

## DCORP Transcripts

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(MODERATOR OVERVIEW)

(PARTICIPANTS' INTRODUCTIONS)

My name is Alberto and I live in the area, Anaheim, work in sales and in my free time I just go to the (inaudible).

I'm Bernardo, live in Anaheim and I go (inaudible).

I'm Clarissa, work for an adoption agency, and live in Santa Ana (inaudible).

My name is (inaudible) live in Orange, grew up in Santa Ana. I'll be finishing my with my BA this month. [I work in the mall.]

I'm Elena, live in Santa Ana. I like to go work on my car, a '56 Buick.

I'm Flor, live in Anaheim, currently work part-time, go to school full-time and have my daughter.

I'm Geraldo, I work for a marketing company.

I'm Humberto, live in Irvine, work a lot and I like to (inaudible).

I'm Isa, live in Garden Grove and I'm in the mortgage industry.

My name is Juana, live in Orange, and I'm also working in the mortgage industry.

MODERATOR -- THINKING GENERALLY ABOUT THE COUNTRY, ARE THINGS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR WRONG DIRECTION?

The economy, everything is going up. The prices of everything are going up.

The pay is not going up.

We've overpopulated.

Gas is ridiculous.

Yeah.

Yeah.

Housing costs in southern California and New York are just ridiculous.

The war. Too many of our people are getting killed out there. Too much money being put out.

Too many lives being lost.

It doesn't seem like we're making progress anymore. It seems pointless.

I don't believe that we're fighting our own war. it's not for us.

MODERATOR – SO YOU THINK WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THERE?

Get out, maybe support it in some other way but not with our own troops and so much of our money.

I support our troops. It's just that there's a lot here in the United States that we should be looking at and making better. And worry about ourselves first. We have a lot of people without homes, food, stuff like that. We should take care of our people first.

MODERATOR – WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT WE SHOULD ACCOMPLISH BEFORE WE GET OUT?

I think that they're actually working on structuring a government there. That should be their focus before they pull out. It seems like they're taking too long.

You go from one guy ruling the whole country and now you're trying to have some type of order. It is going to take awhile. But you're right, it's taking a really long time to do it and it's costing us a lot of money and lots of lives.

Is that what they really want? Can we force the people to have what they maybe don't want?

MODERATOR – SO WHAT DO WE DO FROM HERE? WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS?

I think we have so much of our own stuff here, that if we found a better and more efficient way to operate, we wouldn't have to even bother with what they give us.

I think he's right, as far as being more dependent on our own resources. If we don't have the resources here, maybe we can start figuring out ways to go from gasoline to (inaudible). We don't need the oil. We can go to. . .

Corn.

Corn. Please something.

MODERATOR – HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF HISPANICS GOING TO THE WAR IN IRAQ?

No.

No.

No.

It seems like it. It has seem like they run to the bad communities a lot to recruit them. In a lot of Hispanic communities, there isn't a lot there. So they give them the promises and choices, oh, look what we can do for your life. But they don't tell you the other side of it most of the time. Once they get in there, they're the majority that get sent out.

Everytime I see the news and they put on who's died over there, the majority that I've seen is Hispanic.

MODERATOR – HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

Like you said, when Hispanics feel like they can't get anywhere else, they're going to turn to that. What else are they going to turn to? A majority don't want to go to school or don't have the money to go to school. So they're going to go towards the Army or Navy, whatever helps them out.

Because it helps them find something to look forward to as far as an occupation for the future. Unfortunately, at the end, some of them will pay with their life. It kind of sucks.

That's understandable. You go in there and you're going to work and fight for your country, if you have to. But then when they get over there and start looking around and they really start wondering, why are they here, that's where the problem lies. And the big thing, I think, if I know correctly, if you enlist in the Armed Forces here, you automatically become a U.S. citizen or if you fight in a war or something like that.

I think it read that.

Yeah, something like that. So naturally, the big Hispanic boom, especially in Southern California, it's going to be there.

MODERATOR – SO WHAT ELSE? WHAT ELSE IS GOING WRONG IN THIS COUNTRY?

(Inaudible) wrong.

MODERATOR – YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S GOING RIGHT?

Well, education doesn't seem to be on the up. Where is the focus on what other countries focus on, math, English, arts? Everywhere you look, arts is going out of school. Math isn't being pushed when we need math statistically to really come up with better and more efficient ways to operate. You can't speak it. How are you going to do it?

I don't think that they pay teachers enough.

That's for sure.

I have a couple of friends that are teachers. The ones that are actually in it for the kids, they don't pay them nearly as much as some other professions that are ridiculously paid.

I don't think it's rewarded equally. For example, I have family that are teachers and those who are in mortgage and who bring home \$10,000-15,000/month and the teachers are bringing home \$3,000. Whereas the teachers has the much more profound effect on lives and the future, on our economy. I guess mortgage does have an effect on the economy because they're selling houses and making money off of it. A lot of it is beneficial for themselves.

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT HEALTHCARE?

It seems like every year they're taking 3% and 5% and adding it on, like to the elderly. At one point, they didn't have to pay for anything. Now their costs have gone up, especially for their prescriptions.

If they can even get insurance.

My grandmother pays \$80-100 a month for her prescriptions. That's for an older woman on fixed incomes. And there's no other money coming in, so where's the help from the government there for the elderly?

Yeah, insurance is ridiculously expensive. I work for myself. I pay so much money for insurance, it's ridiculous. I'm better off just saving some money and if I break a leg or something, it's a lot cheaper than the health insurance. But, unfortunately, my grandparents need medications and the price is ridiculous.

MODERATOR – WHO DO YOU BLAME FOR THE RISING COSTS? THE DRUG COMPANIES, THE INSURANCE COMPANIES?

It's a business. They're all in it together. They all know what they can make off each other.

They can also outsource the medicine because I hear that it's cheaper to get medicine in Mexico and Canada.

MODERATOR – ANYTHING ELSE NOT GOING RIGHT IN THE COUNTRY?

Immigration.

MODERATOR – WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT IMMIGRATION LATELY?

The focus on that border of Mexico versus the Canadian border or the Asian countries. I think it causes a lot of inequality on the current residents here, legal or illegal. There's a lot more discrimination. Like the city of Costa Mesa, if you see a Hispanic looking person, a police officer can pull them over. It's discrimination.

MODERATOR – DOES ANYONE AGREE WITH THAT?

Yeah.

Sure. Especially in Costa Mesa, that's ridiculous. I work up there. I know some of the employees that I have in my store, they've already been harassed. They didn't want to come outside what the protests started because cops are just swarming all over.

Unfortunately, it's a lost cause as far as immigration goes. If you think about it, unless we build 100 foot walls, people will still come in. Take, for example, yourself. You're trying to better yourself and your family. Most of these people are trying to better their family. You will do pretty much anything and you will find a way to get to a better situation. A lot of these people come from TJ or wherever to the United States and they look at it, if I work, I can get money. If I can get money, I can do this. people will strive for anything to better their lives and themselves and their families.

I've seen an E-mail being passed around the past couple of weeks. It's been primarily targeting Mexicans. Mexicans always work for the money. At every corner, you probably see Mexicans selling flowers or something. But you don't see them with them holding a can out and asking for money because they're always working.

MODERATOR – WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT IMMIGRATION LATER. I'M GOING TO DO SOME NAME ASSOCIATIONS NOW. SAY THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO YOUR MIND. FIRST NAME, ALBERTO GONZALEZ.

Don't know who it is.

Who is it?

I don't know.

I don't know him.

Don't know.

MODERATOR – IT'S OKAY. HE'S THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, BUT WE'RE GOING TO SKIP TO THE NEXT ONE. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER.

Dud.

Puppet.

Disappointment.

MODERATOR – WHY?

I don't know. Maybe the whole image of him in the movies kind of. . .that's kind of your idea of what he would do. In reality, he still has to go in there and deal with a team that may or may not agree with him. Then if he can't get it passed, (inaudible) when he probably couldn't do anymore than Gray Davis in the first place. He just had a different team. But now he has more of the overall government backing him because he's a Republican. But what has really happened?

He made too many promises that he couldn't keep.

I liked him when he was doing movies. But as far as running the state, I don't think he knew what he was getting himself into. When it comes to running a state with millions of people, that's a different story. It's not like a company or a business for yourself. You're working for the lives of millions of individual people where anything that you say and do affects millions. I don't think that he was ready for that. And now he can't back down because he's afraid.

The same thing. He just wasn't qualified. I think his wife is really into politics in her family. So I think that has a lot to do with it. Maybe she thought that as a female she couldn't step into that position, but she put her husband there and was kind of a backdrop for him.

MODERATOR – SO THAT'S WHY YOU SAID THAT HE'S A PUPPET?

I said that because I don't think he's qualified to do the job. it takes so much schooling and understanding of the issues, just government issues. It's so vast. And he spent the majority of the time in acting, not that that's a bad thing, but it doesn't qualify you to run the state. Then you have to depend upon other people. So that's why I said that.

People who are in government or become President usually start out at a very young age and go through their whole life in politics. Going from acting to running a state is ridiculous.

Reagan did it. You can't really knock him for that.

He won a popularity contest.

He definitely wasn't the most qualified during the special election.

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT HILLARY CLINTON?

She's a smart lady.

She's very smart.

I like her.

She's serving the country.

Smart in so many ways. I think the biggest one was, still even though she may still hate his guts, was still supporting her husband in the public view. Because then later on, she became a senator. That's something. Who knows what's going to happen next election?

Why don't we put her in Iraq and let her run over there?

[Laughter.]

MODERATOR – YOU THINK SHE WOULD DO A GOOD JOB?

I think she would do an awesome job.

MODERATOR – REALLY?

Yeah.

MODERATOR – ANY OTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT HILLARY?

I think she just rode on the coattails of her husband to get into the political arena, to get recognized instead of (inaudible).

MODERATOR – ANTONIO VILLAGAIROSA.

The mayor of Los Angeles.

I don't live in LA.

I see him in the pictures.

He looks promising, I think.

MODERATOR – WHY DOES HE LOOK PROMISING?

Because he's already, out of say 10% of the (inaudible) with 3% or 4%. That's more than anyone else has.

MODERATOR – ANY OTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT HIM?

I think it might help if we knew more about what he actually is doing because you just don't hear enough about him. If he's doing a lot of positive things, you don't hear about it until election time. Where is it instead of all the deaths that we have, where are the things that he might be doing to decrease those by violence or something like that?

I think he's working on the immigration policies.

MODERATOR – WHAT IS HE SAYING ABOUT THAT?

He's on the side of the immigrants. He's trying to fight for them.

MODERATOR – OKAY. NEXT ONE. PETE WILSON.

He's the old governor.

That was before my working and voting time. So I didn't know him too much. I don't remember much about him.

Did he put us in the deficit of like \$4.0 billion or something like that?

I don't know him.

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

No.

That's touchy.

MODERATOR – WHAT'S THE FIRST WORD THAT COMES TO MIND?

Bureaucracy.

Molestation.

Come out for everything.

I just think that the Church is being pushed out of schools, out of cities, out of town. The Church is no longer alive, I think.

MODERATOR – DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT? IS IT GOOD OR BAD?

Well, it worked for us 100 years ago. So now we have a lot of the violence. I think it's because we're pushing all this stuff away from our kids and pushing towards everybody has the rights and so. . .

That just depends on how you were raised, too.

Yeah.

Because even though I didn't learn about God and Church in school, I learned about it at home.

But sometimes at home, the mom and dad works 2 or 3 jobs, so you're not really pushed upon any sort of religion. In school, you're actually taught principles and taught about the commandments and things like that.

I think it should be taught in a Catholic School, and not everybody believes in that.

Right.

I don't ever recall being pressured into some kind of religion in school. It was always an option.

MODERATOR – LAST ONE. DUKE CUNNINGHAM. ANYONE KNOW WHO HE IS? NO? OKAY. HOW ABOUT THE CONGRESS? YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT THAT. ELENA?

Not really.

MODERATOR – NO? ANYONE ELSE?

Slow to move. With having Congress in government, there's always going to be a slower process than just people getting up and doing something. There's all these votes and deliberations. They move far too slow.

It seems like they also try to benefit themselves. They'll do what they can to benefit themselves.

They're supposed to be the voice of the people.

Corruption.

Once again, big business. Big business runs America. Most of those politicians have connections to big business. It's all people in the 1 and 2 percentile that run America and that's it. So who are they representing? They're not for the people anymore. They're for themselves. The money's staying within the money.

MODERATOR – HOW DOES CORRUPTION AFFECT YOU PERSONALLY?

Every time I hear about the Congress, it's always like drunk driving, or they're going out and they have a four martini at lunch and they're coming back drunk. What are they doing? What are they getting paid for?

I think media is very single-sided. They let us see what they want us to see.

That's true.

Yeah.

It's all about ratings.

What's make good TV.

MODERATOR -- IS THE CURRENT CONGRESS WORSE THAN IN TIMES PAST OR IS THIS JUST POLITICS AS USUAL?

It's worse now. I think that people think it's worse because nobody heard about it before.

Just as always. Some people are finally starting to say something about it.

MODERATOR -- HOW DOES THIS CORRUPTION IN CONGRESS IMPACT YOU? YOU MENTIONED THAT IT MAKES POLITICIANS RESPOND TO SPECIAL CONSTITUENCIES. ANY OTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT THAT?

We're in so much debt. We're going to have to pay more taxes. They're going to tax us for it. The tax on oil could go up and that could come out of our pocket, too.

It will. It does.

I think it's just demoralizing. Why vote? Why should I vote for this guy? He's just going to be like everybody else? You don't know anymore what's going to happen.

Or like that voting discrepancy in Florida.

Yeah.

[Laughter.]

MODERATOR – DO YOU SEE ONE PARTY AS MORE OR LESS CORRUPT?

Each of them's got their own deal. It boils down to money. Money pretty much runs everything, unfortunately. You can have good people that are trying to change the world. But unfortunately, if you don't have money or a big bank account to back it up, you're not going to go anywhere.

You have no voice.

Everybody's corrupt.

MODERATOR – LAST NAME I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS GEORGE W. BUSH. WE'RE GOING TO WRITE IT DOWN BEFORE WE TALK ABOUT IT. ON THE FIRST PAGE, WRITE DOWN WHAT GOOD THINGS COME TO MIND ABOUT BUSH AND ON THE SECOND PAGE, WHAT ARE THE NEGATIVE THINGS THAT COME TO MIND? SO WHAT POSITIVE THINGS DID YOU WRITE DOWN?

I think that he's done a good job at creating community. But at the same time, he's done it in a way where we point at another group, making them look bad and make America (inaudible) come together. So in a sense, it's good because we have more pride in our country. But at the same time, we're looking down on other countries.

I don't have anything.

He makes funny remarks for calendars and jokes. Whether his decision is right or wrong, he at least sticks by them (inaudible). He doesn't back down from them. I guess that's admirable in some ways. But you do need to know when you're wrong and admit it sometimes.

He's a family man and he's Christian or religious. I always think that everything starts at home. So when you're raising your kids, it's all going to start at home, what kind of people they're going to turn out to be.

I think he wants to help people, it's just that he really doesn't know how. He listens to a lot of people that aren't necessarily good that are around him. And he makes some pretty bad choices and doesn't know how to talk to the public. It's like he gets scared. He knows it's not what he thought of so it's like when you try to do something and you go off what you think other people would do. But then when crap hits the fan, you're trying to look for answers and those people are just kept their mouth shut because now the

camera's on you because you made that decision. And unfortunately, that's why he stutters a lot when he makes speeches. He just looks like an idiot.

MODERATOR – WHAT ELSE DID YOU LIKE?

I think he's being semi-reasonable with the immigration issue. The last speech that he made, because he's from Texas, they have a lot of illegal workers there. He's pushing not to, like hate crimes not to happen and stuff. I like where he's going with it but at the same time, I don't know if he can follow through and actually make something positive or some sort of agreement.

MODERATOR -- WHAT DOUBTS DO YOU HAVE? WHAT WORRIES YOU ABOUT HIM?

(Inaudible) if I tried to speak good about him, and everybody here hates him, you're kind of different. So I think that the majority of what he says, you know.

Same along with those guys. His intelligence level is always a question because of the way he stutters. And because of the things he says that don't make any sense. His lack of understanding of what is actually going on. It makes him easy to influence by others who are around him because they obviously know what's going on or else they wouldn't be part of the cabinet. But they're also shaping what he's trying to say and what he's trying to do. Yeah, he might have great intentions because he's trying to unify some things. Unfortunately, at the expense of others. But it just seems like he's their puppet. He's only in office as the face to take the fall when they go down and where are these people going to be? So it's a question of intelligence and understanding.

I think he's too biased at times like with abortion rights and same sex marriage. I know he comes from a Christian background and that everybody in this country follows his beliefs. So to impose his beliefs on everyone in the country, making it law, I think it's too biased. But he's a Republican, so what else did you expect? He's not going to be liberal on these issues.

I just think he did good by sticking up for the people that died on 9-11, but I don't think that he saw whoever, or that his people really saw what would be the outcome of everything.

MODERATOR – SO DO YOU THINK HE'S WEAKER OR STRONGER THAN WHEN HE WAS ELECTED NOW?

Weaker.

Weaker.

Weaker.

MODERATOR – WHY DO YOU SAY THAT, ELENA?

A lot of people don't agree with the war. He just went out there and did it. It seems like he doesn't really have a plan.

I think he moved too quickly. A small part of me thinks that he wanted his father to look at him and say, look, my son is following in my footsteps. I think since he is so family-oriented that he wanted to make his father proud. But when it came down to it, I think it was just a little too much for him. As far as the war goes, I believe that we should go after the people that did this. Some friends tell me that you can't think like that. But an eye for an eye, and I know that that doesn't really solve anything. But if you start not doing anything about it, other countries or other organizations are just going to look at you as a weakling and they're going to try and attack you even more. But if I was President, I would have just held my guns and done some more investigating and try to find out exactly who did what. Just took your time with it. I know that the whole country wanted it. It was like, we've got to get back at those people that did this to us. I can't even imagine losing a loved one on something like that. I've thought of it and it's like, I'd be outraged.

MODERATOR -- NOW I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT AN ISSUE THAT SOME OF YOU MENTIONED AND HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS A LOT LATELY – ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CURRENT DEBATE ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION? WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD? WHO'S SAID WHAT?

I haven't followed up as to why it's become such a huge nation-wide deal. I know it's been a big deal since I've been a kid. They've been talking about it. The whole work program and all that stuff. I'm not really into it. I think it's a good idea, depending on how it works. But like these people are trying to get something here for themselves and for their families. With that, it really shouldn't be a debate. Help them out. the point is we are in another country that is 20,000 miles away, versus Mexico that is right below us who have such a struggling economy for so long. If we build them up and make them better, they're more of an asset to us because they're right next to us. Canada is an ally to us. Why are they an ally and why is Mexico not? Mexico has so many resources that we already use. Why don't we build up that country and try to overrule this other?

I think that's a great point. I hear about all these drops that our U.S. troops do in Africa, Indonesia, India. But I never hear anything in Mexico or in South America. Mexico is the closest country besides Canada, so it makes no sense. When it comes down to war, they're the closest people. The people that you could pull on, like Canada and so. . .

Why are we in Iraq and stuff? We should let them do their own thing. Yeah, it would be nice to help Mexico and all those other countries but then again, that's our hand dipping into other things. We should worry about ourselves.

MODERATOR – GOING BACK TO IMMIGRATION. WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT IT?

The work program that you're talking about. at first I thought it was good. But then I found about more about it. they come over, work for three years and send them back. How does that benefit them? I know how we benefit from them as an economy with the gardener who's cut the grass for the past 3 years. But how do they benefit?

But it would benefit him if he was coming from a place where he had no job.

For 3 years though, and go back to the same conditions?

But then he's sending money back.

I see the short-term for them. If they continue in our economy, okay, your time's up, send you son back. That's unfair. That's selfish. What kind of a country are we?

So would you rather that they don't do it at all?

No, I say that the way Asian countries come over with Visas and stuff, it's kind of the same thing. But they're here for longer. They're able to come in and get jobs as engineers because they have an opportunity and more resources. Whereas Mexican people, they're not providing the education for them to come over. They just want the cheap labor. I think that there needs to be some sort of program for the immigrants that are here first before they start saying, all the immigrants here need to go back to Mexico and then we'll bring you back and rotate you out. It's treating people like machines.

What kind of family are you going to build up in 3 years? Financially, yeah, you may have more than when you came but it also cost a hell of a lot more to live here than it does in Mexico.

**MODERATOR – DO YOU THINK ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS A PROBLEM HERE IN THE U.S. TODAY?**

It affects us all.

Yes.

Yes.

**MODERATOR – HOW DOES IT AFFECT US?**

It affects us as far as my taxes. I pay a lot in taxes and it goes to the people, whether it be Mexican, Asian, you name it, that are on welfare. It goes to people that don't want to be better. They're just like, if I can get money for this and I don't have to do anything, I can just kick back and relax and just get the minimum, I'm fine with that. Well, we pay for it. I'm paying for 100,000's of kids. you are all paying for 100,000's of kids. Yeah, it sucks. It's not the kids' fault. It's the parents'. It's the immigrants that come in.

I guess it's just easier to say, you don't belong here and we don't want to waste money on you. it's unfair to point out one group because they're trying to make it. They're trying to get their citizenship, but the requirements are so hard now. they don't have it like they did in the 50's and the 60's to get it. It's harder. So if they work on that. . .

**MODERATOR – WHO DO YOU THINK IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE?**

We didn't do anything about it before, now it's so overwhelming.

It's out of control. Like a wild fire.

I think our own country is responsible because there was a bill passed at the end of the 60's that was a work program and they opened the borders. They let so many Mexicans

over illegally. It was just crazy. It was like applications being filled out left and right to get your citizenship. And the so-and-so told so-and-so back in Mexico and here they all come. Oh, they opened the borders. Here they all come. Well, that state of mind didn't change.

MODERATOR – HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATIONS?

Today on MSNBC.com, there was an article about the border patrol playing a game and killing Mexican immigrants. As a game.

That's been happening for years.

MODERATOR – SO GOING BACK TO THE DEMONSTRATIONS, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?

There's a big walkout coming on Monday, both here and in Mexico. Over there, they're telling everybody not to purchase U.S. products at all. Here, they're telling everybody not to use their car, not to use public transportation, not to buy anything, not to go to work.

(Many speaking at once).

MODERATOR – WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?

I think it's unfair because the kids get a free pass out of school.

Yeah, those kids are just doing it to get out of school. I don't know about the grown-ups.

I have a (inaudible) sister and she thought it was cool. We're Mexican. It was so dumb. She came home and my mom and I were so angry. She said, I'm doing it for the rights of my people.

MODERATOR – WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT THE USE OF THE MEXICAN FLAG?

I don't think that they know what they're representing. All they're doing is representing their culture and their heritage. They need to be educated on the culture and the country that they live in and why they're here. their parents don't know so they can't teach.

I think that big thing, especially with the walkouts, they're using it, oh, I'm going to walkout, get a free day off. A free day off, nothing. You're not getting paid. You're not getting an education. If you're going to walk out, don't walk out and hang out at McDonald's. Grab a picket sign and walk in the parking lot. The flag thing, when you have so many people in the county you live in waving another country's flag, that's when it becomes a problem. No one's trying to take the Mexican culture away from Mexicans. Learn your culture, for sure, but also learn how to live in the country you're living in.

I agree. Most of these kids walking out of school, they're just going to get in trouble anyway. It's not going to help them at all because they're going to get arrested or start problems.

When we were all young, we were all over it. They're going to do the same thing. As far as the Mexican flag goes, why aren't they walking around with the American flag? They

should be representing something that's bettering their families. They live here. Why not represent it? Say I love this country. This country does a lot for me and my family.

MODERATOR -- AS YOU KNOW, CONGRESS IS DISCUSSING PROPOSALS TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. BELOW ARE SOME PROPOSALS UNDER CONSIDERATION. READ THROUGH THE LIST AND PUT A STAR NEXT TO THE TWO PROPOSALS THAT YOU LIKE THE MOST, AND PUT AN X NEXT TO THE TWO PROPOSALS THAT CONCERN YOU THE MOST.

- a. PROVIDE MORE FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL BORDER CONTROL, INCLUDING 10,000 NEW PATROL AGENTS ON OUR BORDERS
- b. BUILD A 700-MILE LONG FENCE ALONG THE U.S.-MEXICAN BORDER
- c. REQUIRE IMMIGRANTS TO LEARN ENGLISH AND BASICS ABOUT AMERICAN CULTURE AND GOVERNMENT BEFORE BECOMING U.S. CITIZENS
- d. ESTABLISH A GUEST WORKER PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS IMMIGRANTS TO WORK IN THE U.S. AND OFFERS THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP IF THEY PAY FINES AND BACK TAXES
- e. ESTABLISH A GUEST WORKER PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS IMMIGRANTS TO WORK IN THE U.S. FOR A SET PERIOD OF TIME AND THEN REQUIRES THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY
- f. IMPOSE MAJOR FINANCIAL PENALTIES ON EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS
- g. DEPORT ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND ALLOW THEM TO RETURN AS GUEST WORKERS
- h. MAKE IT A CRIME FOR SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS, REFUGEE AGENCIES, CHURCHES, AND LEGAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS
- i. REFUSE DRIVER'S LICENSES TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

MODERATOR – OKAY. ARE YOU READY? HOW MANY STARS FOR:

A – 1  
 B – 0  
 C – 7  
 D – 6  
 E – 2  
 F – 2  
 G – 0  
 H – 0  
 I – 1

HOW MANY X'S?

A – 3  
 B – 5  
 C – 0  
 D – 1  
 E – 2  
 F – 0  
 G – 3  
 H – 3

I – 3

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE STARS. THIS ONE HAD 7 STARS., REQUIRE IMMIGRANTS TO LEARN ENGLISH AND BASICS ABOUT AMERICAN CULTURE AND GOVERNMENT BEFORE BECOMING U.S. CITIZENS. WHY DID YOU GUYS LIKE THAT ONE?

I think that they should learn English. If you're going to live somewhere, you should be able to communicate with everybody that lives here. I work in construction. If I didn't know Spanish, it would be really hard for me to communicate with a lot of the workers. . . .  
**.(END OF SIDE A/BEGINNING OF SIDE B).** . . well, I don't understand it. if you learn English, it will help you so much.

Teaching more immigrants English would get them out of a subculture because that's why they don't know English. They operate in a subculture where they can get away with not learning English. If you required English, you would take away form some of these subcultures which has its business, as well.

MODERATOR – SO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ONE YOU LIKED THE MOST IS, ESTABLISH A GUEST WORKER PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS IMMIGRANTS TO WORK IN THE U.S. AND OFFERS THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP IF THEY PAY FINES AND BACK TAXES. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THAT?

Give them a chance.

They're scared that someone is trying to catch me.

Can you imagine trying to pay back taxes?

It makes it more appealing for the American citizens. They would love to hear about this than the current policy is in place. This makes Americans happy to hear that.

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT YOURSELVES, WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THAT PROPOSAL?

It shows that you're serious, that you're here to do your part for the country that you want to be a part of.

Yeah, if you're willing to put in the effort. . .

I agree.

Even though it could take awhile, it shows that they're working to follow the rules and the guidelines to become U.S. citizens.

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT THE ONE YOU LIKED THE LEAST? BUILD A 700-MILE LONG FENCE ALONG THE U.S.-MEXICAN BORDER. WHY DON'T YOU LIKE THAT?

(Many speaking at once).

It's a waste of time.

It's time for it to be knocked down.

(Many speaking at once).

That's a good point.

The immigrants will find a way over if they want to come over.

Yeah, especially a fence. They're going through walls and corners. A fence is just throwing money away.

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT, MAKE IT A CRIME FOR SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS, REFUGEE AGENCIES, CHURCHES, AND LEGAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS? MANY OF YOU DIDN'T LIKE THAT?

I don't think you should make it a crime, but maybe fines or something like that.

Churches are looking to better mankind and to actually make it a crime for being generous and kind-hearted, that's ridiculous.

MODERATOR – OKAY. HOW ABOUT, REFUSING DRIVER'S LICENSES TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS?

They'll find it some where.

I was 16 and I went down and got a fake ID and got into a bar. So that's easy.

MODERATOR – SOMEBODY LIKED THAT PROPOSAL. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU LIKED ABOUT IT?

A driver's license is a privilege and it's a pinledge for people in this country and when you're 16, and we need to communicate that to our kids all the time. So if it's a privilege, like giving them to people who don't have a legal right to here and we're saying, yeah, you can have the driver's license, that diminishes the value of what that means.

MODERATOR – OKAY.

But then again, what would happen if you gave somebody a driver's license but then they had no insurance?

But you're running into the same problem.

MODERATOR – OKAY. WHICH POLITICAL PARTY DO YOU THINK DOES A BETTER JOB HANDLING THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ISSUE? AND WHY?

I was going to say Democratic because they're usually involved with social services. Honestly the Republican party hasn't done a bad job. When I was looking at Bush's statistics when he was the Texas governor, he did a pretty good job as far as

immigration goes. He does try to use our allies. He realizes that the immigrants who come here can be of value. They can work side-by-side with us.

MODERATOR – ANY OTHER THOUGHTS ON WHICH POLITICAL PARTY DO YOU THINK DOES A BETTER JOB HANDLING THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ISSUE? HAS ANYBODY CHANGED THEIR VIEWS ABOUT THE POLITICAL PARTY BASED ON SOME OF THE RESPONSES TO THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE? HAS THIS AFFECTED YOUR OPINION?

When Clinton was in office, he would pick up a black kid and kiss them. With Bush, it's like ahh. To me, it seems like the Republicans are trying to step it up and a lot of people are looking at it. I'm thinking two things. The Republicans are like, let's better ourselves on this topic because we'll get more votes when it comes time.

MODERATOR – HAS ANYBODY HEARD ABOUT THE SAN BERNARDINO BALLOT MEASURE?

No.

What is it?

MODERATOR – OKAY, NO WORRIES. NOW LET'S TALK IN GREATER DETAIL ABOUT THE TWO PARTIES, THE REPUBLICANS AND THE DEMOCRATS. FIRST, WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS. WHEN THINKING POSITIVELY ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS, WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS?

They're more open-minded on issues like abortion and immigration.

They're progressive, trying to move things forward. Make things better for all people.

They're neutral. It seems like they listen to everything first and then they act on it. They're more willing to work with everybody instead of just acting like zombies and sticking with one thing and just go for that thing.

When I think Democrat, I think working people, and that's me. Anything that could benefit my situation, I'm for.

MODERATOR – WHAT DO THE DEMOCRATS GET WRONG?

Too laid back. So in a way, it's a oxymoron but it seems like they're too laid back.

I think sometimes they're too indecisive because they want to please so many people. Sometimes they don't stick to an issue and they either fall back on it or they're in the middle too much. They need to sometimes take over.

MODERATOR – WHAT ELSE? WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS ON SECURITY AND DEFENSE ISSUES?

Democrats and Republicans should be working together when it comes to security for our country.

Yes.

Right.

Yeah.

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT VALUES?

I think it's the beholder how Democrat values are, for the Catholic, they don't have values. But from someone that's more liberal or maybe kind of practicing their own kind of religion, then they (inaudible – many speaking at once.)

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT YOURSELVES HERE AT THIS TABLE? WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT DEMOCRATS AND THEIR POSITIONS AND VALUES?

I think that they value humankind. I think that their ultimate values are to benefit us, as people, not as Christians, not as Catholics, but as people.

I think sometimes it can work against you because sometimes they're so open-minded.

MODERATOR -- WHEN THINKING POSITIVELY ABOUT THE REPUBLICANS, WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE REPUBLICANS?

There's a moral fabric that they're trying to sustain.

That's what our country was founded, good morals.

MODERATOR – TELL ME MORE ABOUT THAT.

I think it's just a character. Just the idea that the country was founded on them. That there was a difference between right and wrong.

If you do wrong, you get punished. If you do right, you get rewarded for it.

MODERATOR -- WHAT DO YOU THINK THE REPUBLICANS GET WRONG? WHAT HOLDS YOU BACK FROM SUPPORTING THE REPUBLICANS?

Money. I know it happens in the Democratic party, too. Because it's all about the wealthy people. Their money stays within themselves. The Republicans take their communities and say, I'm going to teach my son and my neighbor's son how to make money and have it come back to them and their family. The Democrats don't do enough of that. They're not trying to expand that money within the communities to build up that community.

I agree.

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT CORRUPTION?

When it comes to the Republican party, all I can really think of is because the Democrats were in office for 8 years, it's a big deal. It's who takes over the big things when it comes

to our country. Look at who it is. It's Republican-backed businesses. I'm going to pick this guy because he has so much money. Then he's going to take over this organization.

MODERATOR -- I KNOW IT'S A LONG WAY OFF, BUT THERE WILL BE ELECTIONS FOR CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. WHEN YOU EVALUATE THE CANDIDATES IN YOUR DISTRICT AND DECIDE HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTE, WILL YOU BE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WILL BASICALLY TAKE THE COUNTRY AND THE CONGRESS IN THE SAME DIRECTION WE ARE CURRENTLY HEADING, OR WILL YOU BE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO REPRESENTS A CHANGE FROM THE CURRENT DIRECTION?

It depends on the type of change. You don't always need a change. Maybe you just need to look at what you have and improve it.

Exactly.

They might say that they're going to change, but are they really going to change? I don't know if I believe them.

MODERATOR – WHAT KIND OF CHANGE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? IF YOU ARE GOING TO VOTE FOR CHANGE, WHAT SPECIFICALLY ARE YOU VOTING FOR?

Healthcare and education.

MODERATOR – WHAT EXACTLY ABOUT HEALTHCARE?

It's not about the advertising of the drug, because when you're at the counter, they give you the generic.

The war and Social Security.

MODERATOR – DO I HEAR MORE VOICES FOR THE WAR? WHAT ABOUT THE WAR?

They're putting billions and billions of dollars into this nanotechnology. You haven't see it in use. The robots go out there and fight the war. They keep talking about it, but you don't see it out there. And we see all these people dying.

MODERATOR – IN THINKING ABOUT CANDIDATES, WHAT CANDIDATE ARE YOU GOING TO PICK? SOMEONE THAT TELLS YOU WHAT ON THE WAR?

Somebody that's going to come and not make a drastic change, but someone who's going to lead us in a direction and clean up the mess and not promise too much either. Because someone who promises too much takes at least 40 years to come in and change everything around.

So who's really thought about the issues and put their mind and their heart into it.

I think a big thing is that you've got to see someone who's done their work and you can see what they've done. Prove yourself beforehand, before you get there. Show us what you've been doing.

Education, I think that's important.

MODERATOR – WHAT EXACTLY ON EDUCATION?

Right now, I think it's for one of the, it's coming up, the pre-school program for all incomes, not just low income. I think that's so crucial. The first five years are so crucial.

Definitely education.

I had that problem. I work part-time. I haven't worked for the past two years just concentrating on school. But they told me I make too much to qualify for the existing programs.

MODERATOR – NOW I'D LIKE TO TALK IN MORE DETAIL ABOUT SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING THE COUNTRY THAT WILL BE TALKED ABOUT IN THIS ELECTION. FLIP TO HANDOUT #4. WE'LL READ A BRIEF STATEMENT FROM TWO CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES, ONE DEMOCRAT AND ONE REPUBLICAN, ON EACH ISSUE. REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU PLAN TO VOTE, PLEASE TELL ME WHICH STATEMENT COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OPINION.

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SAYS, WE NEED TO REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL BY DRILLING FOR OIL IN OUR OWN COUNTRY WHILE INVESTING IN NEW ENERGY SOURCES LIKE ETHANOL AND HYDROGEN FUEL CELLS. I SUPPORT PRESIDENT BUSH'S GOAL OF REPLACING MORE THAN 75% OF OUR OIL IMPORTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST BY 2025. THE SOONER WE CAN ACHIEVE TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGHS, THE BETTER OFF OUR COUNTRY WILL BE.

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE SAYS, WITH RISING GAS PRICES AND OIL COMPANIES POSTING OBSCENE PROFITS, WE NEED A NEW ENERGY POLICY THAT MOVES AWAY FROM PRESIDENT BUSH'S FAILED POLICIES AND RHETORIC. INSTEAD OF GIVEAWAYS TO BIG OIL, WE ESTABLISH A WINDFALL PROFITS TAX ON OIL COMPANIES AND USE THE MONEY TO INVEST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES LIKE WIND AND SOLAR POWER.

WHO'S FOR THE REPUBLICAN STATEMENT? NINE. FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE? ONE. LET'S START WITH THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE. WHY ARE YOU FOR THAT ONE?

I like the fact that they want to replace import oil from the Middle East and be more dependent on our own resources.

The second one says that we're going to look for it.

MODERATOR – LET'S STICK WITH THE FIRST ONE FIRST. WHAT ELSE DID YOU LIKE ABOUT THE FIRST ONE?

It pushes technological breakthroughs to achieve that success. The more we can focus on us and keep it here, the more we can move and get out of using oil from the Middle East.

It would let us wipe our hands clean of the Middle East.

We shouldn't have to depend on other countries, because no body wants to depend on theirs. People get greedy when they have access to oil in their background. We should try to find an alternative.

By 2025, 75% of our. . . that's a goal set.

It's a goal.

If you don't reach it, you're still going for it.

MODERATOR – WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC STATEMENTS?

Instead of working with them, it's just battling them. Regardless of whether you like it or now, we're a team.

MODERATOR – THOSE WHO LIKED THE DEMOCRATIC STATEMENT. . .

I liked it.

MODERATOR – WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT IT?

That we were looking to find a new energy policy. I don't know about President Bush's ideas. I don't trust him. I don't think that he's done much for us at all. So I'll do anything the opposite of him.

MODERATOR – WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE OIL COMPANIES' PROFITS?

I already think it's high.

They shouldn't have obscene profits. If you're going to start taxing, give them incentives to create better energy sources.

If you tax them more, we pay more. Why not put a limit? I think that they're making too ridiculous of a profit.

I think that they have to start thinking outside the box.

MODERATOR – SO YOU LIKE THE IDEA OF. . .

Well, policies came in and washed that out.

MODERATOR – SO YOU LIKE THE IDEA OF REPLACING OIL?

Yeah.

MODERATOR -- LET'S GO TO HANDOUT #5.

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SAYS, AMERICA'S CORE VALUES ARE BEING UNDERMINED BY A LIBERAL MEDIA AND A PERMISSIVE CULTURE THAT REJECTS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY AND THE ROLE OF THE ROLE OF FAITH IN OUR HISTORY AND OUR PUBLIC LIFE. WE MUST DEFEND THE MORAL FOUNDATIONS THAT MAKE OUR NATION STRONG, PROMOTE A CULTURE OF LIFE, AND PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF THE FAMILY.

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE SAYS, FROM TERRI SCHIAVO TO CREATIONISM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT HAS GONE TOO FAR IN LEGISLATING MORALITY. MY FAITH TEACHES ME THAT FAMILIES AND CHURCHES SHOULD TEACH VALUES AND RELIGION WHILE GOVERNMENT SHOULD FOCUS ON DEFENDING OUR COUNTRY AND REDUCING OUR DEPENDENCE ON MIDDLE EAST OIL, LOWERING HEALTH CARE COSTS, AND CREATING GOOD JOBS HERE AT HOME.

WHO'S FOR THE REPUBLICAN STATEMENT? FOUR. FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE? SIX. LET'S START WITH THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE. WHY ARE YOU FOR THAT ONE?

I think they said it very well. Family, community teaches me. That's not the government's responsibility.

It says it right there. Make our nation strong. Good morals and families.

(Inaudible) it takes a community to raise a child.

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT THE FIRST STATEMENT, THE REPUBLICAN ONE?

It's strong words. Make our nation strong. Promote a culture of life, and protect the sanctity of the family. within my family, I have two good parents. I believe that they set some pretty good morals for us. I have a cousin who came from a broken house and didn't have good morals there and is in jail. I think that's really important.

MODERATOR – WHAT ELSE?

I think the importance of recognizing that there has to be some type of guard (inaudible) and I think that they're talking about the liberal media, permissive culture, that family is extremely effective, but so is the media. So is what's out there. The older they get, the more they respond to their peers and the media and their influence. If you only believe is the only thing that has an impact on the family, I think that's a problem.

MODERATOR – WHAT DOES MORAL VALUES MEAN TO YOU IN THIS CONTEXT?

Faith.

MODERATOR – RELIGIOUS FAITH?

Just faith in something more powerful than yourself. Respect. Just what you get from whatever religion you are.

MODERATOR – WHAT ELSE?

Like she said, faith. Whether you believe in God or not, but not being so selfish to think that everything is about you. Because it's definitely not, because once you're gone, who knows you? Who remembers you in 50 few years? Nobody.

I think that moral lives, moral foundations are different for our nation. A clear definition of right and wrong. I think that's what it is.

MODERATOR – OKAY, THIS IS THE LAST ONE I HAVE TO READ TO YOU.  
HANDOUT #7.

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SAYS, WE HAVE REMOVED SADDAM HUSSEIN FROM POWER, TAKEN THE FIGHT TO THE TERRORISTS, AND PLANTED THE SEEDS OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE MUST MAINTAIN OUR RESOLVE IN DOING WHATEVER IT TAKES TO COMPLETE THE MISSION, DEFEAT OUR ENEMIES, AND SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS. AS IRAQI SOLDIERS ARE TRAINED AND STAND UP, WE WILL STAND DOWN AND BRING MORE TROOPS HOME, BUT WE WILL NOT SET ARBITRARY TIMELINES THAT SIGNAL AN UNWILLINGNESS TO FULFILL OUR MISSION.

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE SAYS, WE ARE SPENDING HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS AND LOSING MORE AMERICAN LIVES EVERY WEEK IN IRAQ, YET PRESIDENT BUSH STILL HAS NOT OFFERED A PLAN FOR SUCCESS. NEARLY FOUR MONTHS AFTER THEIR ELECTIONS, IRAQI LEADERS HAVE STILL NOT FORMED A GOVERNMENT. WE CAN'T CONTINUE ON THIS COURSE. BY SETTING TIMELINES FOR THE IRAQIS TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR OWN SECURITY, WE CAN ACHIEVE AN ENDURING GERALDOY, BRING OUR TROOPS HOME, AND PUT THE FOCUS BACK ON THE CHALLENGES FACING US HERE AT HOME.

WHO'S FOR THE REPUBLICAN STATEMENT? TWO. FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE? SEVEN. BERNARDO?

I've heard both these statements. I'm just thinking of what I thought about it. It's a tough one because yeah, they form a government now but they haven't. . .

MODERATOR – YOU HAVE TO PICK ONE.

I know. All right, since I stick with the bring the troops home and focus on ourselves, I go with the Democratic one.

MODERATOR – OKAY, TWO AND EIGHT. SO THOSE WHO LIKE THE DEMOCRATIC ONE, WHAT STANDS OUT?

A plan of action.

Yeah.

More decisive. They have a goal.

There's nothing going on and they can see that. they have a point.

MODERATOR – AND YOU AGREE WITH THAT?

They're setting timelines. Or they want to set timelines.

MODERATOR – ANYTHING ELSE? HOW ABOUT THE Republican STATEMENT?  
WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT THAT?

Trying to wash our hands clean is pretty much impossible right now.

Yeah.

If we leave now, we're going to leave them vulnerable. We got ourselves into it, and we've got to see it through. Unfortunately, it's going to cost a lot of American's lives.

MODERATOR – WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE TO FINISH OUR JOB THERE?

How can you put a timeline on something like that? as long as there are people there that hate us and everything that we stand for, you can't put a timeline on it.

If you pull out before you finish the job that you said that you were going to do, you just demean all the lives that were lost.

I agree with her.

That's why we should think before we do anything like this again. I know that there was a lot of anger that drove the decisions to go.

MODERATOR – I'M GOING TO MOVE TO THE NEXT ONE. HANDOUT #6.

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SAYS, RATHER THAN MORE GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH CARE, WE SHOULD PUT CONSUMERS IN CHARGE OF THEIR OWN HEALTH CARE. I SUPPORT PRESIDENT BUSH'S PLAN FOR TAX-FREE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, WHICH LOWER COSTS AND INCREASE COMPETITION BY ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN DOCTORS AND THE TYPE OF CARE THEY WANT.

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE SAYS, OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IS BROKEN, AND WE NEED TO MAKE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES. WE CAN LOWER COSTS AND PROVIDE BETTER COVERAGE FOR ALL AMERICANS WITHIN THE CURRENT SYSTEM, WITHOUT GOVERNMENT TAKING OVER THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. REAL REFORM MEANS AFFORDABLE COVERAGE FOR ALL AMERICANS, MAINTAINING A CHOICE OF DOCTORS AND PLANS, LOWERING COSTS, AND EXPANDING PREVENTIVE CARE.

WHO'S FOR THE REPUBLICAN STATEMENT? FIVE. FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE? FIVE. LET'S START WITH THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE. WHY ARE YOU FOR THAT ONE?

It's good.

Lower costs, more coverage for all.

I don't think it's credible.

It sounds like they're trying to sell you something.

MODERATOR – BUT IT'S NOT CREDIBLE? YOU DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

No. It's not credible at all.

MODERATOR – WHY?

Where's the money going to come from? They don't talk about that.

The thing that I like about it, yeah, it does sound like they're selling a car. And where's the money coming from is right. The thing about healthcare is that you've got to see a return from your investment and healthcare is an investment. And it's still saying that you can maintain your choice of doctors. Where with the Republican one, it says that it's still competitive.

It says you can choose your own doctor.

But it has to be affordable. The big thing is expanding preventative care. The U.S. is not a preventative care country. How do you keep from getting sick?

MODERATOR – WHAT ELSE STANDS OUT ABOUT THAT STATEMENT?

They're proposing a tax-free health account. That's not going to cost as much as it is now.

MODERATOR – IS THAT IS MORE CREDIBLE THAN THE DEMOCRATIC PLAN?

I think it is.

Yes.

I like the idea that what you're putting into your own savings account is for you. You're not paying for other people who don't have healthcare.

MODERATOR -- NOW, WE ARE GOING TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. WE ARE GOING TO LISTEN TO SOME RADIO ADVERTISEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PLAYING RECENTLY. WE'LL LISTEN TO EACH AD, THEN I'D LIKE YOU TO RATE IT ON A SCALE OF 0 TO 5, WHERE 5 MEANS YOU FOUND THE AD TO BE VERY CONVINCING AND 0 MEANS YOU FOUND THE AD NOT AT ALL CONVINCING. AFTER YOU GIVE YOUR RATING, WE WILL DISCUSS IT.

[PLAYS RADIO AD].

FOR THIS AD, THE REPUBLICAN ONE, WHO CIRCLED:

0 – 0  
1 – 1  
2 – 1  
3 – 4  
4 – 4  
5 – 0

MODERATOR -- EIGHT OF YOU GAVE IT A RATE OF 3 OR 4. WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT IT? WHAT DO YOU FIND CONVINCING ABOUT IT?

Just talked on major issues.

The phone number.

I don't think it's true. They're feeding you a single sided issue. We don't know what the guy does or what he did. I think that there's a problem and you say, this is the solution. President Bush and the Republicans are working on it, blah, blah, blah,. That's what made it convincing. This is a problem. Here's the solution.

I agree with them. here's the problem and here's the solution.

MODERATOR – DO YOU LIKE THE SOLUTION?

The solution doesn't mean it's right. We don't know if that is exactly what is going on.

MODERATOR – ANY OTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS AD?

It named major issues. It has a lot of what could be convincing facts. They don't say something to make you think it's not true.

I don't think it was convincing because it was dramatic and it was based on emotions. So that doesn't influence me. I ignore that. I ignored the music in the beginning. It was like a horror movie.

MODERATOR – WHAT ABOUT THE CONTENT?

The content, I thought was. . .

[Laughter.]

(Many speaking at once).

The delivery is the biggest part of it. and you're ultimately critiquing an advertisement. That's the first thing that appeals to a person. But she does touch on the treatment of the [Fallons], that was probably the only thing that got me. But I don't know enough about the guy. So how am I going to base it on one statement?

MODERATOR – OKAY. A FEW OF YOU WERE JUST. . .

She's right. The music, it was a little dramatic. If I was very biased by this, it might have some curiosity rolling.

MODERATOR – I'M GOING TO PLAY A SECOND ONE NOW. THIS IS THE DEMOCRATIC ONE.

[PLAYS RADIO AD].

FOR THIS AD, THE DEMOCRATIC ONE, WHO CIRCLED:

0 – 1

1 – 2

2 – 0

3 – 7

4 – 0

5 – 0

MODERATOR – SO MOST OF YOU GAVE IT A 3. WHY IS THAT?

On that part where they were opposing Bush in (inaudible), I thought that they didn't (inaudible) that.

They didn't.

So that's why it threw me off.

There's too much slander.

They're throwing that in and it's slandering.

It just pulled on my emotion.

Even though it was just one issue, it's a hot issue.

MODERATOR – HOW ABOUT THE PROPOSAL, THE MESSAGE? WHAT DID YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?

I didn't agree with the first part. (Inaudible) pay the taxes or obeys the law. It didn't say any more than what these people said. It's like you did it. No, you did it. I don't want to hear that crap. Show me some real stats. I don't know what to believe there. It's a he said, she said.

It's like they're pointing the finger.

It's easy to point the finger.

I think that the Republicans are buying into it.

MODERATOR – SO YOU'RE JUST CONFUSED. IT'S DIDN'T CHANGE. .

I think that the Republicans are lying to us.

Now?

[Laughter.]

(Inaudible) or get your buy-in.

MODERATOR – IT DOESN'T MAKE YOU FEEL ANY BETTER ABOUT THEM?

It makes me feel worse.

Yeah, they're slandering them.

Give me some numbers. When it comes to what happens in Congress, what it comes down to is the money, as well. Those are numbers. So you need numbers to match to the other numbers.

This whole statement, that they control Congress and the White House. If they would have thrown that out and thrown in some facts, like they did this, they did that. not what they control. We know what they control.

Yeah, anybody can throw cheap shots. It was a lot of cheap shots there.

MODERATOR – OKAY. ALL DONE. JUST LEAVE YOUR PAPERS ON THE TABLE. THANK YOU ALL FOR PARTICIPATING IN THESE GROUPS. GOOD NIGHT.

(END OF DISCUSSION)