**File Label:** Trump Supporter

**File Length:** 20 minutes and 33 seconds

**File Notes:** Long time resident and Trump supporter.

**Transcription**

**RSP**: “Alright.”

**AES**: “But, thank you. Ummm”

**SM**: “Is it ok if I record you? It will be completely anonymous.”

RSP: Yeah. No problem. *(RSP1 slightly interrupts SM)*

**AES:** “Helps us take notes.”

**SM:** “Sure.”

**AES**: “So about how long have you lived in the neighborhood?” ***(6 seconds)***

**RSP**: “I’ve been here since ’83.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “So…”

**AES**: “A good- a good amount of time.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “You’ve seen a lot of changes?” ***(12 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Umm, yep. Yeah, not, not too horribly. Umm, there’s a lot of residents that have been here as long as we have.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “You guys wanna come in?”

**AES**: “Sure, we’d love to if…”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “We don’t wanna to…”

**SM**: “…intrude.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “I’m just trying to…”

**SM**: “Thank you so much.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Umm, yeah.”

**SM**: “Anymore than we already are, right.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

*(AES and SM laugh)*

**RSP**: “No, it’s fine. I just got-got home from a graduation.”

**SM**: “Oh, congratulations!”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES:** “Umm. Well, uhh, when I, I asked you about the neighborhood…”

**RSP**: “What’s the purpose of your…”

**SM**: “Oh, yeah that’s a *(RSP in background, “sure”)* excellent question.”

**RSP**: “Sure.”

**AES**: “So, we are, we are kind of, this is part of an ongoing project that the two of us have been working on with another, with a collaborator, and what we’ve been doing is kind of looking at how people experience politics in their neighborhoods. Umm, and experience their neighborhoods more generally. So, umm, and with-with that in mind, we’ve got a number of research sites across the country where we have kind of looked at---you know--- yard sign displays over time. We’ve sent out some surveys in those places. We’re data guys, umm, but kind of in addition to the data work, we like to actually get out there and talk to people---you know---not just have survey responses. We want to know a little be more context about how people feel about their neighbors, how they experience space, how they experience *(RSP in background, “what’s”)* what they see…”

**RSP**: “What’s the end goal? Are you trying to achieve?”

**AES**: “We-we’re working on a book manuscript right now. It’s—we’re revising it. It’s under contract with, umm, Oxford University Press. So, what we’re doing right now is talking to people and we’re trying to—we want to put some more story around these analyses we’ve done and just kind of understand how people—fill in the gaps with-that our numbers aren’t telling us. So….”

*(Group laughs)*

**AES**: “So, that’s-that’s—what…”

**RSP**: “Ok.”

**AES**: “And actually, and I will give you, umm, this is for you too. I will give it to you now, actually. But this was, uhh, as we’re-we’re talking but just so you know after we’re done talking, this is our contact information, contact stuff for CU, and then a little bit more about parts of the project. It’s been written up in places like Slate and the Atlantic. We’ve gotten some coverage for the yard sign stuff in there. These are our websites, so if you’d ever want to go to it and see a little bit more about what we done or-or reach out to us. We’d love to---you know---share stuff with you. But w-”

**RSP**: “K. What’s the value of your research and your book and all that?” *(RSP cuts off AES)*

**AES**: “What’s the value of it?”

**RSP**: “What-what-what does it make better?”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Well, it’s more about, like, understanding politics.”

**RSP**: “Sure.”

**SM**: “We don’t-we don’t have like a partisan leaning or anything with this work. Umm, it’s entirely about just understanding sort of how people experience their neighborhood. So…”

**RSP**: “Ok.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Just wondering.”

**SM**: “No, yeah, these are great questions.”

**AES**: “No, they’re real…”

**SM**: “Most people don’t ask, we’re happy talk actually about that stuff.”

**AES**: “Nobody actually ever asks what we do.”

*(SM laughs)*

**AES**: “We’re always bothering other people.”

**RSP**: “I was just wondering *(SM in background, “yeah, yeah”)*—you know---you’re, you’re—it’s a Sunday…”

SM: Yeah,

**RSP**: “…and you’re taking your Sunday.”

**SM**: “Yes, We are. It’s true.”

**RSP**: “And doing something. Must like it or….”

**AES**: “We do like it.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “...and get paid well.”

SM: I wouldn’t go that far but…

*(Group laughs)*

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

*(Group laughs)*

**SM**: “But.”

**RSP**: “And you probably get a lot of people that are like, uhh, umm, don’t want to even bother with you.”

**SM**: “Yes most people, so we’re sort of used to that.”

**RANDOM ROBOT FEMALE VOICE**: Call from

**RSP**: “Sorry, s-sorry, it’s my son.”

**AES**: “It’s ok.”

**RSP**: “He’s coming over.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

*Phone Conversation With Outside Person*

**RSP**: “Yo”

**OTHER PERSON**: “Yo.”

**RSP**: “What’d up?”

**OTHER PERSON**: “Not much. Hey, we’re, uh, I just dropped, uh, Natalie and Robert off. So we’re not going to come over, we’re just going to put him down at our house?”

**RSP**: “Ok. You guys come on over for ribs.”

**OTHER PERSON:** “Well, We’re uh, I, I, I think we’re, uh, we’re probably going to eat here this evening.”

**RSP**: “Ok. Your loss.”

**OTHER PERSON**: “Uh huh. Maybe tomorrow night.”

**RSP**: “Ok. Yeah, I-I get 2-2 racks so there’s plenty.”

**OTHER PERSON**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Alright. Cool.”

**OTHER PERSON**: “Alright.”

**RSP**: “Talk…”

**OTHER PERSON**: “We’ll talk tom—We’ll let ya’ know. But we’re, uh, we’re going to be.”

**RSP**: “Sure. Ok. No problem. Alright, bye.”

**OTHER PERSON**: “Bye. Have a good day.”

**RS**P: “Yep.”

*END OF PHONE CONVERSATION*

**SM**: “We both have little kids, so….”

**AES**: “We understand. I have-I have a 10 month old , uh, when they nap, so…”

**RSP**: “Yeah. I was-I was surprised, I told him--we’re at that party and I was like, he goes down at like 1:00 between 1:00 and 2:00…”

**AES**: “Yeah, yeah, yeah.” *(AES laughs)*

**RSP**: “Every afternoon.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “He’s going to be 2 years old. And like, so they were going to come over, my wife babysits him *(AES/SM in background, “yeah”)* everyday, so, he has a bedroom downstairs.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**AES**: “Oh, that’s nice.”

**RSP**: “But they just wanted to, obviously go home.”

**AES**: “Yeah, umm, we’ll let me ask ya, do-do you think this is a-a political neighborhood?” ***(4 minutes 43 seconds)***

**RSP**: “You know, I don’t know.”

**AES:** “Ok. Yeah.”

**SM**: “What does that mean you don’t know? Like you like…”

**RSP**: “I-I don’t- my wife knows all the neighbors.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**AES**: “Gotcha.”

**RSP**: “I don’t…”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “I-I don’t know. I’m a very political guy.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Yeah. Umm, but I don’t know e-even if any of these guys vote.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**SM**: “Do you— go ahead.”

**AES**: “Oh, I was going to say, when I-when I- and I asked you what you said-what you thought of your neighborhood. But I wanted to ask you, umm, when I-when I say neighborhood, do you think of your street, a couple streets, the whole area----" ***(5 minutes 19 seconds)***

**RSP**: “I think of just the street.” *(RSP interrupts AES)*

**AES**: “Gotcha. I mean, we’re curious about that because it varies a lot. People think that---"

**RSP:** “It’s a great street, they have block parties every year.” *(RSP interrupts AES)*

**AES**: “Gotcha.”

**RSP**: “I mean, they’re very social.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**AES**: “Umm, do you talk to a lot of your neighbors?” ***(5 minutes 35 seconds)***

RSP: I really don’t. Just these guys.

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Umm.”

**SM**: “Do you ever talk about politics with them?” ***(5 minutes 42 seconds)***

**RSP**: “No.”

**SM**: “Do you actively avoid it?” ***(5 minute 45 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Nobody, nobody wants to hear what I say.”

*(SM laughs)*

**RSP**: “I’m a- I’m a Trump lover.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “And most-most, 52% of the people hate Trump. “

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: ”And it’s really interesting politically this...”

**AES**: “It is interesting politically.”

**RSP**: “I mean I’ve not seen so much hate as I have this year against Trump and the news….”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Negative news *(AES in background, “hmm”)*, but…”

**AES**: So you feel like it’s hard for you---you-you, sometimes you might want to talk about politics but you feel like people don’t want to hear so you don’t say anything.

**RSP**: “I don’t say anything.”

**AES**: Gotcha.

**RSP**: “I pretty much, there’s a lot of liberals that I work with and…”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: That’s fine. I’m fine with what-where ever you want to be.

**SM**: “Right.”

**RSP**: I don’t care.

**SM**: Yeah, it’s just what you think.

**RSP**: “I-I just, umm, I think Trump is doing a phenomenal job. He’s not a politician and that’s why I voted for him, because you know--- and I’m not a sensitive guy…”

**AES**: “Right.”

**RSP**: “I’m not, umm, I mean the Democrats are turning everything he says into race and…fine.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Uhh.”

**SM**: “Do you-do you have a sense of like, whether this was- this was sort of more Trump area or Hillary area where you are living, this neighborhood?” ***(7 minutes 4 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Colorado’s, uh, a Democratic state.”

**SM**: “Yeah. But this neighborhood, do you have a sense of that?”

**RSP**: “I don’t know. I really don’t know.”

**SM**: “Ok. Alright.”

**RSP**: “I-I don’t know.”

**AES**: “So-so- so you- you said, you’re a Trump lover and you don’t talk about it that much, are you think kind of guy who would put up a yard sign?” ***(7 minutes 24 seconds)***

**RSP**: “No.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “No.”

**AES**: “Do you guys..”

**RSP**: “I’m laughing because my brother did.”

**AES**: “Ok! Yeah, I’m a curious, I mean…..”

**RSP**: “They-they live in New York.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**SM**: “Ok”

**RSP**: “And he’s- and New York is obviously major Hillary.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Umm, and he put in a Trump sign.”

**AES**: “Yeah, ok. Do you think there is a certain type of person who puts up a yard sign?” ***(7 minutes 45 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Let me ask you guys.”

**SM**: Yeah?

**RSP**: “Who’d you vote for?”

**AES**: “Who did I vote for, oh in the-in which- in 2016?”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “I voted for Hillary.”

**RSP**: “Oh, God.”

**AES**: “No it’s, I’m not going to lie to you, I did.”

**RSP**: “Sure. Well, and you?”

**SM**: “I also voted for Hillary.”

**RSP**: “Jesus Christmas.”

**AES**: “It’s fine- it’s al---"

**RSP**: “Get the fuck out of my house.”

*(Group laughs)*

**SM**: “Alright, alright.”

*(Laughter)*

**AES**: No, yeah. I mean but….

**RSP**: “She got the popular vote.”

**AES**: “She did. You know. But it’s interesting, I mean, so, I-I live in Longmont.”

**RSP**: “Oh.”

**AES**: “And, umm, I have 2 neighbors, right, both have Trump signs up, another one cattycorner, I mean, my neighborhood was really mixed. And it is really kind of an interesting---you know---kind of antidote for some of the work I do about understanding how people understand their neighborhoods, I talk to my neighbors about this stuff too. So, I- we’re genuinely curious about it, so…”

**RSP**: “Me too.”

**AES**: “Yeah, I mean you didn’t put a sign up, umm, you’re not sure. Do you think there’s a certain different type of person who puts a sign up? That says something to people or anything like that?” ***(8 minutes 43 seconds)***

**RSP**: “W-What type is my brother?”

*(AES and SM laugh)*

**RSP:** “He-he-he just, umm, he’s- he lives in New York state, it’s the most taxious state in the Union.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Other than…” *(SM and RSP slightly talk over each other)*

**SM**: “I also live in upstate New York too *(SM in background, “yeah”)*, actually.”

**RSP**: “Yeah. And it, and he-he’s tired of the federal tip programs and that we’re funding, the tax payers, *(AES/SM in background “right, sure”)* and, umm, he’s just tired of it, so he’s a, I guess, a rebel.”

**SM**: “Yeah, I mean, where I live in upstate New York and uh, the Congressional district I live in went for Trump actually. So, uhh…”

**RSP**: “Ok.”

**SM**: “D—you know--- the city is very strongly, uhh, Democrat.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “But as you move upstate, there’s much more mixed like where I live, umm, we’ve gone back and forth between, uhh, Democratic winners and Republican winners and Trump won the district I was in actually.”

**RSP**: “Ahh.”

**SM**: “So, it really depends where you live, you know. Uhh, do-do you ever, uhh, when you see campaign signs around do you ever- does it- do you ever think about it really…” ***(9 minutes 53 seconds)***

**RSP**: “No.” *(RSP slightly interrupts SM)*

**SM**: “…or do you just sort of let them go by, sort of…”

**AES**: “So, if you ever see Hillary signs in your neighbors’ yard *(RSP in background, “eeh, ehh”)*, you ever…”

**RSP**: “I just think it’s so sad that-that--- you know whoever the president is, don’t you want him to do well?”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Sure.”

**RSP**: “And it’s not the case with this president. It’s just sad, I think.”

**AES**: “Mhmm, ok, cool. “

**SM**: “Did you-did you feel that was the case in the last president?” ***(10 minutes 27 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “I thought Obama did fine. I didn’t vote for him but I thought he, healthcare I though was-he did a lot.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “But now, it’s, uhh, you know.”

**SM**: “Yeah. So, do you sort of think it’s like the same thing again. Like…” ***(10 minutes 40 seconds)***

**RSP**: “So, if you said anything about Obama, guess what?”

**SM**: “What?”

**RSP**: “You’re a racist.”

**SM**: “Oh, ok, I see what you’re saying. Like if you say something negative about Obama…”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Ok. Yeah, I see that.”

**AES**: “Yeah, we know—I know what you mean, right.”

**SM**: “Sure.”

**AES**: “This is-this what we study, right? And I mean, umm, and we study, among other things, right. They ways that people talk about their opinions and feel like race, and different groups, can be talked about separately or non-separately. So, what you’re saying is something we hear about. You know- it makes perfect sense.”

RSP: So you guys…

SM: Yeah, sure.

**RSP**: You guys everything’s race.’

**SM**: “Who’s you guys?”

**RSP:** “Democrats.”

**SM**: “Ok. So one thing you’d be surprised about us *(RSP in background, “ooo”)* is ho-how much we can separate our own politics from our interest in doing this.”

**RSP**: “I, is it not true that everything Trump wants put on the boarder.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “*“That’s racist*.” He wants to do this, *“Ooh, that’s racist.”* Everything, you guy’s play the race card so much it’s…”

**AES**: “Well, I hear what you’re saying, but when you say you guys, you’re saying….”

**RSP**: “Democrats.”

**AES**: “Right. And trust me, like, yeah, I voted for Hillary because I’m going to be honest with you…”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “But, I’m, that’s completely separate from what I do for a living. Like, I’m being serious with you.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “And if you want to know about my personal history, I supported McCain, alright, way back in the day.”

**SM**: “And I’m, I’m”

**AES**: “So..”

**RSP**: “So disappointed in McCain *(AES in background, “fair”)*, as a Republican, you know. It’s just horrible.”

**AES**: “But I mean, I say it because like….”

*RSP says something unclear*

**AES**: “No, It’s fine. But like…”

**SM**: “We’re really just observing.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “I know it’s hard for you to believe. *(AES in background, “like our”)* But we…”

**RSP**: “No, I…”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “I’ll believe anything.”

**SM**: “Ok, fair enough, ok…”

**AES**: “Our job..”

**RSP**: “This election…” *(in background)*

**AES**: “Our job as social scientists, is to try to like separate our own personal politics from everything and just see what people are doing. And I know that sounds but..”

**RSP**: “It’s really interesting, I take these polls. These v…”

**SM**: “Like, when they call and stuff like that you mean?”

**RSP**: “No, just talk to people…”

**SM**: “Oh, like, you-you mean like your own sort of…” *(SM and RSP slightly talk over each other)*

**RSP**: “And I-I ask, “*ok, what don’t you like about Trump?”* The number one thing is he texts.”

**SM**: “You mean like Twitter and stuff like that?

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Ok, yeah.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, he twitters. Ok, give me some meat. Oh yeah, he’s on the golf course. He’s a sexist and-and it’s all stuff, that to me, it-it there’s other things more important in the world than Twitter. And, and the reason why he twitters-tweets”

**SM**: “It doesn’t matter…”

**RSP**: “You know why he does?”

**AES**: “Because it’s always done.”

**RSP**: “No.”

**AES**: “It’s who he is.”

**SM**: “Because he wants, uh, direct communication.”

**RSP**: “Because the-the-the press can’t distort the words.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “They can’t pick little bits and pieces out that he- if he said something.”

**SM**: “Who are you taking these polls among you? Is this your friends, your family….” ***(13 minutes 49 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Yeah, just work.” *(RSP and SM conversation overlapping)*

**SM**: “...work, things like that.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, yeah we-we go at it at work.”

**AES**: “Yeah, yeah, yeah”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Most people are, are not Trump- They’re not Trump supporters at all.”

**AES**: “Gotcha.”

**SM**: “But it’s good natured at work, you think?”

**RSP**: “Oh, yeah.”

**SM**: “Ok, Yeah.”

**RSP**: “I-I could care less.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “So, I-just to ask you about the neighborhood again, right, so it sounds like it---you know---yo-you don’t talk to your neighbors too much about politics, like you told---" ***(14 minutes 13 seconds)***

**RSP**: “No.” *(RSP slightly interrupting AES)*

**AES:** “Just the couple of neighbors you talked to, if people put up yard signs, it sounds like you said you don’t really notice them too much or do you notice them; what would you say?” ***(14 minutes 23 seconds)***

**RSP**: “I probably wouldn’t notice them.”

**AES**: “Gotcha.”

**RSP**: “I only notice what my wife does in our yard.” *(RSP laughs)*

**SM**: “Fair enough, yeah.”

**AES**: “If you-if-if—So, iff somebody put up a Trump sign, and you saw it…”

**RSP**: “Oh, I would notice that.” *(RSP slightly interrupts AES)*

**AES**: You would notice that.

**SM**: You would notice that.

**RSP**: And I probably would go buy him a beer.

**AES**: Ok.

**SM**: Ok.

**AES**: “Yeah. So, it’s- it’s the kind of stuff we’re interested in. If you see a sign that you agree with, does that make you more likely to go talk to that person, or think to yourself *(RSP in background, “of course”)* hey that’s a person I agree with.” ***(14 minutes 46 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Of course. He’s in alignment with me.” *(AES in background, “So you think about that stuff)*

**AES**: “Right.”

**SM**: “Ok. It establishes—"

**RSP**: “I’d like them.” *(RSP cuts off SM)*

**SM**: “It establishes some sort of comfort level, you think, instantaneously almost?” ***(14 minutes 57 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Sure.”

**AES**: “Yes, ok.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “By the same token, if you see one of these people on these streets that puts up a Hillary sign, you’re like, do you think to yourself….” ***(15 minutes 2 seconds)***

**RSP**: “I’d laugh.” *(RSP slightly interrupts AES)*

**AES**: “Right.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**AES**: “But like-but I-but you remember something about that house, right?”

**RSP**: “Sure.”

**AES**: “Like *(RSP in background, “yep”)* that person is saying that. Ok. I’m going to throw that away, alright.”

**SM**: “Do you think it was different in 2016 than it was in previous elections; you’ve been around here awhile. I mean…”

**AES**: “You’ve seen a lot.”

**SM**: “Yeah. And do you think, like, election time in this area feel different to you?”

**RSP**: “No.”

**SM**: “Not during the Trump era? The election versus Obama-McCain or Obama-Romney sort of elections.” ***(15 minutes 31 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Ehh…I-no. I don’t know.”

**SM**: “You don’t know.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, it just seems like after—I read TIME magazine, which is totally Democrat…”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “And I love to read it because I-I wanna see what you guys are thinking.”

*(SM laughs)*

**RSP**: “Right.”

**SM**: “Us guys, yeah go ahead. *(SM laughs)*.

**AES**: It’s-it’s funny.”

**RSP**: “I’m, I’m going to label you.”

**SM**: “You know, it’s fine, it’s fine. I’m just laughing at the thought of me being a stand in for the Democratic party. If you--if we had a long enough conversation, you’d find that I am not a great stand in for the Democratic party. So that…”

*RSP says something inaudible.*

**SM**: “So, I’m just laughing at that idea.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, but I like reading it. *(AES or SM in background, “sure”)* And-and-and one of the issues was like a month after he was elected president and they were already hammering on him and I’m like, “This poor dude, he hasn’t even been in office a month and they’re hammering on him.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Anyway.”

**AES**: “Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.”

**RSP**: “I think it’s so interesting.”

**AES**: “Yeah. Yeah. Well, I think---you know---it’s-it’s really interesting. I-I appreciate your perspective and sharing it with us.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES:** “Umm, I guess the last thing we’ll-we’ll ask you is, umm, and I think I’ve got the answer to this but you know if you-so if you see signs and stuff like that, it doesn’t-do you have a reaction to that kind of stuff? If your like walking through the neighborhood or if you’re driving through the neighborhood and you see---you know---somebody agrees with you—” ***(16 minutes 40 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Emotionally?” *(RSP cuts AES off)*

**AES**: “Sure, anything, anything, anything.”

**RSP**: “No.”

**AES**: “No.”

**RSP**: “I just think the guy knows what he-if it’s-if it’s a Trump sign…”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “He’s, uhh, he-he’s---you know---Trump is draining the swamp. The-the politicians, I’m tired of the politicians, Congress is a fucking joke, a absolute joke, it’s sad.”

**SM**: “And when ya-and so- so you feel heartened perhaps when you see Trump signs around. Is that sort of what your saying?” ***(17 minutes 37 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “That you see like more of your community---"

**RSP**: “Th-This guy, this guy-this---he-he wants positive shit to happen to our country. That’s what I see.” *(RSP interrupts SM)*

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Trump is---"

**AES**: “Why do you think people put up signs or put up bumper stickers? Why do you think they do that stuff?” ***(17 minutes 59 seconds)***

**RSP**: “I wouldn’t do it.”

**AES**: “You wouldn’t do it?”

**RSP**: “Bumper stickers!”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Good God, I’d be afraid of my life.”

*(Group laughs)*

**RSP**: “You know what I mean?”

**SM**: “Same thing with a sign?” ***(18 minute 8 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Sign, yeah.”

**AES**: “You feel like you’re asking for trouble if you put a sign up?” ***(18 minutes 11 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Yeah, its bumper stickers, signs, *(AES or SM in background, “yeah”)* it’s crazy people in this world.”

**SM**: “Yeah. Well, that we definitely agree on.”

**AES**: “We do.”

**RSP**: “You have bumper stickers or signs?”

**AES**: “Uh-uh.”

**RSP**: “Why?”

**AES**: “I don’t-I don’t personally put up any, cause I’m non-part--I have to be non-partisan in my job. That’s like my job. So, I’m like really careful about that. I mean, I obviously have my own opinions, like, you asked about that.”

**RSP**: Oh, of course.

**AES**: “But in the-in-in the classroom, in my work, right, in th-that capacity, I’m really careful about that stuff.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Umm, and the consulting kind of work we get asked to do, which you, we’re r-really careful about that stuff. Right? Whether we get asked to-to consult on stuff for conservative groups or liberal groups, we’re really, really careful about that stuff because as social scientists our credibility is on the line. With the…”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “…non-partisan.”

**RSP**: “You have to be neutral.”

**AES**: “While, it’s like the business place, right? I mean, I don’t know how you feel about it but like, and a lot of people I talk to, when they talk about their workplace, they talk about politics at work but, like, when they’re talking to clients and stuff like that, they’ve got to be really careful about how they do politics with it, right?”

**RSP**: “Sorry.”

**AES**: “No, it’s ok.”

**RSP**: “It’s my wife. She’s at the party. She needs…”

*(AES laughts)*

**AES**: “No worries. Uh, we won’t keep you much longer.”

**RSP**: “Ok.”

**AES**: “But anyway---you know---so, umm, yeah, I was just curious about-about what you thought about why people do stuff, why do they put signs up? Why do they put bumper stickers up, you know? ***(19 minutes 21 seconds)***

**RSP**: “‘Cause they’re, they’re very adamant in what they believe in and-- I would think.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “My brother’s a---you know---he’s *(pause)* he’s…. I don’t know. Mom, why do you think Anthony put a sign, a Trump sign in his front yard during the elections last year?”

**RSP MOM**: “I have no idea.”

**RSP**: “Mmm’k.”

*(AES and SM laugh)*

**RSP MOM**: “I have no idea. I guess he’s with Trump.”

**RSP**: “‘Cause she has a knife in her hand.” *(RSP conversation overlapping with RSP MOM)*

**RSP MOM**: “Oh, I wanted anybody but what’s her name.”

**RSP**: “Ooohhhh! These two…Mom be careful.”

*(AES and SM laugh)*

**RSP MOM**: “While I can’t help it, *(AES/SM in background, “yeah”)* you asked me.”

**SM**: “No, no we’re not offended by anything.”

**RSP**: “No, me neither. No really.”

**RSP MOM**: “You can’t be.”

**RSP**: “I don’t know I just think—"

**RSP MOM**: “You know, everybody thought the same, there’d be no need for each other.”

**AES**: “That’s right.”

**SM**: “That’s true.”

**AES**: “That’s right.”

**RSP MOM**: “You can’t always say I like it, oh yeah, I do too, oh yeah I do to. What-what could you do?”

**AES**: “I’d have nothing to study if everybody agreed with each other.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “That-that science..”

**SM**: “It would be boring.”

**AES**: “It would be.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Hey, thank you for your time.”

**RSP**: “Ok. No problem.”

**SM**: “We appreciate it.”

**RSP**: “Good luck.”

**AES**: “We’re going to leave this with you.”

**RSP**: “Aright.”

**AES**: “If you don’t want it, please….”