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I'm Amalia and I work for a sausage company and I live with my mother and my son. We like to be outdoors.

I'm Beatriz and I also like to be outdoors. I have a part-time job, so I stay longer at home.

I'm Clarissa and I go to school. I have three kids and that's about it.

I'm Daniela and I'm a stay-at-home mom. I have two boys and I enjoy reading. I'm part of a book club and just kind of hang out with kids.

I'm Elena and I used to be a stay-at-home mom for twelve years until recently. Last week I got a job. It's kind of coolI have two kids and they are all excited that mom is going back to work. I thought they were going to be against it, but they are all supportive of it. It's kind of weird being at home for twelve years and then going back to work. But I like it because my employees, they really like me and stuff.

MODERATOR—LET'S START BY THINKING GENERALLY ABOUT THE COUNTRY. ARE THINGS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OR IN THE WRONG DIRECTION?

Wrong.

Wrong.

Yeah, wrong.

Wrong.

MODERATOR—WHY DO YOU THINK THINGS ARE MOVING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION?

I just think the last few years, our country has just really gone downhill. Just the price of gas, like just the latest thing, it's just outrageous. The war. I think it's just awful that we are still in this war. And there's not like a light at the end of the tunnel here. It's just

heartbreaking when you hear about all these young kids getting killed. And I just think things just are really out of whack right now and I'm looking forward to getting a new president in.

I feel with Katrina in our own backyard, they didn't get enough help. And this war that should have been over....and here in our own backyard people are suffering. It's like, come on, wake up, we need help now. They shouldn't have been suffering that long. They just waited too long. And now with the hurricane season coming up again....and not only that before that with the year previous with the hurricanes in Florida and stuff, Andrew and all those other hurricanes, there was devastation there and they weren't getting help either. I think they are just going in the wrong direction too.

They are making too many vehicles and it's killing everything. The pollution and needing to be on the roads. There are too many people everywhere and the vehicles are just multiplying. People are just buying more and more. The kids are getting new ones rather than handing down or maybe trade two in. They are just making too many more vehicles and more pollution is just going to kill everything.

The war, I don't like that. And what she was saying about Katrina, that's pretty much my opinion. I don't like what happened, the way they didn't help. And it took a long time to even start doing anything.

MODERATOR—WHO DIDN'T HELP?

Well, the government.

Nobody did.

The National Guard, they should have been there. That's what they are there for. That's what they are supposed to be there for and here they are in the war.

MODERATOR—SO MANY OF YOU MENTIONED IRAQ, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT OUR CONTINUOUS INVOLVEMENT THERE?

We need to pull out.

MODERATOR—DOES EVERYONE AGREE WITH THAT?

Yes.

Oh yeah.

Yes.

We've already helped them.

You can only help them so much.

Exactly. They are fighting amongst themselves.

MODERATOR—IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE BEFORE WE PULL OUT? WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN FOR US TO BE ABLE TO PULL OUT?

We showed them how to run a government. They don't want us there and that's a reason why they keep on fighting amongst each other. And poor innocent people are losing their lives. We have helped them. I think the United States has just got to wake up and say, we are gone.

MODERATOR—HAVE YOU GUYS HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT THE DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF HISPANIC CASUALTIES IN IRAQ?

There are too many, more than Americans.

Just that.

It's been so long since I hear something about that.

MODERATOR—DO YOU HAVE ANY FEELINGS OR OPINIONS ABOUT THAT?

None of them should be over there dying. They should be back by now.

MODERATOR—OKAY. ARE THERE ANY OTHER THINGS YOU THINK ARE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION? HOW ABOUT THE ECONOMY?

They keep on raising the interest rates and that's going to kill the people eventually. You can only squeak so much out of a person's income. With us, I was able to live on an income. So the extra money I'm getting right now is kind of like found money. But, my fellow co-workers, they need jobs. They are getting second jobs because they can't make it on the incomes that they are doing right now.

Not to get off of that, but even the border patrol issue with the immigration now. It's just so out of control. I think we really feel it living here in Arizona. It's like something just needs to be done about that as well. They've let it snowball until they can't ignore it anymore.

They waited too long. They should have been doing more about the border before this many people....I mean it's great they want to come over, but then sign up for taxes, pay for the streets that you are driving on just like we are, but you are not paying anything for them. If you are hanging out at a Home Depot...and if they are going to hire someone for a job, they need to make sure they are qualified for it and not just take the lowest paid.

That leaves people here with no jobs. A lot of people that could have had those jobs...

MODERATOR—I'M GOING TO READ YOU SOME NAMES AND ORGANIZATIONS AND I WANT YOU TO TELL ME THE FIRST WORD THAT COMES TO YOUR MIND. HOW ABOUT ANTONIO BANDERAS?

Cute.

Hot.

Sexy.

The accent. There is something about accents, I don't know.

Good dancer.

I guess it's probably kind of like romantic or whatever, the accent.

MODERATOR—DO YOU SEE HIM AS SOMETHING ELSE OTHER THAN A MOVIE STAR?

I know that he's been helping for something. I don't remember what. He's been involved in something with the Hispanics, I think. I don't remember.

MODERATOR—DO YOU REMEMBER SEEING HIM IN A COMMERCIAL ON TV? NO? OKAY. HOW ABOUT ALBERTO GONZALEZ? DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS?

No.

No.

Don't know him.

Isn't he a politician?

MODERATOR—HE'S THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. HOW ABOUT HILLARY CLINTON?

Smart.

Going to be the next president.

I was going to say that.

I like her.

MODERATOR—HOW ABOUT JIM PEDERSON?

I'm not familiar with Jim.

Me either.

I remember the name, but I don't....

No.

MODERATOR—OKAY.

Is his name spelled....it's not Peter....

MODERATOR—IT'S PEDERSON.

Okay, I have seen it. Pederson is spelled differently. In fact, they've had a lot of commercials about him lately.

MODERATOR—HOW ABOUT JOHN KYLE?

He's our guy isn't he?

I don't really have an opinion.

Term limits for our senators, I think.

I don't know much about him.

MODERATOR—OKAY. HOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Strict.

DaVinci code.

God.

Very strict.

Mostly negative about it.

I'm not negative about it.

Well, there are positive things about it too. They do a lot of good things.

Yeah, they do good things with the St. Vincent DePaul Charities. But the things with the priests going on and it's kind of a

Yeah, that's messed up.

They even get more and more and then with the Vatican thing going on recently, it's like a little bit too much.

MODERATOR—HOW ABOUT BEATRIZ NAPOLITANO?

She could be our next president.

Governor.

I like her.

I like her too.

She's really hands on.

Involved.

She's gutsy.

Yeah.

She gets to the point.

She gets out there.

Absolutely. I think she's done a good job.

We see more of her than any of the other governors.

Yeah, completely.

MODERATOR—HOW ABOUT THE CONGRESS?

Congress in general?

MODERATOR—YES.

Term limits.

Seriously, if the president can only serve eight years, why can't the congress serve eight years too? You get a lot of these old timers and stuff and they are just dead heads. They just vote one way and that's it. Even if you write to them or complain to them or whatever, I felt that they are not listening to you.

Blank.

They take too much recess.

Lots of breaks.

MODERATOR—HAVE YOU GUYS HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE CORRUPTION IN THE CONGRESS?

No.

No.

There is always some kind of corruption going on.

There is always something going on.

The latest one, Kennedy. They tried to cover it up, his involvement in the accident. They didn't give him a breathalyzer. They covered up for him. And I think that's kind of wrong. If we would have done that, we would have gotten arrested on the spot and gotten drug tested and DWI and everything.

But because of the high profile name, I feel that they get away with a lot of stuff, especially when they are involved in accidents and stuff. It's kind of like a hush, hush situation.

Just like when Cheney shot his friend out hunting. We didn't find out about it right away. Remember the public was really upset that he never stepped up and made an apology or explanation about it right away?

MODERATOR—DO YOU THINK THE CURRENT CONGRESS IS MORE CORRUPT THAN IN THE PAST OR IS IT JUST POLITICS AS USUAL?

Politics as usual, I think.

It just depends on the time of where we are at if something is happening. You can't really compare last week to this week because different things are going on. And so different things might be covered up and things might not be. You know what I'm saying?

Just like when you brought up about Katrina. Look how long afterwards we are watching this videotape of the president that day as he's being informed about Katrina before it happened. And then he had said that he didn't know the severity of it. And then we are watching a video where he is informed. The whole thing was such a cover-up.

Wasn't one of the congressmen, didn't he use the National Guard to go use one of those trucks, those tankers, to go retrieve something from his house in New Orleans? And he got like a briefcase or whatever and it got stuck. And he didn't help anybody else that needed help. He just went and made sure that he got his property.

He took care of himself.

Yeah, and I think he was in government.

MODERATOR—DO YOU THINK ONE PARTY IS MORE CORRUPT THAN THE OTHER ONE?

No, they are all corrupt to me.

I do. I'm democrat, so of course I think the republicans are. I just feel republicans are more....they look after their own interests more.

Especially like the tax incentives. It's always for the higher and richer people versus the poorer people. It's like that tax break that just went. We, the American family, aren't going to get it, but the higher up people will get it.

That's true.

Yeah, same as what she said. The republicans are more corrupt.

MODERATOR—NOW I'M GOING TO PASS AROUND MY HANDOUTS. GO TO HANDOUT #1. I WANT YOU TO WRITE ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT COME TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT GEORGE BUSH. AND THEN WHEN YOU ARE

DONE, DO THE SECOND PAGE AND WRITE ALL THE DOUBTS YOU HAVE ABOUT GEORGE BUSH. WHAT GOOD THINGS CAME TO MIND?

I put down he was a Christian. I think that's definitely an attribute. A nice family.

I think he's generally a good guy. Most people aren't good people. I think he does try to get things done, but it's just the way he does them that doesn't always work.

Nice guy. He seems to be.....he just don't do what he's supposed to.

Nothing comes to mind for me.

Being a good Christian, that's about it.

I couldn't come up with anything. When he won, I was disappointed. I felt that he shouldn't have because of Florida. They made a mistake there. He didn't want to have a recount. He was like, yeah, I'm going to win. And of course his Dad was thrilled that he won, but I didn't really want him to be president. So I was really disappointed when he was.

MODERATOR—SO WHAT DOUBTS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT HIM?

I wrote that he's not leading the country in the right direction. He's not paying attention to what's happening in his own backyard. It's like he....the thing that got me is when they were complaining about the gas prices going up, and he made the comment that we Americans are too gas dependent or whatever. Yet in the same tone, he was going on Air Force One from state to state to state. He even came here a couple of times. And he's always traveling in his big SUV caravan. And those SUV's, they take probably about \$100 to fill up. And it's like it's coming out of the American taxpayer and he doesn't have to pay for them. So he really shouldn't be....and then he's always saying he sympathizes and how can he sympathize with us when he's not paying for it himself? So I just feel that he's not really looking in his own backyard to take care of us. He's more worried about

MODERATOR—AND WHAT ARE THE THINGS IN THE BACKYARD THAT NEED TO BE HELPED?

Well, the economy. Like Katrina, New Orleans needs to be rebuilt. I'm afraid what's going to happen, another hurricane is going to come and I'm afraid it's going to go under. We are going to lose New Orleans. It's how sad that the United States is going to actually lose a state. I'm afraid Florida is going to be next and stuff. He's not helping to rebuild it. And they are always doing like a Habitat for everybody else, but how come they can't do it here, especially when they have the trailers and they show them? That gets me upset seeing that. And it's like, I just would like to just go over there and just park a trailer at everybody's house that needs it and stuff. That's kind of what I feel.

I feel that he's dishonest. I feel he never admits when he makes a mistake or there's an error in judgment. You never hear him being humble. He can never just say hey....like with Katrina, he could have said, I made a mistake. He never can fess up to making a mistake. He never can fess up to making a mistake. And I just think that's such a bad quality for a president to have. I think he's a terrible speaker. He's so inarticulate it's

comical. It's comical to watch him when he has to speak without a script. It's kind of like during the debates with him and John Kerry. I just thought, oh my gosh, it was comical. And I think that's another reason why he avoids...he is like the first president that has the least amount of press conferences during his two terms because he isn't able to speak spontaneously to the public. And he doesn't come across too intelligently. And he always indirectly answers questions. The press throws a question at him, he's very evasive. And the other thing that you brought up about the oil, his family is in the oil business. Aren't they profiting from this \$3 or \$4 a gallon? It just seems like the Americans are suffering these high gas prices and then there are people like the Bush family that are benefiting from it. But it's like, they never bring that up. But the whole family, they are involved in the oil business.

I agree with some of that. I think he should come out and say when something goes wrong. He should be able to say it and fix it or try to or what have you. And he seems to let things go too far sometimes.

MODERATOR—WHAT KIND OF THINGS?

Like what everybody was saying, like Katrina. It took forever. The war is forever. He lets a lot of those things...just end it by now and we all would be a little better. That pretty much is it.

MODERATOR—OTHERS?

Same. I wrote not enough help to people in need. And he needs to be more in themore with Iraq to get it over. Too many people dying and he's not involved like he should be. And the same like they say.

Or it seems he's not paying attention. We've been too long with the troops there and Katrina had gone on way too long. It doesn't seem like he's paying attention, or he has other things on his mind or something else that's more important. That's about what I wrote down.

I'm just afraid that the Iraq war is going to turn into the Viet Nam war. How many more casualties are we going to actually lose? Are we going to lose 10,000 people? There is no need for it. We have no business to be in there. They don't want us in there. We did what we could. And he just needs to pull out.

MODERATOR—NOW I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT AN ISSUE THAT SOME OF YOU BROUGHT UP ALREADY AND IT'S BEEN A LOT IN THE NEWS, ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. WHAT DO YOU ALL THINK OF THE CURRENT DEBATE ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION?

I think it's a very difficult issue because I don't think there's just like one simple way to resolve it. I think that's why it has become so complex. But it's quite obvious something needs to change because it is out of control. It's a very difficult issue. A lot of these people have been here for a really long time. And you can't just ship them out.

You can't change the rules in the middle of it, yeah.

And I think it's absolutely heartbreaking when you read about these poor people crossing the border and dying. They die out in the desert like dogs. It's just heartbreaking. It just shouldn't be happening. I know something needs to be done, but I don't think I know what the answer is. But it's very difficult. The truth is, this country was started by immigrants, so what do you do? We are only dealing with the immigrants from Mexico because it seems like the other countries aren't treated the way the Mexicans are trying to cross the border.

MODERATOR—WHY ARE OTHER COUNTRIES TREATED DIFFERENTLY?

Well, I mean, we never hear about people crossing the Canadian border and are found dead somewhere. Or have the coyotes taking their money and leaving them to die. We only hear it from the Mexicans. I understand it's where we live. We are so close to the border. But I mean these poor people are taking such risks to try and get here.

Well, it's very hard. I feel the same as she does. Something needs to be done. It's getting out of control. Too many people crossing, dying.

MODERATOR—AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

I think the president should be looking in his backyard to see why are they crossing, why does Arizona, California, Texas, wherever they are coming from, why does it look green over there? Why can't they help them in their own country? When they did the march, that was great. But I got offended when I saw the Mexican flag. It's like, hey, you are in Arizona, do the Arizona flag and the United States flag. We are not in Mexico. I know they are coming for the heritage and stuff like that and to be proud of it and stuff, but it's like you know, you are here in Arizona. This is the United States. I'm sure in California and where they did all the other marches, that people probably got offended and said, hey how come they are not carrying the Texas flag, how come they are not carrying the California flag?

But you know what? They did rectify that when they had a second march.

Because they didn't know better.

Right.

They were just trying to show pride.

But, they did rectify that.

MODERATOR—OTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATIONS?

No. I don't like the whole thing. I know you need to do something about people coming over here and stuff like that, but then you have to think that these people are coming over because they are hungry, because they've got kids, they need medical, they need all kinds of stuff. That's why they are doing it. They are not here just because they want to steal from you or because they want to kill you.

They are workers. They want to work.

They do work. They work hard.

(many talking at once)

But, on the other hand, I don't have that extra job if I needed it. So it's kind of ...I don't know which way to go.

I feel that the Americans, Mexicans come here to get a job and they get a job that the Americans don't want to do. They don't take the American's jobs. Do you know what I mean?

How many Americans are you going to see working on a farm picking fruit and working on the roads during the outside summer heat? Us Mexicans, we can tolerate the heat. You get the typical white American and they can't handle the heat. When you go to any construction site, you are going to see a majority of minorities.

MODERATOR—OTHERS AGREE WITH THAT? OKAY. HAVE YOU HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT PRESIDENT BUSH'S PROPOSAL ON IMMIGRATION?

I did. I'm trying to remember...I really don't listen too closely to him. But I do know that just recently he had said he wanted to come up with some way where people that have been here like a certain amount of time would be able to go to the end of the line.

At least one parent had to be from the US or something like that or it wasn't going to

Like he wasn't going to ship them out.

I hear so much that I don't recall something specific.

MODERATOR—HAS ANYBODY SEEN HIS SPEECH? IT WAS ON THE NATIONAL TELEVISION.

I did not. It was just last week, last Monday in fact. They were supposed to have that Oprah special on, but they didn't. I was like, wow, that got a bad rep.

MODERATOR—DO YOU THINK HIS PROPOSAL WOULD WORK?

I don't think it's going to happen.....no, I don't know.

I think it's going to have to pass through so many different channels for it to work. So many politicians have a difference of opinion regarding it. I think it's going to take a lot of time to come up with one resolution that's going to make everybody happy. But at least they are starting.

At least they are realizing it.

Yeah. So it might not be something that we are going to see this year, but...

MODERATOR—AND DO YOU THINK IT'S GOOD THAT THEY ARE REALIZING...

Oh absolutely. Absolutely.

MODERATOR—NOW I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO FLIP TO THE NEXT HANDOUT, HANDOUT #3. WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT BUSH AND HIS PROPOSALS TO ADDRESS THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ISSUE. IN THIS HANDOUT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE A LIST OF PROPOSALS THAT ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. READ ALL OF THEM AND THEN PUT AN "X" NEXT TO THE TWO PROPOSALS THAT CONCERN YOU THE MOST. AND THEN A STAR NEXT TO THE TWO PROPOSALS THAT YOU LIKE THE MOST. PROVIDE MORE FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL BORDER PATROL, HOW MANY STARS? 0. HOW MANY "X"? 1. BUILD A 700 MILE LONG FENCE, HOW MANY STARS? 0. HOW MANY "X"? 2. REQUIRE IMMIGRANTS TO LEARN ENGLISH, HOW MANY STARS? 4. HOW MANY "X"? 0. ESTABLISH A GUEST WORKER PROGRAM, HOW MANY STARS? 4. HOW MANY "X"? 0. ESTABLISH A GUEST WORKER PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS IMMIGRANTS TO WORK IN THE US FOR A SET PERIOD OF TIME, HOW MANY STARS? 0. HOW MANY "X"? 1. IMPOSE MAJOR FINANCIAL PENALTIES ON EMPLOYERS, HOW MANY STARS? 0. HOW MANY "X"? 0. IMPORT ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND ALLOW THEM TO RETURN AS GUEST WORKERS, HOW MANY STARS? 0. HOW MANY "X"? 2. MAKE IT A CRIME FOR SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS AND REFUGE AGENCIES, HOW MANY STARS? 0. HOW MANY "X"? 3. REFUSE DRIVER'S LICENSES TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, HOW MANY STARS? 0. HOW MANY "X"? 0. SEND 6,000 NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS TO ASSIST THE BORDER PATROL, HOW MANY STARS? 0. HOW MANY "X"? 0. CREATE A NEW IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR EVERY ILLEGAL FOREIGN WORKER, HOW MANY STARS? 1. HOW MANY "X"? 0. EXPAND THE SIZE OF DETENTION FACILITIES AT THE BORDER AND EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF SENDING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, HOW MANY STARS? 1. HOW MANY "X"? 1. OKAY. HOW ABOUT WE START BY THE ONES THAT YOU LIKED THE MOST. REQUIRE IMMIGRANTS TO LEARN ENGLISH AND BASICS ABOUT AMERICAN CULTURE BEFORE BECOMING US CITIZENS.

If you live here, you have to learn their language. I think it's very important that they should know about the country.

Yeah.

MODERATOR—WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

You have to know.

General communication. Just to be able to read a street sign.

Sometimes it's really mind boggling. You'll go into a Taco Bell and no one speaks English. It can be like right here and it's like no one speaks English. It's like wow.

Go into Frye's on the left side and it's like stepping into little Mexico. They have all their drinks. As soon as you walk in, they rip down all the (inaudible) and it's all Mexican culture.

It's the United States. This is our language, English. It's like if we went to Paris and they are talking French. It's like if you don't know their language, it's like you are out of

luck. It's their country, it's their language. It's not China and stuff. So it's like the United States has the English language.

MODERATOR—HOW ABOUT ESTABLISH A GUEST WORKER PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS IMMIGRANTS TO WORK IN THE US AND OFFERS THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR CITIZENSHIP IF THEY PAY FINES AND BACK TAXES?

I think that's a good way. They are paying taxes.

They are paying for being here. At least it helps with the roads and with the schools that their kids are at. Most likely they probably qualify for food stamps. And they are getting the government's help so why aren't they helping back with the taxes they should be paying?

MODERATOR—DO YOU THINK THE GUEST WORKER PROGRAM WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA?

Yeah, I think so.

MODERATOR-LET'S TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE ONES YOU LIKED THE LEAST. MAKE IT A CRIME FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND REFUGE AGENCIES, CHURCHES AND LEGAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU DIDN'T LIKE ABOUT THAT?

Well, I think people that are here that are really going to need help are going to be refused. And it's like how do you refuse people in time of need like that? They need medical services. How do you refuse that?

They should help.

They are not criminals, they just want a better life.

Right.

We can't treat them like they are criminals. They are looking for something better. Like a lot of times they say America has a better opportunity, the land of opportunity. They want to see if it's really true if they can have an opportunity here.

MODERATOR—HOW ABOUT, DEPORT ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND ALLOW THEM TO RETURN AS GUEST WORKERS?

How do you deport all of them?

Yeah.

That's ridiculous.

There are more of them than us right now.

Are they going to go to every house and check to see if you are an American citizen?
It's just ridiculous.

If you are going to let them back in, why don't you just make them....instead of deporting everybody....just give them that guest worker whatever.

They just need to be more strict in the jobs requiring the ID's so that they know whether the people are supposed to be working or not. If they can't get jobs, then maybe there's a program for them to....well if you want to work, then you need to go through this so we can get you signed up. Otherwise, you can't get employed without this.

MODERATOR—WHAT DO YOU THINK THEN ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL, THE ONE ABOUT CREATING THE IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR FOREIGN WORKERS SO THAT EMPLOYERS CAN VERIFY THE STATUS OF THE WORKERS THEY HIRE?

That would help.

There is someone that allows you to come over here and work.

We as Americans have to show our driver's license. We have to show our proof that we are Americans and stuff, why can't they have something like that too? I think that would be a good idea.

At least it would help. At least the ones that are supposed to be here.

I don't think I'd want the whole country coming over here because then we'd get lost. But a lot of these people that are coming here illegally, they really need it obviously. Maybe have limits or something...I don't know. It's hard to think about that.

MODERATOR—HOW ABOUT, BUILD A 700-MILE LONG FENCE ALONG THE US/MEXICAN BORDER?

They are either going to go over or under it.

They'll figure out a way.

They'll find their way.

They'll end up digging tunnels.

Yeah.

If they are desperate, they are going to come in no matter what.

Or they are going to go through, whatever it takes.

How long would that take to build a 700-mile fence?

And how much money would it cost?

And who is going to build it?

The Mexicans.

(many talking at once)

They'd have a secret door in there.

MODERATOR—WHAT DO YOU ALL THINK ABOUT SENDING 6,000 NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS TO ASSIST THE BORDER PATROL?

Don't they have better use of them?

Our tax dollars are paying for them. They need to be doing other things like getting ready for the hurricane season in Florida, finishing up with Katrina, getting people back into their homes.

No, we have George Bush, he can go do that. Just tell him he has full-time guard duty, set him up in a little tent and he'll be thrilled.

Who did she say?

George Bush.

That's what I said. Let him go out there, but leave him out there.

If they are going to put 6,000 National Guard there, I would vote to put them on Katrina. That's where they need to be, in New Orleans.

And in Mississippi too. If they get ...

MODERATOR-SO THERE'S A BETTER USE FOR THAT NATIONAL GUARD. DO YOU THINK THAT IF THEY SENT THEM TO THE BORDER, DO YOU THINK THAT THEY WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM?

No, because it's so random that you don't know when they are coming across. They are going to be on duty 24 hours and for them to be spending around in the middle of the desert not doing much.....what are they going to do, pick them off?

Well, they are.

Wait, wait, there goes one. I've got this one.

What was the name of that group that they sent down there and gave them guns?

The posse or whatever...

No, the Minutemen.

Okay, yeah. It's like these men are just getting off on having authority by carrying a gun. That's scary.

Isn't it?

If somebody moves, they could shoot them.

MODERATOR—LET ME ASK YOU ABOUT ONE MORE. EXPAND THE SIZE OF DETENTION FACILITIES AT THE BORDER AND EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF SENDING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY.

If they catch them, then let them take care of them.

MODERATOR—DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD BE A GOOD POLICY OR....?

It depends on how much it costs us.

MODERATOR—DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD HELP OR NOT?

No.

Not if they discourage....as soon as they get out of jail they'll just come back over, or at least trying to.

MODERATOR—HAS THE IMMIGRATION DEBATE AFFECTED YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE DEMOCRATS?

No.

MODERATOR—WHAT PARTY DO YOU THINK DOES A BETTER JOB ON IMMIGRATION?

I really don't know. No one has really done anything yet.

They haven't done much. They've gone out and said, well so and so is going to go out and look at it today. They go look at a whole bunch of dried trees with little pieces of shade and say, well this is where they hide under when it's during the daytime and that's all they show you. And they show you the empty water buckets and that someone died there recently.

And just when President Bush went to go check it out. All his highlight was that he got to go in that little dune buggy, instead of really seeing the real problem. He was not even in the danger zone. He was kindthey made sure that he was protected, so he didn't get to really see or feel the desert. You stand out in the desert, you are going to feel it.

MODERATOR—SO YOU DON'T THINK EITHER OF THE PARTIES DOES A BETTER JOB?

No.

They don't do much.

Too many people are dying out there. They've either got to do something or...

MODERATOR—HOW ABOUT YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE REPUBLICANS?

Same thing.

MODERATOR—AND IS IMMIGRATION AN ISSUE THAT WILL DETERMINE YOUR VOTE SOMEHOW IN THE NEXT ELECTIONS FOR CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER?

I think it will. As we get closer to the election and the candidates are selected as to who is going to run, I think that's going to be a big selling point for them.

For what they are going to do.

Or what their proposal is to do.

MODERATOR—AND WHO IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO SELL A PROPOSAL TO YOU PERSONALLY? WHAT IS HE GOING TO SAY ON IMMIGRATION THAT IS GOING TO CONVINCING YOU THAT HE'S THE RIGHT CANDIDATE?

I think I'll know if I hear it. I don't know what that is at this point because it's a complex issue.

That's right.

MODERATOR—IS THERE SOMETHING YOU EXPECT TO HEAR?

Be compassionate because they are human. And it's like they are not criminals. Just be compassionate and make it be fair.

You've got to do something, but you've still got to care about the people.

MODERATOR—NOW LET'S TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THE PARTIES. LET'S START WITH THE DEMOCRATS. THINKING ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS ONLY, WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THEM?

Democrats are just more for the lower income, middle class people. I think they are more for our environment, which I think is a big issue right now. We have the issues of global warming. The republicans cut down tree after tree after tree. I think democrats are more into, for every tree you cut down, you've got to grow two more trees, you know. They are more into environmental issues.

I think they really work for the American people. They know what it's like to be middle class, low income. They know what it is to be hardship and stuff. And the republicans are just like rich and they are for the big top down guys, for the big...

MODERATOR—WHAT DO THE DEMOCRATS DO TO SHOW YOU THAT THEY ARE LIKE FOR THAT?

When they vote, it's kind of like you hear them say that the democrats are holding out. The democrats are believing and they are standing strong for the American people that put them in office in the first place. So they are really listening to the people that put

them in there. So they are really sticking to it. When it's time to vote, it's always the split decision.

MODERATOR—WHAT DO THE DEMOCRATS GET WRONG?

I think they need better organization, better direction. Just like I think that last election was proof of that. I think the democrats had the election and if they would have had ...if they would have been organized a bit better than the republicans, we would have a democrat in office.

MODERATOR—ANYTHING ELSE? NOTHING? IS THERE SOMETHING ABOUT THE VALUES THAT DEMOCRATS HAVE THAT HOLDS YOU BACK FROM SUPPORTING THEM?

It's funny you say that because every year they are talking to republicans and of course they have to bring up the values of our last president. That always comes up.

MODERATOR—BUT FOR YOU PERSONALLY, REGARDLESS OF WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY? OKAY. LET'S DO THE SAME EXERCISE FOR REPUBLICANS. WHEN YOU THINK POSITIVELY ABOUT REPUBLICANS, WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THEM?

I think republicans are very smart. They come up with the plan and they stick to the plan. And I think that got their guy elected the last two elections. Although, you know what, I shouldn't even say that. I take that back because I don't really....in my heart, I don't believe that he won either election.

They know how to use the power. They are very knowledgeable and educated.

Democrats are educated too. It's just at the time when elections come up, there is something...

They don't get their people to get out and vote.

MODERATOR—LET'S STICK WITH THE REPUBLICANS NOW.

They get their people to get out and vote.

They have big companies stand behind them.

MODERATOR—HOW DO YOU SEE THAT?

With the oil. They are the ones that always donate all the money to their big banquet. They have better fundraising.

Yeah.

MODERATOR—WHAT DO THEY GET WRONG?

I think they are underhanded. I'll give an example. Like the last election, there are certain areas that they know were predominately democrat. And when those votes

came in, the republicans would win that area. And then it came out that the machines....all those long lines that we saw in Ohio were all the areas that were predominately democrat, where people were waiting eight, ten, twelve hours to vote. I think that was all done by republicans. Republicans weren't standing in line for half a day to cast their ballot. The democrats were.

I just listen to what people say. I choose which one I like better at the time. I'm not strictly one or the other. There are some times I wish I voted differently, but....

MODERATOR—BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT REPUBLICANS IN GENERAL, WHAT HOLDS YOU BACK FROM REPUBLICANS? WHAT HOLDS YOU BACK FROM SAYING I'M A STRONG REPUBLICAN?

I don't say that.

MODERATOR—WHY CAN'T SOMEONE SAY THAT?

Because it's just me. I'm strong me, so.....they are somewhat conservative and that could hurt sometimes. Especially people who...the lower class.

MODERATOR—WHY WOULD IT HURT THE LOWER CLASS?

A conservative person is not just going to give and help. They are going to limit everything. Not conservative is going to tend to help more.

A good example is like when New Orleans.....when that parish or whatever, St. Bernard's, when they went under, they had like higher areas that ...the ones that were more wealthier got fixed. And the reason why I know that is because my nephew is a firefighter and he said that they had the electricity, their area was getting cleaned and starting to get rebuilt. And he saw the devastation of what the St. Bernard Parish ...how power....one side got it and the other side didn't. And I think maybe the republicans had something to do with that too.

MODERATOR—I KNOW IT'S A LONG WAY

(end of side)

....WHAT IS THE DETERMINING FACTOR THAT WILL DETERMINE HOW YOU VOTE FOR CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER?

Just to see what they can do for our country to make it better.

MODERATOR—IN WHAT SENSE?

What they are going to offer.

MODERATOR—IN WHAT AREAS?

Hopefully with the immigration. We'll find out what's going on with that. And they are also doing something about the voting. Now you have to show ID to vote.

MODERATOR—WHAT ELSE?

Their proposals.

MODERATOR—IN WHAT AREAS?

How he feels about Katrina, how he feels about the war. That's about the main....

I think those are going to be...and the gas and the economy. I think people are going to look at the big issues that are happening right now. It's like what are you going to do?

And the environment.

Which includes gas prices.

Everything.

MODERATOR-OKAY. NOW I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE IN DETAIL ABOUT SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING THE COUNTRY AND THAT ARE PROBABLY GOING TO BE TALKED ABOUT IN THIS ELECTION. I'M GOING TO READ YOU SOME STATEMENTS FROM A DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE AND A REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE. AND REGARDLESS OF WHAT CANDIDATE YOU ARE GOING TO VOTE FOR, I WANT YOU TO TELL ME WHICH OF THE TWO STATEMENTS COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN VIEW. SO LET'S GO TO HANDOUT #4. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO WRITE AN "X" NEXT TO THE ONE THAT YOU LIKE BETTER. 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 (INAUDIBLE) 5% OF OUR OIL IMPORTS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST BY 2025. THE SOONER WE CAN ACHIEVE A TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGH, 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 SHOULD ESTABLISH A WINDFALL PROFITS TAX ON OIL COMPANIES AND USE THE MONEY TO INVEST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES THAT WILL MAKE US INDEPENDENT FROM FOREIGN OIL.

JUST WRITE AN "X" NEXT TO THE ONE THAT COMES CLOSER TO YOUR OWN VIEW.

They are both pretty good.

Yeah.

MODERATOR—HOW MANY FOR THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE? 1. HOW MANY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE? 4. OKAY, LET'S START WITH THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE. WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT THIS?

What stood out for me was the independent from foreign oil. I thought they were both pretty good statements, but the fact that the democratic one said independent from foreign oil and the other one said that it would reduce it. So I felt if we could totally be independent, that would be better than any kind of dependence on a foreign country.

Same thing for me. The independence. That way we don't have to depend from others.

They are making money off of us while we could be making money off of ourselves.

MODERATOR—CLARISSA, WHY DID YOU LIKE THE OTHER ONE?

I don't think it would ever be possible to be 100% independent from foreign oil. Yes, you should try and do the best we can. And then plus, I don't think charging these companies taxes is really all that...it's a good thing, but we are going to wind up paying for it. It's going to be higher gas prices, higher everything else because of those taxes.

MODERATOR—OKAY, LET'S TURN TO HANDOUT #5. WE WILL DO THE SAME EXERCISE. 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 FAITH IN OUR HISTORY AND OUR PUBLIC LIFE. WE MUST DEFEND THE MORAL FOUNDATIONS THAT MAKE OUR NATIONS STRONG, PROMOTE A CULTURE OF LIFE AND PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF THE FAMILY.

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE SAYS,

FROM TERRY 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 INDEPENDENCE ON MIDDLE EAST OIL, LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND CREATING GOOD JOBS HERE AT HOME.

WHICH OF THE TWO IS CLOSEST TO YOUR OWN VIEW? HOW MANY FOR THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE? 0. HOW MANY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE? 5. OKAY. WHAT STOOD OUT ABOUT THIS ONE?

Just the truth.

I think the family should teach what they need to teach at home with the faith and the church and everything like that because everybody is different. I don't think the government should interfere. I know that in public schools there are all different kinds of faith. And if you have to pray to something else, I think it should be left to

About reducing the dependence on the Middle East oil, lowering healthcare costs and creating good jobs here. That stood out. I think that's where we should focus.

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

How you act, how you are, being good versus being evil. Not evil, but if...like those people coming in, yeah we should help them, even though they shouldn't be here. Or what have you. We shouldn't abuse them. If they need the help, give it to them and then maybe deport them after that. I don't know. Stuff like that, you know.

I hear that and to me that's just a trigger for republicans. It's like that last election. They were so into the moral values and all these Christian groups, which I'm not opposed to whatsoever, but they were using that as getting people to vote for the republican because the republican candidate had higher moral values. And it just seemed like such a republican thing to me, the morals. Like John Kerry didn't have morals?

MODERATOR—AND WHO DOES A BETTER JOB MORAL WISE?

I thinkmy opinion is, it depends on the person. I don't think that is really something that's republican or democrat. For example, I feel President Clinton was an excellent president. He helped our economy, he did great things. His moral values left a lot to be desired. And he didn't make the best choices, but did he hurt the American people? I don't believe he did. He didn't have troops out getting killed. He didn't hurt the economy. But yeah, his moral values weren't the best. So I don't think you can go by what office they hold.

MODERATOR—DO YOU REMEMBER THE SCHIAVO CASE?

Oh gosh, I think I lost friends over that one.

MODERATOR—WHAT DO YOU ALL THINK ABOUT THAT?

I think everybody has a right to their own opinion. I don't think the government should step in for something like that. The government tells us to do a lot of things and I think they kind of overstepped their boundary by doing that. That's a personal family matter for everybody to choose.

MODERATOR—YOU ALL AGREE? SAME REASONS?

I had a real passion about that when it was going on. I thought it was heartbreaking that her husband was able to make that choice for her. I felt her parents wanted to care for her and if they were willing and able to do it, they should have been allowed to. The husband had moved on, which is fine. It had been a lot of years.

MODERATOR—AND DO YOU BLAME ANY OF THE PARTIES?

I personally don't because I think in that case I think being that it was in Florida and Jeb Bush, I think he was trying to do something about it.

MODERATOR—SO YOU DON'T THINK THAT THERE WAS A LIKE A PARTY...

I don't. I think it was a terrible thing that happened though. And I know a lot of people felt that she should have been allowed to die. Her wants were never stated. I think they were assumed.

But then again, because of this case it opened up a lot of doors for people that they made sure that they have a written....that they know what to expect now so that they won't have to put their loved one in this situation.

MODERATOR—LET'S MOVE TO HANDOUT #6. SAME EXERCISE. THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SAYS,

RATHER THAN MORE GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE, WE SHOULD PUT CONSUMERS IN CHARGE OF THEIR OWN HEALTHCARE. 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 HEALTHCARE 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 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. REAL REFORM MEANS AFFORDABLE COVERAGE FOR ALL AMERICANS, MAINTAINING A CHOICE OF DOCTORS AND PLANS, LOWERING COSTS AND EXPANDING PREVENTIVE CARE.

HOW MANY CHOSE THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE? 1. HOW MANY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE? 4. OKAY, WHAT STOOD OUT ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE?

Lower costs and better coverage for all Americans without allowing the government to take over the healthcare system. Right now everyone is paying too much for insurance.

The government is not going to be involved so everybody is going to decide.

MODERATOR—YOU THINK THAT WOULD BE GOOD IF THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT INVOLVED?

Uh-hum.

MODERATOR—OTHER THOUGHTS?

The affordable coverage. I think the costs of medical expenses is just out of reach for so many Americans now. They pay outrageous premiums for health insurance and then you still have high deductibles, high co-pays.

MODERATOR—AND DO YOU THINK THIS IS CREDIBLE? CAN THIS BE ACHIEVED, THIS PROPOSAL?

If they raise the minimum wage so that we can afford it.

Not for all Americans though. There's a lot of unemployment. It can't work.

I think it could happen, but it's going to take a long time for it to happen.

I think Hillary Clinton, when she was in the White House, she really really tried and she was shot down. I think maybe if it would have beenI think a lot of it was personal.

The lower costs and the better coverage.

I think a lot of it has to do with the drug companies too. They know that they can get the money for it, so they are just raising the prices. And a lot of people need those drugs. So I think if they kind of slowed down and helped spread the wealth too....

MODERATOR—LET'S JUST DO ONE MORE, HANDOUT #7. THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SAYS,

WE HAVE REMOVED SADDAM HUSSEIN FROM POWER, TAKING 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 AND SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS. AS IRAQI SOLDIERS ARE TRAINED AND STAND UP, WE WILL BRING MORE TROOPS HOME, BUT WE WILL NOT SET ARBITRARY TIMELINES OR LEAVE BEFORE IRAQI SECURITY FORCES ARE SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED AND RISK IRAQ BECOMING A SAFE HEAVEN FOR TERRORISTS PLANNING ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICA.

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE SAYS,

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

HOW MANY CHOSE THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE? 0. HOW MANY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE? 5. WHAT STOOD OUT HERE?

Finishing up the stuff in Iraq and bringing the boys home. Get the government settled up there, which should have been taken care of by now, or at least structured in some way. Get themgo to Katrina, get ready for the Florida hurricanes. Be here.

Same thing.

Instead of spending the hundreds of billions of dollars since the war started. It just seemed like every week they are asking for billions and billions and now we are up to trillions or what.

We are so far in debt.

And they didn't think twice to send the money. It's like....

I think that if they do set time limits that things would go a bit quicker. Or even though they may pass a time limit, it would still be further ahead than if they just left it alone until they were ready or what have you.

We've kind of been talking about this from the get go about the war. I think everybody kind of agrees that we should bring them home. I don't feel like Bush every really had a plan before he went in. He was just on a mission to go in like to prove a point.

He went in, thought he'd stomp it and come back but it didn't happen.

And I think his attitude would have changed if he would have had a loved one, one of his girls. If they would have had to serve, but you don't really hear the higher people going in, serving in the war themselves.

MODERATOR—SO WHAT IS THE WORST PROBLEM ABOUT BEING INVOLVED IN IRAQ?

Lives.

Taxpayer's money.

Not only ours but theirs too.

Disruption.

MODERATOR—NOW WE ARE GOING TO DO THE LAST EXERCISE. HOW MANY OF YOU LISTEN TO THE RADIO IN SPANISH?

I have.

On and off.

When I'm surfing.

MODERATOR—THIS EXERCISE IS GOING TO REQUIRE A TRANSLATION. I'M GOING TO PASS AROUND....WE ARE GOING TO LISTEN TO AN AD THAT HAS BEEN PLAYING ON THE RADIO IN SPANISH. I HAVE THE TRANSLATIONS HERE. I WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO THE AD AND THEN RATE IT ON A SCALE FROM ZERO TO FIVE. ZERO MEANING YOU DON'T FIND THE AD CONVINCING AT ALL; FIVE MEANING YOU FIND THE AD ABSOLUTELY CONVINCING. (AD RUN) HOW MANY ZEROS?

Convincing about to vote for a democrat or...

I didn't get it either.

MODERATOR—IN GENERAL, DO YOU FIND THE AD CONVINCING?

I think it was too pushy.

MODERATOR—WE WILL DISCUSS IT LATER, BUT FIRST I NEED YOUR RATING. HOW MANY ZEROS? 0. #1? 1. #2? 0. #3? 4. OKAY. SO MOST OF YOU GAVE IT A RATING OF #3, WHY IS THAT?

Yeah, I thought there were some good points to it. I liked when he said about they didn't....we didn't....oh, when we hurt, we respond. I thought that was a pretty good point.

It's pretty convincing, but pushy.

MODERATOR—IN WHAT SENSE?

To get you aggravated....I don't know if that's the word.

MODERATOR—MAYBE IN SPANISH?

To convince you of what they think.

MODERATOR—OTHER THOUGHTS?

I thought it was kind of pushy. I thought it was kind of like....it wasn't really trying to get you to go one way or the other, it was more like....(Spanish speaking). That's kind of the way it sounded. We are going to mess with you. Or if she hits me, I'm going to kick your ass. That kind of thing.

It says nothing but a lot about fear.

We are going to put fear in you. We are going to threaten and I didn't like that.

MODERATOR—OKAY. LET'S LISTEN TO ONE MORE AND AGAIN WE'LL DO THE SAME EXERCISE. (NEXT AD RUN) HOW MANY ZEROS? 0. #1? 1. #2? 2. #3? 1. #4? 1. THOSE OF YOU WHO GAVE IT A #1 OR A #2, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU DON'T FIND CONVINCING ABOUT THAT ONE?

I thought it was a joke. Just last week there was hope? And then when it says here about protecting American families, well what are we protecting American families from, the illegal immigrants?

They are not terrorists.

Yeah, they are not terrorists.

Yeah, but they talk about terrorists.

It says terrorists are entering our country.

Well, these are two different issues here.

Terrorists are crossing our borders. Yeah, they are flying in.

Even when they were doing the demonstrations here in Phoenix, they had signs we are not terrorists. We know they are not terrorists.

That's the first thing they say.

These are totally two different things.

Yeah, I think so.

MODERATOR—IN THIS AD OR IN GENERAL?

In general.

Well, they are trying to

I don't know. I remember hearing something.

They are trying to say that all the immigrants are terrorists.

That's not the way it sounded to me. It sounded to me like ...first, it was for the republican party. It sounded like this is what's happening here and this is what's happening there and terrorists are coming in and drugs are coming in from everywhere, blah, blah, blah. And they were saying that the democrats didn't help as much, but the republicans wanted different things for the immigrants. Not for the terrorists, not for the drug addicts or drug dealers, whatever they are called.

MODERATOR—SO IT SOUNDED TO YOU LIKE IT WAS POSITIVE?

Yes.

It sounds like the republicans are trying to downplay the democrats by saying, oh, they called them terrorists. The democrats are calling them terrorists, but then it said that the republicans were calling them immigrants now.

Yeah, but it sounded more like they were talking about each different group, not the immigrants being terrorists. That's what it sounded like to me.

MODERATOR—NOW LET'S DO THE LAST EXERCISE. TURN TO HANDOUT #10. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO CHOOSE. IF THE ELECTION WERE HELD TODAY, WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRAT OR THE REPUBLICAN RUNNING FOR CONGRESS IN THE DISTRICT WHERE YOU LIVE? CIRCLE ONE OF THE CANDIDATES AND THEN YOU CAN WRITE WHY IN THE SPACE BELOW. AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT THESE SO JUST WRITE FREELY OF WHY YOU CHOSE THE CANDIDATE. THANKS FOR COMING...

(end of session)

