think, than what he had to say.

I think he'd be less likely to do something stupid a second time knowing that the spotlight has already been on him once.

Or maybe he got away with it once so he may try again.

MODERATOR- THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BACK AND FORTH WAS KLEIN SAYING THAT SHAW IS TOO TIED TO GEORGE BUSH AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND SHAW COMING OUT AND SAYING HE'S ACTUALLY INDEPENDENT OF BUSH AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. WHAT DO YOU TAKE AWAY FROM THAT? WHERE DOES IT LEAVE YOU IN TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT SHAW IS TOO TIED?

Even though I don't like Bush it didn't seem like it effected me that much. I agree with some of the things. I wouldn't expect someone to totally disagree with everything.

Bush is on the way out.

He knows that there are still some people that still believe in Bush, so he doesn't want to lose everybody. He wants to keep those few and he wants to recruit the ones that are against him, which he thinks is the larger group.

I thought Shaw's ad on social security was swaying to me that he doesn't just follow the Bush administration so I didn't vote (inaudible) of that.

He also addressed what Klein said, whereas Klein didn't address what Shaw said.

The only thing I'm going to say is that the wheels are in motion for social security. What is he going to do to stop it? There's nothing. They've pushed the retirement age to seventy. There's nothing to stop it. Why is he pushing that point?

Because they're trying to privatize it. They're going to try to do other things and he's saying he's not going to vote that way. He is not for privatizing it.

It's a grave mistake if he does privatize it, if anybody does. I'm not a disciplined person. I can't save my money for social security.

That's part of the issue. They'll automatically make you save it. The problem is, is how you invest it.

But he's also talking to the average person who wants to hear about social security and wants to hear, The average person doesn't know what's been done or what's...

I think everybody knows that the retirement age that you can collect social security and Medicare has been pushed from sixty-five to seventy. You didn't hear that in school? Your economics teacher didn't..?

I didn't know that.

MODERATOR- WE'RE GOING TO GET BEYOND THE SOCIAL SECURITY DISCUSSION. ON THIS NEXT AD, WE NEED TO USE A LITTLE IMAGINATION HERE. THIS ISN'T AN AD WITH SHAW OR KLEIN IN IT. AS YOU KNOW THERE'S ADS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND THESE ADS KIND OF GET REPRODUCED, AND THE SAME MESSAGES ARE GOING TO BE PLAYING IN DIFFERENT PLACES. I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT THIS NEXT AD WHICH IS A PERSON NAMED [JIM TALENT]. I'VE WRITTEN UP THERE THAT TALENT = SHAW. WHEN YOU SEE THIS AD THINK OF TALENT BEING CLAY SHAW AND WE'RE GOING TO RATE IT ON THAT SCALE.

Do they just plug in the politician's in the ad?

I never knew this part. That's bizarre.

MODERATOR- (PLAYS AD).

We're supposed to think about Shaw's face now, right?

Yes.

MODERATOR- WELL, IT'S THE MESSAGE. AGAIN, LIKE THE OTHER ONES, WRITE DOWN WHY. OKAY, ANNA?

Four toward Shaw.

MODERATOR- MICHELLE?

Zero.

Zero.

Three for Shaw.

Five Shaw.

Three for Shaw.

Five for Shaw.

Zero.

MODERATOR- THE THREES, FOURS AND FIVES FOR SHAW. WHAT DID YOU TAKE AWAY FROM THAT AD THAT MADE YOU MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR SHAW?

He's right about the investment. We need to get contracting people. He's right about that. No matter how much we hate to pay for it. We don't want to do it, but we don't want another repeat.

I gave him a three because I didn't think based on the words alone, that he can stop what's being done today. I didn't give him a five because I don't think that could be the only focus.

I felt like he was talking about the freedoms that we may have to give up because of the way the world is today. There is a big fight now about whether or not you can listen in on our phone calls and other freedoms. I thought if he's going to vote then we do have to give those up and I think we do. I don't like it, I wish it wasn't that way, but it's a new world and we have to be realistic in order to be safe.

I gave a four because I don't give anybody a five. I never go to the top. The reason why I gave it the highest rating is that this is the second ad that was positive. Everything else was negative that we've seen so far. Also, safety in our country is the number one priority. Without our safety the money and everything else that comes into play means crap. I'll work with my safety first. I never worried about it until 9/11. I'm a New Yorker. I worked in that building and it freaks me out every time I think about it. To me, safety is number one. It should be, and it will continue to be our highest priority because if it's not being monitored there's other terrorists that they have.

MODERATOR- SO HIM SAYING THAT'S THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE IN THERE THAT STOOD OUT TO YOU?

It was just a very positive ad. It was very positive ad. People weren't sitting there bad mouthing, He wasn't. He was just enforcing what our priorities are in this country, which is a positive thing.

MODERATOR- ANYONE ELSE THAT'S POSITIVE TOWARD SHAW?

Homeland security is a big issue and there was no mudslinging in this one. It was very positive.

MODERATOR- WHY DID YOU SAY "NO DIFFERENCE?"

I would hope that nobody wants to not stop terrorism, so by him saying that, does the other guy want terrorism?

It didn't differentiate him. It's the same thing, it's like everybody should kind of feel this way. It didn't make him stand out.

It doesn't make him stand out from another candidate.

Right.

I thought it was kind of dark, harsh. I didn't like the pictures. Kids could be watching it. They showed guns. [It was a little too direct]. He talks about killing. He uses the word "kill" in there. I wouldn't want kids watching that.

MODERATOR- WE HAVE ANOTHER AD. THIS ONE IS GOING TO BE AN AD AND THEY'RE GOING TO MENTION SOMEBODY NAMED BRAD ELLSWORTH. WHEN THEY MENTION ELLSWORTH WHO IS A DEMOCRAT, YOU'RE GOING TO THINK OF KLEIN WHO IS A DEMOCRAT. ANNA WHAT DID YOU GIVE IT?

Zero.

MODERATOR- SHERRIE?

Zero.

Zero.

I stayed the same. Three for Shaw.

Zero.

Zero.

Zero.

Two for Shaw.

MODERATOR- MOST OF YOU SAID "NO DIFFERENCE." WHY?

I just found the ad confusing.

I was confused.

I was confused.

I thought it was starting out to promote a Democrat and then it wasn't. I was confused about who sponsored that ad.

MODERATOR- WHEN THEY SAY DEMOCRATS ARE GOING TO RAISE YOUR TAXES, THEY SHOWED THESE THREE DEMOCRATS, WHAT WAS IT THAT THREW YOU OFF?

I don't know. It could be that the ad we just saw, It could just be me following that last ad. The last ad we just saw was promoting Shaw so maybe I just assumed this one would be promoting Klein so that could be it. I was expecting it to promote Klein.

Me too.

I was confused by it.

It focused too much on a Democrat and not enough on the actual candidate, who in this case, I guess would be Klein. It was a negative ad with no substance about either candidate. It didn't focus on the Republican who was making the ad or the candidate. It just said Democrats, Democrats.

Right.

Yes.

We want to know about the person, not the party. We know who the party is.

They showed three Democrats. One of them, I think a lot of people just look negatively at which is Kennedy and one Democrat that they showed people go either way with and that's [Clinton]. I think they were trying to show negative Democrats but they kind of mixed it up.

MODERATOR- DID THIS, ANY CONCERNS THAT YOU HAVE ABOUT DEMOCRATS, DID THIS REINFORCE THAT KLEIN WOULD BE THAT KIND OF A..?

This ad, aside from being confusing, it was too distracting. If they showed a picture of terrorists, I think about terrorists. When they showed Hillary Clinton I'm thinking about Hillary Clinton. I'm all over the place.

(Multiple people speaking at once).

MODERATOR- SO THE CONFUSION IS ABOUT THE PICTURES, NOT THE (INAUDIBLE) PART?

Exactly.

MODERATOR- THIS NEXT AD IS GOING TO BE AN AD THAT ATTACKS SOMEBODY NAMED JOHN [HOSTETTLER]. [HOSTETTLER] IS A REPUBLICAN LIKE SHAW. FOR THIS ONE I WANT YOU TO SUBSTITUTE [HOSTETTLER] FOR SHAW. (PLAYS AD). ANNA WHAT DID YOU GIVE IT?

Zero to one for Klein.

MODERATOR- MICHELLE?

Two Klein.

MODERATOR- SHERRIE?

[One] Klein.

One Klein.

Five Klein.

Three Klein.

Zero.

One Klein.

MODERATOR- MOST OF YOU MOVED IT TO SOME DEGREE TOWARDS KLEIN. WHY?

He doesn't support our troops. He may be against the war or for the war but you have to support the troops.

It sort of put him in a negative light as far as self-serving.

I thought the ad was really clear and concise. The information was presented in just the right order and then they had all of the documentation on the bottom where they cited where they got all of this information.

But they weren't flashing everything at you. It was laid out really nicely. It was a well done ad.

All you had to do is say he's not supporting the troops and that he gave himself a raise.

(Multiple people speaking at once).

It played on the sympathies that you would have for the American troops and their [families].

It's striking (inaudible) a lot of people.

This ad didn't get Klein's vote because of Klein, it just...

MODERATOR- HAD ANYONE HEARD ABOUT CONGRESS GETTING A PAY RAISE?

Yes.

I heard about it in the past but I can't tell you when.

Right.

But every day if it's not a commission it's a mayor. If it's not a mayor it's a governor. If it's not a governor it's President. Everybody's getting a raise for themselves. You don't see them giving it to us, the people. We're still dealing with minimum wage.

Or six-week vacations instead of one.

MODERATOR- TURN TO HANDOUT NUMBER TEN. WE'LL DO ONE MORE. I PROMISE YOU THIS IS THE LAST AD. IN THIS AD THERE'S GOING TO BE TWO PEOPLE'S NAMES. ONE IS NANCY JOHNSON WHO IS A REPUBLICAN AND THE

OTHER PERSON IS GOING TO BE CHRIS MURPHY WHO IS A DEMOCRAT. ON YOUR SCALE, JOHNSON IS SHAW AND MURPHY IS KLEIN. OKAY? (PLAYS AD). ANNA WHAT DID YOU GIVE IT?

Four for Shaw.

Zero.

Three for Shaw.

Five for Shaw.

Three for Klein.

Five for Shaw.

Four for Shaw.

Four for Shaw.

MODERATOR- FOURS AND FIVES FOR SHAW, WHY?

I think that the whole message that America against terrorism, I think a lot of people's perception is that we missed getting some of the, So many times in the past where we could have gotten them and it could have been because of this red tape issue. That's what struck me.

This was my best ad. The reason for that is basically because it was mutual. It was giving what I wanted. I wanted to know the issue, I wanted to know how one candidate felt, I wanted to know how the other candidate felt. Then let me make a decision on how I want to go with that, which one I favor. It's a very mutual ad. Either you're for one persons view or another persons view.

It brought across the message that Clinton and Kennedy and them, they're all pushing against wire-tapping. They're voting against it and it's very important. Maybe 9/11 wouldn't have happened if somebody were listening in.

I'm kind of on the other end of that, so. I believe that the judicial system has limitations for a purpose. I don't have anything to hide and I don't care of anybody tapped my phone, but I still think they shouldn't be able to do anything they want to do. That spoke to me that she was going to just let them just come up with their own set of rules, homeland security I assume. That's why I gave it a three for Klein.

MODERATOR- OTHERS THAT GAVE IT A POSITIVE FOR SHAW. WHAT IMAGES REALLY STOOD OUT FOR YOU AND MADE YOU GO THERE?

Again with me, it wasn't specifically an issue. It's more just the feel. It looked like it was the person that would act immediately without being your [weak link]. If there's a need to do something let's just do it and not talk about it.

Or, just tough on security. When a decision needs to be made it has to be done right then and there.

MODERATOR- YOU'VE NOW SEEN A FEW ADS ATTACKING DEMOCRATS ON SECURITY. YOU SAW THE OTHER AD ABOUT THE PAY RAISE OF THE REPUBLICAN, BUT HE VOTED AGAINST THE PAY RAISE FOR THE TROOPS. AFTER SEEING THIS BACK AND FORTH, WHAT DO YOU TAKE AWAY FROM WHERE THE REPUBLICANS AND THE DEMOCRATS ARE ON SECURITY? DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS ON SECURITY?

Yes.

Yes.

No.

No.

MODERATOR- THOSE OF YOU WHO SAY, "YES." WHY? THOSE OF YOU WHO SAY, "NO." WHY?

It appears that the Republicans are the decision-makers. Whereas, the Democrats go through a process. They're not decision-makers. They're more for discussing it. "Let's have a meeting about this." There's no meeting here! We have an issue. Make a decision!

I agree with that. I think that the people that we're dealing with, it's not like when we were dealing with other countries that thought the same way that we did and you could negotiate with. I think the people that we're dealing with now say whatever they want to say and do whatever they want to do. They'll sit there and lie at the negotiating table. They'll say, "Yes. You can come in and inspect us for weapons of mass destruction. Come in, in a month." Then they say, "Oh, no. I change my mind." You can deal with them the same way that you had to deal with them in the past. You need to have wire-tapping and other new ways to deal with the problem.

I personally don't think that the security issue has a party affiliation. I think that everybody wants to be secure, Democrat or Republican. I think that how it might differ is the way we go about it. I don't want to get back to McCarthy, McCarthyism. So much of what they do is an emotional thing for us. They're always appealing to our emotions and scaring us. It's almost a scare tactic and I don't want to be scared. I want to be rational. I want them to be rational too. I didn't let the emotional appeal get to me. They were showing [sphew, sphew] like this was a military thing, a movie they were showing us. I think Democrats want to be just as secure. They're riding the same airplanes we are.

MODERATOR- SHERRIE WHAT DO YOU THINK? DOES THIS MAKE YOU HOLD BACK FROM DEMOCRATS?

No. I think everybody wants the same thing. I agree with you. It's tough because I know the purpose of this is to just talk about the ads but that's the only place that I get my information when I vote. This gives me some information but then I'm going to want to go further and really find out more about which ever candidate...

I agree. This just gives me what I want to go and research more, What I want to look for more. If you're saying that this person is doing that, I want to go and look and see if that's, Where else does it say that? If this person is saying that about that person, what else is out there about it? To me, the ads won't make my decision.

MODERATOR- BUT DO THEY RAISE DOUBTS FOR YOU ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS?

No. I'm probably more in the middle.

MODERATOR- JOAN? HOW ABOUT YOU?

I believe that there are cells all over the world. I don't believe that wire-tapping, They'll listen on your conversation, or yours or yours. The FBI and our other forces have targets that they look at. They have to be, There has to be a cause for them to wire tap. I don't believe it's going to be McCarthyism again. We have to do something.

MODERATOR- DO THEIR ARGUMENTS HERE RAISE DOUBTS FOR YOU ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS?

Yes. They did. They did.

MODERATOR- ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR?

I don't think it should be an issue. I think it should be a government wide acceptance that everybody feels the same way and we don't want 9/11 to happen again. Look at what they're doing in the U.K. They picked those people up. Let's pick some of them up here. I live in Coral Springs. There are cells in Coral Springs. Listen in. You don't know. They could buy fertilizer and put a bomb together in a second. They could blow up the hospital. They could blow up the water plants.

MODERATOR- WE'VE SEEN THE REPUBLICAN ARGUMENTS AGAINST DEMOCRATS ON THE ISSUE. NOW WE'RE GOING TO READ SOME DEMOCRATIC STATEMENTS ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES. TURN TO HANDOUT ELEVEN. WE HAVE THE SAME SCALE AT THE BOTTOM. I'LL READ THIS OUT LOUD AND YOU GUYS FOLLOW ALONG. AFTER READING IT I WANT YOU TO MARK IT ON THE SCALE WHERE YOU WOULD FALL. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WRITE WHY THIS TIME. THE DEMOCRAT SAYS: FIVE YEARS AFTER 9/11, THE THREAT OF TERRORISM IS AS GREAT AS EVER. PRESIDENT BUSH HAS WEAKENED OUR SECURITY BY GETTING AMERICA BOGGED DOWN IN AN IRAQI CIVIL WAR AS WE SPEND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND LOSE THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN LIVES. WE NEED A NEW DIRECTION IN IRAQ AND (INAUDIBLE) MUST START HOLDING THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS MISMANAGEMENT OF THE IRAQ WAR, INCLUDING AN END TO OVERSPENDING AND NO BIG CONTRACTS FOR [HALBERG]. BEYOND IRAQ WE MUST DO A BETTER JOB WAGING THE WAR ON TERROR. THIS MEANS INVESTING TO MAKE AMERICAN ENERGY INDEPENDENT, IMPLEMENTING A 100% OF THE 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND REBUILDING OUR ALLIANCES WITH NATO AND OTHER ALLIES, WHOSE COOPERATION IS REQUIRED TO DEFEAT TERRORISM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. ANNA HOW DID YOU RATE THAT?

Four for Klein.

Five Klein.

Five Klein.

Four Klein.

Four Klein.

Five Klein.

Zero.

Four Klein.

MODERATOR- VERY STRONG FOR KLEIN. FOURS AND FIVES, WHY? WHAT IN THIS AD DO YOU TAKE AWAY?

That no bid [Halberg] contract. Cheney was the owner of [Halberg] or the President, so it's too close to home. Yes, I believe that Bush put us into the worst economic problems we've had in a long time over this war. Yes, it's going to be democratic over there until we leave and pull out and then the same old crap is going to go back there. These people have a culture.

MODERATOR- OTHERS, WHAT STOOD OUT FOR YOU?

I agree. I agree with what's in here. A new direction, hold people accountable, end over spending, energy.

I think that it is true that we're spread thin. We have troops everywhere. I believe that our alliances are weak. Our bonds with other NATO countries are weakened.

Doing a better job waging the war on terror.

MODERATOR- YOU THINK WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB THAN WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW?

We need a new direction for Iraq.

MODERATOR- MARY?

That money that's being spent in Iraq could be put to better use here where we already have people dying. We don't need to send people to this other world to kill them; our people.

MODERATOR- OVERALL, WHAT DOES THIS STATEMENT SAY ABOUT THE DEMOCRAT?

They want change.

They think exactly the way the people do. I think all of us in the room would agree with everything in that statement. They're giving us what we want. We want these things to change. If these were their ads on a consistent basis and they're true, I'd definitely vote for Klein.

MODERATOR- TURN TO HANDOUT TWELVE. WE'LL READ A SECOND STATEMENT BY DEMOCRATS ON NATIONAL SECURITY. THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE SAYS: WE NEED TO CHART A NEW COURSE IN IRAQ. OUR MILITARY HAS DONE ITS JOB IN IRAQ AND IT IS NOW TIME FOR IRAQI'S TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR OWN FUTURE. MY OPPONENT AND PRESIDENT AND BUSH OFFER NO STRATEGY TO END THE WAR AND ARE SENDING EVEN MORE TROOPS TO ENTER INTO THE WAR ZONE IN BAGHDAD. WITH OVER 2,500 AMERICANS DEAD AND \$3 BILLION A WEEK GOING TO A WAR THAT HAS NO END IN SIGHT, WE NEED A CHANGE IN POLICY. AMERICA MUST GET THE IRAQI POLITICIANS TO STOP DRAGGING THEIR FEET AND GIVE US A TIMETABLE FOR WHEN THEY WILL BE READY TO GOVERN THEMSELVES SO WE CAN BRING OUR TROOPS HOME. WE WON'T WITHDRAW PRECIPITOUSLY OR ALLOW TERROR (INAUDIBLE) TO SEIZE CONTROL, BUT I WILL DEMAND THAT IRAQ LIVES UP TO ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO THAT WE CAN BEGIN A PHASED WITHDRAWAL THROUGH THE U.S. ANNA WHAT DID YOU GIVE IT?

Two for Klein.

Four Klein.

Five Klein.

Five Klein.

Five Klein.

Five Klein.

Three for Klein.

Zero.

MODERATOR- OKAY. WHAT IN THIS MADE YOU GIVE IT A STRONG SCORE FOR KLEIN?

I gave it less than the other ad because it's too wordy and it's only focused on one area. I like the idea of bringing contracts. I like the idea of bringing the oil prices down.

MODERATOR- ON THIS ONE?

On this one alone? It's just too wordy. It emphasizes the same thing over and over again. It could have stayed much shorter.

MODERATOR- NANCY YOU GAVE THIS A THREE.

As opposed to, I know I gave a zero. On this one it didn't attack going to Iraq in the first place. It just said what we're going to do now. In the other one I agree with half and disagree with half, so I gave it a zero. In this one, I agreed with what they were saying because they didn't attack going to war in the first place. He said we had done our job in Iraq. Then he proceeded, He also wasn't going to come home too soon, but they were going to make a plan to get us out of there.

I just thought it was positive for Klein, I guess for a Democrat, because they need to make a change in policy. Bush offers no strategies to end the war. He keeps sending more troops.

For me, \$156 billion a year is all I had to read. Geez, that's a lot of money! It's a lot of money and there's so many people that can't even go to the hospital. They can't go to the doctor.

(Inaudible).

MODERATOR- OVERALL, WHAT DOES THAT STATEMENT MEAN? ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT GAVE IT A FOUR OR A FIVE? OVERALL, WHAT DOES IT SAY TO YOU ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE?

Bring them home. We've done what we've needed to do in Iraq. Let them govern themselves. It's time to come on home.

To me it says we don't disagree that, We don't disagree with everything that the Republican administration has done. But we need a change.

To me there's no negative in there. All of the other ones that spoke to this issue were negative, negative, negative. They were slamming you over the head. For me, so much so, that I couldn't hear a positive thing that they possibly had to say at the end because I tuned them out by that point. Here, they didn't start out with that and it was all positive of what they thought, what they wanted to do, so that made me listen.

MODERATOR- WHAT ABOUT THIS LINE THAT SAYS AMERICA MUST GET THE IRAQI POLITICIANS TO STOP DRAGGING THEIR FEET AND GIVE US A TIMETABLE FOR WHEN THEY WILL BE READY TO GOVERN THEMSELVES SO WE CAN BRING OUR TROOPS HOME?

I underlined that.

I like that a lot.

MODERATOR- WHY?

I liked it a lot because I think we're there to help them and make them be able to stand on their own two feet.

But they need to help themselves.

We don't want to be occupiers. That was the whole thing. We didn't want to occupy them. We were just going to give them a start. We've done that for a long time and I would like to see it go further quicker.

The last line, Iraq lives up to its responsibility to that we can begin a phased withdrawal through the U.S. Forces.

MODERATOR- DOES ANYONE THINK THAT THAT PUTS U.S. TROOPS IN THE HANDS OF THE IRAQI'S INSTEAD OF THE AMERICANS?

That's the one sentence in here that made me go, I don't know, Why are we going to sit and wait for them to say, "Okay, now we're ready." You have until now. Make it happen.

MODERATOR- DOES ANYBODY AGREE WITH MARY ON THAT?

Yes.

Absolutely. We make the decisions, not them. We're enabling them at this point.

Yes.

We're not helping them we're enabling them. Whenever you're ready we're ready.

I don't really like the wording "dragging their feet." I don't know why, I just don't really like it.

I was okay with it, the whole sentence.

MODERATOR- WHAT ABOUT WHAT MARY AND ANNA ARE SAYING? WHY WOULD YOU DISAGREE WITH THAT?

I think the "would have" "could have" may be better, but the main issue that it's speaking with is that we want them to be able to stand on their own two feet and we want to come home. That's what I focused on from that sentence. In hearing you guys talking about it. I do agree that we should decide not them when we come home. But just in reading that before you brought that to my attention, I didn't take that out of there.

Can I just say that I was the only one that said zero and I think that this is putting so much responsibility in the ball in Iraq's court. Everything we've seen is that these people cannot govern themselves. They're all out for themselves. So if we withdraw it'll just going to get worse there, but we won't be a part of it. I just think, looking at this, that we can't negotiate with these people. It's obvious. We're going to negotiate with them that it's okay for us to leave? Of course they're going to say, "Shut it down." I don't like it.

MODERATOR- OKAY. TURN TO HANDOUT NUMBER THIRTEEN. THIS ONE IS ABOUT WIRE-TAPPING. YOU SAW THE, WE TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WIRE-TAPPING AND WE SAW THE REPUBLICAN POSITION ON IT. THIS IS A DEMOCRATIC RESPONSE: THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE SAYS WE MUST USE EVERY TOOL AT OUR DISPOSAL TO PREVENT TERRORIST ATTACKS. COME TO THE UNITED STATES. I SUPPORT NEW LAWS THAT HELP US MONITOR, HUNT DOWN AND GET THE TERRORISTS BEFORE THEY GET US. THESE FALSE

REPUBLICAN ATTACKS DO NOTHING BUT TRY TO DIVIDE OUR COUNTRY FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AT AN ISSUE WHERE AMERICA IS UNITED. INSTEAD OF GOING BEYOND THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND WIRE-TAPPING WITHOUT WARRANTS, PRESIDENT BUSH AND VICE- PRESIDENT CHENEY SHOULD TURN TO CONGRESS TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO EXISTING LAWS SO WE CAN PROTECT OUR OWN CITIZENS IN THE WAR ON TERROR AND HOLD GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE AS THE FOUNDING FATHERS INTENDED. ANNA, WHAT DID YOU GIVE IT?

Zero.

MODERATOR- MICHELLE?

Zero.

Two Klein.

I gave it a five for Klein.

Five for Klein.

Four for Klein.

Three for Shaw.

Five for Klein.

MODERATOR- OKAY. LET'S START WITH THE FOURS AND FIVES FOR KLEIN. WHAT, WHY?

I think just seeing what they said in the last statement, holding government accountable. That's what the people want, to hold people accountable. Say what you're going to do and that's why I really like that.

I made a connection with, This isn't one issue we're all united on. We all want to be safe. I'm also on the side that there should be boundaries. The Constitution [Florida] that's a good word for it. I'm scared of the other alternative. They don't have authority, I'm going to have to seek authority. I have to worry about that.

MODERATOR- OKAY. WHO ELSE GAVE IT A FOUR OR FIVE? SHERRIE?

What in here stood out to you?

Well, (inaudible) get the terrorists before they get us. It's a sad world we live in but that's what it's come to.

MODERATOR- ANYBODY ELSE? WHAT DID YOU GIVE IT MICHELLE?

Zero.

MODERATOR- IS ANYONE ELSE POSITIVE FOR KLEIN?

Even though it looks like a little bit of mudslinging, that whole sentence in there about the false attacks, they're trying to divide the country. That is mudslinging somewhat, but it made me stop and go, "Okay. Yes. That happens so let's not do it again."

MODERATOR- OKAY. THE NO DIFFERENCE?

"Necessary changes" is a little vague for me. I don't know. There's just something about it that I guess I just don't like. I guess I don't like, I was going to say negativity. Not negativity as in they're necessarily trying to be negative, but I don't like negative tones.

MODERATOR- MANY OF YOU SAID THE REPUBLICAN ADS ON THE WIRE-TAPPING AND THEIR SECURITY ISSUES RAISE REAL DOUBTS FOR YOU ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS ON THIS ISSUE. DOES THIS REASSURE YOU AT ALL ON THE DEMOCRATS, ON THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO TO..?

It's kind of like a balancing act because on one hand you don't want them to just do anything and have no one they have to answer to. On the other hand if you're waiting to change the existing laws and all of this, you don't want to wait forever either. It's really hard to balance which is more, or should I say, how to do it.

I don't know if they're straightforward enough in what they want, or us actually supporting them.

MODERATOR- OKAY.

I went more for Shaw because the first part of it was sounding really good for Klein but then at the end I felt like it was too weak. It wasn't strong enough on homeland security. It was too weak.

It's kind of wordy.

MODERATOR- WE JUST HAVE ONE MORE THING. BEFORE WE GET TO THAT I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR COMING TONIGHT. I HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT. THE LAST EXERCISE IS HANDOUT NUMBER FOURTEEN. IT'S ABOUT CLAY SHAW OR RON KLEIN. IF YOU CAN CIRCLE WHO YOU WOULD VOTE FOR IF THE ELECTION WERE TODAY, AND YOU CAN'T SAY UNDECIDED, YOU HAVE TO SAY WHERE YOU'RE LEANING, WHICH WAY YOU WOULD GO. THEN WRITE UNDERNEATH AS MUCH AS YOU'D LIKE WHY YOU WOULD VOTE FOR THAT PERSON.

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