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NOTE: To protect the anonymity of the sources but maintain their differentiated identities, I've changed their names.—Patrick W. O'Neil, transcriber.

0:02

DYKE: Okay, so this is Carl Dyke interviewing three lovely anonymous ladies at the [Donald] Trump rally in Fayetteville, North Carolina, at the Coliseum, March 9, 2016. Could you, first—the microphone, it'll pick everything up. So, you were reluctant to identify yourselves, which is perfectly alright, but you've all said reasons for that, and I wonder if you could just say, so that we know, on the record, why we're not always going to get people's names. Yes?

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LISA: My name is Lisa, and the reason I prefer to stay anonymous with the last name is because I have a brother who's completely Democrat.

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DYKE: So he kind of shuts down the discussion?

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LISA: I don't want to get on the bad side of him. [Laughs.]

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DYKE: I understand. Thank you, Lisa.

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LISA: You're welcome.

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SANDRA: I'm SANDRA, and I work for a health-care facility here in Fayetteville, and although I'm Trump all the way and I'll scream and shout and go crazy and things and make phone calls and hand out pamphlets, I don't want my name associated, just online, for fear of repercussions.

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DYKE: Understood. Yep.

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BARBARA: And my name's Barbara, and I'm also in the health profession. For many of the same reasons.

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DYKE: Yeah. Yeah. Understood. So, how do you find yourselves here? Tell us about your impressions of Trump, why you find Mr. Trump appealing. You're putting in a lot of time, here.

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SANDRA: Well, it's a little embarrassing. In the seventies—seriously, in the seventies—I had this thing for Donald Trump. [Laughter from the group.]

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LISA: You had a thing for him?

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SANDRA: I had a thing for him.

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LISA: Well, does he know it?

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DYKE: Fair enough.

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SANDRA: [To Lisa] No.

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DYKE: So this goes back a long way.

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SANDRA: Long time. I even have an old t-shirt the people at work gave me with Trump on it, and it was before he even was anything. So it goes back a long way. I could have been one of those wives.

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DYKE: [Laughs.]

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SANDRA: That's off the record.¹

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DYKE: Understood, understood.

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LISA: I can see what's happening to our country. And Trump being a businessman, and he's a billionaire, and he had to work very hard—he had something up here to get where he's at. And I just think he'll be good for our country. And I don't care if he's hotheaded or emotionally unstable; he'll be good for our country. That's what we need! I just have a good feeling about him. And I've done a lot of research myself, which I won't go into, but, yeah, I think he'll be good for our country. I really do. Our country, to me, I look around and it's falling apart.

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DYKE: So I'm interested in what you say. So he has, as you know, been accused of being a little bit hotheaded, but you either don't see that as a problem, or maybe that's even an asset.

¹ Having granted the interview subject anonymity, I have chosen to interpret this statement in the joking, convivial manner in which it was delivered.—Patrick W. O'Neil, transcriber.

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LISA: No, he's a Gemini, isn't he? I think he's born in June?

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DYKE: Well, I am, too, so—.

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LISA: All Geminis are hotheads.

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DYKE: We're all good people.

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LISA: But they're bright, they're brilliant. They just don't like criticism.

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DYKE: Yeah.

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LISA: And I don't either.

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SANDRA: I mean, think of [Russian President Vladimir] Putin. Think of the other leaders. I mean, they're hotheaded, you know? Here we are with North Korea, with the hand on the button, I mean, fixing to

blast us. Maybe we need somebody. We don't need [a] politician sitting back, going, "Oh, well, maybe next month we can vote on this," you know? I think that he can get in there and negotiate, make decisions, and get it done.

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LISA: It certainly appears that way. Yeah.

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DYKE: So you feel like politicians really just aren't getting anything done.

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SANDRA: Absolutely.

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LISA: I have really strong feelings about this immigration. And I feel the same way he does. And so we just all hope that he means what he says, you know? [And that he']s able to not only help our economy but also with trading issues, all the above.

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DYKE: So, I think I know what you mean, but, for the record, on immigration, what is he saying that you find—?

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LISA: Well, he's definitely said he definitely will build a wall to keep all the illegals out, all the drugs that are being passed in and out of the country; like I said, all of the above. I just know what I know, and we have to hope and trust that he means—that someone means what they say.

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BARBARA: I think that that's my big issue—illegal immigration. I think there are so many people that are here legally in this country that are very good workers and that you want to be beside you—you want them here. But when the illegals come in and take even their jobs, and we have so many poor people in this country that can't find a job, because [of] illegals stepping in and taking over.

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SANDRA: Not just that—welfare.

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BARBARA: Right, welfare! And a lot of your wealthier legal immigrants are bringing their families over here and get 'em on welfare. That really bugs me. It bugs me, because nobody does anything about it. And here they come, doctors, lawyers, bringing their families in, put 'em on welfare! And they're illegals! I don't understand that. I just don't understand—that's a big deal for me, you know. Somebody needs to do something; nobody's done anything, ever! So that's my big issue.

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DYKE: Yeah. Gotcha.

[Problem with recording; unintelligible, there's seemingly a gap in the recording. Further, from here to 20:03 the recording is very quiet and hard to make out.]

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DYKE: Is that a "yes"?

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BARBARA: Yes! Oh, yes, absolutely! My daughter's in Orlando, Florida, and she's seen that happen all the time, in the school systems, in the, you know, the houses, you know, the Disney workers, you know, losing their jobs because they can bring in cheaper labor, you know? And [unintelligible] . . . you can't even ride on the road and the illegals don't have license. And they wreck, and [] cause a wreck, and they sue you, and we have sometimes, and is that all just [unintelligible] complete [circular].

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LISA: Her nephew [is on] border patrol, [unintelligible]. . . . I won't mention names, but he sees a lot [unintelligible] . . . between borders.

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BARBARA: And they can't catch them. [And] they do something illegal, they can't—.

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LISA: Donald Trump mentioned that as well. Everything he says, he knows, because it's so right, you know. I hope it's as easy as he says it will.

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BARBARA: And you know they criticize him because he doesn't [lay out his] policies [enough]. I don't know that he should.

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LISA: Right!

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BARBARA: I don't know that they know everything about him. I think that's been the problem. You know, something happens and two minutes later the media has it—.

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LISA: And that's why they, a lot of people—. I used to work with Get Out the Vote years ago in Florida, many years ago, as a young girl—for the Democrats, but anyway. I just thought, wow, that's wonderful, I'm part of the group, you know, but anyway. That's a lot of the problem, [unintelligible] . . . people vote for the wrong reasons, I can see that. Either you're voting [unintelligible] he's young, or he's gonna be for the, you know, the—.

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BARBARA: A lot of people voting don't even know what they're voting for.

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LISA: Well that's exactly right, thank you. That's so, so true.

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BARBARA: And as far as the [unintelligible]. . . well, of course [unintelligible] . . . because look what he stands to lose. Look at all the money coming out against him!

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SANDRA: Yeah, they don't want to lose [unintelligible]. . . .

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BARBARA: Right. Right! There's a lot of money to be lost [unintelligible] the government in Mexico.

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LISA: The older people—older people are worried about losing their Social Security that they've worked so hard for all their lives, just to keep—. The elderly people, can you imagine if they lost Social Security? They wouldn't have anything [unintelligible]. They'd be dying! They'd have to build the homes for the homeless. I mean, really! And this playing games is ridiculous. I have so much that I [unintelligible]. . . .

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SANDRA: [unintelligible] . . . And Ukraine is a joke. Absolute joke.

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DYKE: In what way?

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SANDRA: Well, the policies of Obama, not coming in and helping Russia with [unintelligible] refugee crisis. So, they, you know, we don't think [unintelligible]. . . . I know for a fact in Ukraine, [unintelligible] . . . Wanting a leader that's going to bring unity back. You know, [unintelligible]. . . . and if their country's in trouble, they can come to the United States and they can expect the United States to [have their back]. Not money-wise, but just support-wise. And they said, this is a joke! This is a joke! [Long unintelligible stretch.] Michelle Obama brought to the Ukrainian president a little wooden basket filled with fruit from the White House garden. [Unintelligible.] And soap, homemade soap. She probably thought that was wonderful. But Ukraine [unintelligible]. . . . And Obama gave a CD of his speeches. [Unintelligible.] . . . So, you know, there's no respect for our leaders [unintelligible], not at all.

10:56

DYKE: Uh-huh. Gotcha.

11:00

SANDRA: We need somebody that's gonna say, "We're going to do this." And not, "Oh, maybe," then we vote on it. And then, well—.

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LISA: Well now he doesn't have to vote on it; he just signs it into law.

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BARBARA: Every debate I see with Donald Trump, every town hall, every rally, I keep thinking to myself, "I hope everyone in this world hears him. You know, even if they're Democrat, I hope they tune in to these Republican debates. Listen, just listen to what he's saying. Listen to what these candidates are

saying that are for our country, really. It's funny, my daughter just married—her new mother-in-law is from Ukraine.

11:49

LISA: Oh, really?

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BARBARA: Yeah. She says, [unintelligible.] [Laughs.] Very, very like the Germans, she'll say it like it is, you know? If she likes you she's your best friend, you know. Oh, well.

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DYKE: Now, you're obviously very, very well-informed about all this.

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BARBARA: Oh, yes, absolutely.

12:16

LISA: [Unintelligible.] We watch 'em all.

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BARBARA: I'm retired, so I have nothing better to do except be a couch potato and watch all these things.

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DYKE: Fantastic.

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BARBARA: No, not really. [Laughs.]

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DYKE: So, like, where are you getting your information, like, I think I know the answers, but what are you listening to, what are you watching?

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BARBARA: Radio, [unintelligible,] all the news stations.

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LISA: I listen to [radio personality Rush] Limbaugh—

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DYKE: So, across the spectrum?

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LISA: —I do listen to Limbaugh when I'm in the car. But, like Barbara said, I'm—the radio, the T.V., I read on the computers, I just read and listen—.

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DYKE: So you're really sponging it up from all over the place.

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LISA: Yeah, and I see what's going on. I'm not blind.

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DYKE: Yeah. No, that's evident.

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LISA: I do listen about the economy, I listen about [unintelligible] foreign affairs, and I know what's going on. I can see it. We're gonna feel it.

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DYKE: Now, do you ever cross over and listen to alternative sources, like from the left wing, or from the Democratic perspective?

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SANDRA: Oh, I'll listen to all of it. I'll listen to all of it.

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BARBARA: I do. I personally think that [Bernie] Sanders is a joke. I think he's an idiot.

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DYKE: [Laughs.]

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BARBARA: I'm sorry, and I don't [unintelligible]. . .

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LISA: I don't think he's an idiot—.

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BARBARA: You're not a traitor, are you—to Sanders?

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DYKE: No. Not at all. [Laughs.]

13:36

LISA: I think that, you know, we fought for years against socialism! We fought for years against socialism. And all our children are being taught socialism in school. That's a strange deal.

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BARBARA: They are.

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LISA: [Unintelligible]. . .

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DYKE: Now, again, I know what you mean. But just for the record, when you say “socialism,” what do you have in mind? Like, what are the things that [unintelligible]?

14:02

BARBARA: It’s not communism, it’s socialism.

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LISA: It’s where everybody is the same. Everybody’s the same. It doesn’t matter how hard you work, or [unintelligible]. . . . Somebody gets out here and busts their tail for twenty years, and some little kid that just graduated from high school, [unintelligible]. Well, they don’t have to worry about their bills, we gonna take care of them. You maybe work for years for somebody, take care of all their bills—I mean, why? Why? They’re young, they can do it! They’re young! But I don’t see [unintelligible] having to start out [unintelligible] monumental bills; there maybe needs to be something done about that, but not the way [unintelligible]

15:06

DYKE: You want to add anything there?

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SANDRA: I keep going back to Ukraine, you know, because they see [unintelligible] It’s sad that that’s what they [saw] in this country, is communism.

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LISA: [Unintelligible] . . . started, communist.

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SANDRA: Yeah. It happens, you know, gradually.

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LISA: I had a question the other day, of, I was thinking if I ever met Mr. Trump, I'd ask him this question:

"What are you gonna do about North Korea?"

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DYKE: What would you like him to do about North Korea?

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LISA: I don't think you really want to know.

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DYKE: Well, she said maybe we shouldn't know everything, but—. [Laughs]

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SANDRA: We should know everything! I don't think that [unintelligible]. . . . Listen, [former basketball player] Dennis Rodman can go and negotiate. You know, surely Donald Trump can do a better job. I think this little fella in North Korea [presumably Kim Jong-un, Supreme Leader of North Korea]— [coughs]—excuse me. . . . [unintelligible] . . . and he needs a teacher. I think he can go over there and say, "Okay, baby, [unintelligible] . . ." You know, because they have nuclear weapons. You've got to respect that—.

16:27

LISA: That's the businessman he is. All you have to do is see what he's accomplished to know—. And I believe him, when he says he knows how to talk to leaders—and, I mean, even though he contributed to Democrats, contributed to everybody, you know, for years and years, right? I mean I do believe him. Look, all you have to do is look at the person. Look what he's become!

16:46

SANDRA: But he always objects that, he says—. He always objects that was before he was a politician.

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LISA: I don't care what it takes, if it takes being crooked, then he can make it, fine!

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DYKE: [Laughs.]

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LISA: I'm serious!

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DYKE: Yeah! Yeah, yeah. I understand.

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LISA: I mean really, I'm dead serious.

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DYKE: So really, it's just effectiveness is the key here.

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LISA: I mean, being eighty-four years old, I've got to know something. That's all. There you go.

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DYKE: Well, I wanted to come to that, because you guys have been around, you've seen a lot of things, right? So as you think about your political journey through your lifetime, what have you seen? What would you like to share with people who haven't had your experience?

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SANDRA: We just saw a thriving [unintelligible]. We saw stocks going sky-high; we've seen stocks go all the way to the bottom.

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BARBARA: I think they should start when they're young, begin to save their pennies, whatever they can earn, you know, and think of their retirement someday, because—from an elderly point of view, [unintelligible].

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DYKE: Yeah. No doubt.

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BARBARA: And certainly I think [unintelligible] should read as much as they can, to know what's going on in their world. [I hope that they keep voting] for the right reasons, you know, whatever [person] they choose.

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SANDRA: You do not need to be afraid to vote. In my lifetime, people just didn't [unintelligible]. . . . Because whatever did happen was gonna happen. Your voice was not gonna decide it.

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DYKE: Now was that your impression as you were coming up through politics as well, that your voice wasn't being heard?

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SANDRA: Oh, absolutely. Absolutely. [Unintelligible.]

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DYKE: So if you could sort of sum up, I mean, what were you saying that people weren't hearing, that wasn't making it into politics?

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SANDRA: Well, you elect politicians to get out and [long unintelligible stretch] I think you get every voice, every person back where they—the ones that elected them—instead of bring them together, they divide people.

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BARBARA: [Long unintelligible stretch.] . . . Instead of bringing people together, they divide them.

That's how I feel.

19:44

DYKE: So in your experience those divisions weren't already there? They were created and exploited?

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SANDRA: No, I feel like there were divisions already. They just kind of made it worse.

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BARBARA: I have something for you, something I've been hearing since we've talked about, oh, a zillion years now. But you know, [unintelligible] . . . cutting down trees in North Carolina, killing them.

[Unintelligible.]

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LISA: This is your opportunity.

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BARBARA: Well, I don't know if that's a political thing, or not—

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LISA: Well, tell him—yeah, it is. Tell him how you feel about it. It is. It's our environment.

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BARBARA: —but they’ve talked about environmental issues for—

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LISA: Climate change.

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BARBARA: —and climate change for years and years and years. Well, on my way home from work—I’d be coming home at night—they would be cutting trees down as fast as they could, and mulching at the same time, when you didn’t see it in the daytime—you didn’t even notice it. So you’re riding down the road and all of a sudden there’s this spot—. If you didn’t know, if you didn’t really pay attention, you would—. And I’ve asked people at work, did you notice? “Oh, no, I didn’t notice anything!” But I did, because I saw it in action! And I’m thinking, are they really trying to force climate change or what? What’s going on here? So that was a big issue for me. Each side of the road, you had beautiful trees—lovely—and the next thing you know, you go in the next week and there’s none. None. Thousands gone. So I’m thinking, you know, what’s up with this? I heard that they marched them up, they’re saying, to Europe to use to heat with—I don’t know. Because I looked in the computer, I looked and looked and looked, I couldn’t find anything. Somebody said it was for [fuel?] boards, I don’t know; another person said it was to heat Europe, they were buying it for Europe, all our trees.

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DYKE: Wow.

21:40

BARBARA: So that kind of really bothered me. God, if they're talking climate change, then why aren't they doing something over here in our country instead of working over in the rainforests?

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DYKE: Aha. Yeah.

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BARBARA: Why wouldn't they stop it?

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LISA: I think our states could do a lot better job than what they do—

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BARBARA: I do, too.

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LISA: Governors, and whoever's elected, you know. I mean, look at Charlotte. I don't know if you're familiar with Charlotte, North Carolina, but look at this new law that the committee's, [letting?] the transgender into the bathrooms, and all that. [On February 22, 2016 Charlotte expanded its non-discrimination ordinance to include gay, lesbian, and transgender individuals. This would spur a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly on March 23, where legislators passed House Bill DRH40005-TC-1B (commonly referred to as HB2), which, among many other things, mandated that

transgender men and women use bathrooms commensurate with their “biological sex.”] I mean, I was gonna say, now I lost my train—.

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DYKE: You’re speechless. [Laughs.]

22:20

LISA: Yeah, I am. I lost my train of thought. I mean, I don’t worry about what people do, because my children are grown, they can take care of themselves—and to each their own, you understand, whatever rocks their boat. But it was out, was done. And the governor, he retired right after—not the governor—

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BARBARA: Not the governor, the mayor. No, not the mayor.

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LISA: Who was it that retired? Was it the city—organizer, I’m not sure.

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DYKE: The city manager, maybe?

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LISA: They have county commissioners, and then they have city—

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BARBARA: It was the city manager. [City Manager Ron Carlee's resignation was announced on Wednesday, February 24. News reports did not tie this resignation directly to Charlotte's anti-discrimination ordinance.]

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LISA: City—yeah. The city manager that resigned. But I just think the state should do a better job, I mean, you know, Christ, they can't do everything. That's why we have elections in these towns.

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DYKE: No, you're right.

23:12

LISA: It's just the way it was done that—

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DYKE: So what would you like to see them be doing?

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LISA: The people didn't have a chance to vote this, all of them, they didn't! And now they're poor, poor, overwhelmed. They don't know what to think.

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BARBARA: Well, they voted these people in, though. They knew what they stood for, that's—at the time. At the time.

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LISA: We got a chance—yeah, that’s right.

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SANDRA: But once they’re elected, you don’t know what they stand for.

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BARBARA: Because they’ll say they’re gonna do this or that, and then once they get in, “oh, guess what, people!”

23:46

LISA: I was chief of police for a town, small-town North Carolina, years ago, and I know what the conditions [are], how they work. Fortunately, the little town I worked in was only commissioners, it wasn’t a city manager. They didn’t have a city manager or city councilmen, you know, a committee; they just had four—what do you call it?—they had the mayor, pro tem mayor, then your four—what do you call it?—trying to think of—I’ve got dementia, now. [Laughs.]

24:18

DYKE: I’m with you on that.

24:22

LISA: Commissioners! Yeah, commissioners. It just goes down to the people, the public. If the people would just wake up, pay attention to what’s going on, and do their own little research. Some people

can't even read! So, you know what!— I mean, I have a very good friend that's been a friend of mine for twenty years, and she's a black lady, okay? I mean, she walks the walk and talks the talk. I met her at my church choir years ago, been friends for twenty years. So we can talk on the table to each other without insulting one another. And I said, "Why did you vote for—did you vote for Obama?" Said, "of course!" I said, "why?" "Because he's black." See? And that's just an example. And I'm thinking, well, if I was, I would, too. But that's not the reason you're supposed to vote for president of our country. It's who you think will be good for our country, not because of the color of their skin, you know. But that's just [an] example. I voted for Obama, too. [Laughs.] I did!

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SANDRA: I did not.

25:30

LISA: First time, I did. First time I voted Democrat! [Laughs.]

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DYKE: Now, why did you—? So, you thought he was what would be good for the country.

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LISA: I listened—yes, absolutely. I wanted, actually, before I heard Trump, I liked [Ben] Carson, so. He's a brilliant man. But he's not for our country, but—.

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SANDRA: He's too sweet.

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DYKE: [Laughs.]

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SANDRA: He's too sweet.

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LISA: Yeah, but he's bright—brilliant.

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SANDRA: He's too nice of a man.

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LISA: I'd love to see Trump and Carson together.

26:00

DYKE: So what did you like about Obama the first time, and then what did you not like the second time?

26:06

LISA: I think he was a good speaker. I just liked what I heard him say. And he just seemed to the middle-class people, not just the rich, and I just [unintelligible]. I don't remember everything. But apparently I did listen, and I did do my homework.

26:26

DYKE: But then the second time around, not so impressed?

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LISA: Not the way our world is, no! Look what's going on. You offer nuclear bombs to North Korea—. I could name a dozen things. You know all of this.

26:40

DYKE: Well, I do, but I gotta get it on tape, so that people can know what you're thinking.

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BARBARA: I thought he was gonna pull everybody together, and not separate people. Instead of bringing people together, saying, "hey, this was [unintelligible,] you need to do this, this, this." No! And it just separated people! I felt like—. They said something earlier about separating people instead of bringing them together. He could have, you know, instead of making [unintelligible] a bullseye, he could have [unintelligible. . .] done the right thing, you know.

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DYKE: So, I don't want to hold you guys up too much longer—.

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SANDRA: Well, we have a long way to go, don't we?

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DYKE: Well, I just feel like I'm taking so much of your time.

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SANDRA: You might [unintelligible].

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DYKE: No! No, no, nobody is more interesting. But I'm curious—. Okay, so, this is a theme—I mean, we know it is—the pushing-people-apart, bringing-people-together theme. So you feel that Trump is better for bringing people together.

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SANDRA: I don't [unintelligible.]

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DYKE: Yes. And in what way? What do you see from Mr. Trump that you think, okay, this is a guy that can pull us all together? Now we're just getting a record here.

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LISA: Well, if the majority of the middle-class people in our world, in the United States of America, are happy financially, feel that they're being treated fairly, I can see an automatic unity, you know?

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DYKE: So you think if we're all doing well, that sort of pulls it—

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LISA: You get your own children, I see things, I don't like what they do. I get very angry with them, if we're not unifying then, until they improve or listen to mama, you know what I'm saying. You know what I'm talking about, right? Yeah, I mean, that's common sense, I think. I think if he could provide that unity by helping our economy and world trade and all the above, the immigrants, whatever, and all these problems, I think you'd see a lot of unity. I don't believe in socialism, communism, but I just think you—. [He'd better be good.] Because he is going to win the nomination.

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SANDRA: He's not going to turn to politicians, per se—

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LISA: Oh, he hates advice.

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SANDRA: —so he has all of these people all over the world that he's negotiated with, that he has confidence in, that these are not first-time colleagues, you know; he's dealt with these people for a long time. He's going to turn to them. And then, yeah, then you might have to throw in some politicians here and there, you know, those that you can trust and those that have been reliable, but the average politician, or career politician, it's just time to move them out. What is your first name, again?

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DYKE: I'm Carl. Carl Dyke is my full name.

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LISA: Dr. Carl Dyke.

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DYKE: Dyke! Yeah. Believe it or not.

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LISA: Wow. So pleased to meet you.

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DYKE: I'm pleased to meet you, too. No, this has been terrific. Did you have something you wanted to add on the question of pulling people together? I know that's a real concern.

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BARBARA: I feel like the people in our country, if they had the opportunity to get a better job, to have a job that would pay something, it might help to [unintelligible]. Socialism, ideally, is a wonderful thing, if—. But there's so many people out there that's bringing in the money—

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LISA: I just, how we think he—. Oh, I'm sorry. That's the Italian in me.

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BARBARA: —that's the issue, I don't know how they can do that.

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DYKE: You had a thought.

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LISA: Oh. I'm sorry. Just give me a moment. I was forgetting, now, what I was going to say.

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DYKE: She was talking about socialism and how it could work if there were enough people bringing in the money—

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LISA: Right, the money. Right. Okay. For instance, we eat out a lot. [Unintelligible.] But we eat out a lot. You got a little bit right there, but—. We eat out a lot, and these—I've been jack of all trades before I graduated from college, you know, at [unintelligible] State, and I used to be a waitress, years ago.

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DYKE: Gosh! Okay, so, waitress, police chief, drug-abuse—

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LISA: Social worker—

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DYKE: — -counselor, social worker—

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LISA: —substance-abuse counselor—

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DYKE: —substance-abuse counselor, yeah. There you go.

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LISA: I didn't tell you all the other ten jobs I had since I was eighteen.

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DYKE: I want to hear 'em.

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LISA: Waitress was one of them.

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DYKE: Okay.

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LISA: I'm serious! I'm dead serious.

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DYKE: I believe you.

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LISA: So anyway, these poor waitresses work their heads off, a lot of them, work their buns off, and they get not even minimum wage, some of them anymore. You know? I mean, these poor kids, they even have families, they're trying to pull themselves through school, you know? Why just raise the minimum wage for just part-time help? And another thing, I know now what I was gonna say. [Sandra interjects something unintelligible.] Government can only spend so much, I know that, but, you know—. Go ahead, I'm just—. I'm getting all hot now.

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SANDRA: That's part of the reason. Because they raised the wages so the companies just—

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LISA: If they would cut out some of these federal programs we really don't—not that necessary. Then they would have a lot more money to deal with, a lot more money to play with. I worked for the county, I worked for the city, okay, I worked for the federal government, I worked for the city of Tampa for many years. If they would cut a lot of these federal programs—not Social Security, because, too many people in this world depending on that—and I hope Trump doesn't sell us out on that. I hope not.

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DYKE: Same here. Yeah. So what would be an example—

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LISA: Because there will be a war then, because, you know.

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DYKE: Oh, yeah. So what would be an example of a program that you think the feds are paying for, that—.

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SANDRA: I can tell you one.

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LISA: Go ahead and tell him. I know several, but I just—.

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SANDRA: When they get on TV and they advertise for knee braces, and, so, this person didn't even need one! But they say, "just [unintelligible] if we can't get you one." Or, say like they already have a scooter, but "we can get you a new scooter!" They, like, have a new scooter every year. And then they get theirs. It's working! So they give theirs to somebody else, so then the government buys one for them! So that's just a big waste of money! Stuff like that.

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DYKE: I understand.

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LISA: I like the Shriners. It should be things like that, to buy knee braces. But that's one of the things that—. I'd just rather not say on that.

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BARBARA: The EPA [Environmental Protection Agency], I don't know about that. I think we need some sort of environmental protection, but they need to overhaul that system.

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LISA: What about NASA [The National Aeronautics and Space Administration], for instance? What are they doing for our country? NASA. How many years are they contributing—NASA?

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SANDRA: Oh, I think we need to bring back NASA. I think they need to bring it back!

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LISA: I mean, nobody's gonna, they're not going to get to the moon. I don't believe that.

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DYKE: I remember how excited I was by the moon landing—

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LISA: I think—the first moon landing—yeah. Wonderful.

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DYKE: —and then the shuttle program I thought was really cool.

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LISA: Yeah, it was. Yeah.

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BARBARA: They've done some things to really help people from going to this place, and have learned different kinds of—equipment to help people.

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SANDRA: Well, it's brought countries together, too, because on the International Space Station, you have people from all over. So, you know, you're not going to bomb the country that you're in the space shuttle with. You see people working together, like making America great again. Bring it all back together.

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DYKE: Alright. I'm going to stop there, not because you don't have more to say, but—.

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LISA: I hope we've helped you, some. I hope we helped you.

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DYKE: Hugely. Hugely.

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LISA: I hope so. I hope so.

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SANDRA: We don't want to see this in the newspaper tomorrow.