**File Label:** Moderate in his Garage Part 1

**File Length:** 6 minutes 5 seconds

**File Notes:** Interview with a moderate home owner.

**Transcription**

**SM:** “Is it just a couple streets or is it a bigger area, what do you think?”

**RSP:** “I picture our neighborhood as just from that street up there whatever it is, uhh, 13th to 10th.”

**SM:** “So, this-this area?”

**RSP:** “Yeah. This community homes are all the same builder, and, uhh…”

**SM**: “OK.”

**AES:** “OK. That’s what you think about.”

**RSP:** “Yeah.”

**AES:** “Do you feel like this neighborhood has changed since you moved in?” ***(16 seconds)***

**RSP:** “Well there’s a lot more traffic…”

AES: K. Ok.

**RSP:** “Umm…”

**AES:** “That makes sense.”

**RSP:** “Trees are bigger.”

**SM:** “Yeah.”

**AES:** “Yeah.” *(AES laughs)*

**SM:** “It would be weird if they were smaller.”

*(AES laughs)*

**RSP:** “Umm. There-There hasn’t been a whole lot of turnover in people.”

**SM**: “K”

**AES**: “OK. Alright.”

**RSP**: “Umm, it hasn’t changed a whole lot though.”

**AES:** “Ok. Do you-do you feel like it is a political neighborhood in any sense?” ***(36 seconds)***

**RSP:** “No.”

**AES**: “No.”

**AES**: “People just kind of keep to themselves and stuff.”

**RSP:** “We have a neighborhood poker game once a month in this neighborhood with all the guys…”

**SM/AES:** “Yeah.”

**RSP:** “…and nobody really talks about that crap.”

**SM:** “D-do you just actively avoid it or is it just not…” ***(51 seconds)***

**RSP:** *(RSP slightly interrupts SM)* “Yeah, I mean, you know who leans right who leans left…”

**SM**: “Yeah”

**RSP:** “and you just stay u---you know---that’s for the TV.”

**SM**: “That’s for the TV.”

*(RSP laughs)*

**AES:** “Yeah, yeah, yeah.”

**SM:** “I get that.”

**RSP:** “Yeah, I don’t -- cause I know politics can lead to a lot of anger”

**AES:** “Yeah.”

**SM:** “For sure.

**RSP:** “Like—you know—who you like and so forth, so…I think, we just as a neighborhood, avoid it. Umm, I’ve got some nieces that are like big Trump fans.”

**AES:** “Ok”

**RSP:** “Or our niece, and she’s posting stuff on Facebook about it and then the other nieces, or nephews are like, “what the fuck”.

*(AES laughs)*

**AES**: “Yeah, yeah. Do you, ah, so, umm, do you talk to a lot of your neighbors. It sounds like you play poker with ‘em every month.” ***(1 minute 30 seconds)***

**RSP:** “Yeah.”

**AES:** “..You know. Ok.”

**RSP:** “Yeah there’s a—some we don’t talk to, umm, you know. But there’s a core group of people that have been here a long time.”

**AES:** “Yeah.”

**SM:** “That’s nice.”

**AES:** “What you---are there, like, certain neighbors of yours that—you know—that you’ve kinda-you can pinpoint their politics and yo-you just kinda steer clear of conversations. Is that kind of part of what you were saying.” ***(1 minute 45 seconds)***

**RSP:** “Yeah, I mean, I can tell you what-how everybody voted.”

**AES**: “Gotcha.”

**SM:** “Really? Based on signs or based on what?” ***(1 minute 58 seconds)***

**RSP:** “What they tell me.”

**SM:** “Oh, ok. So, so sort of they tell ya but you’re not going to talk about it for a while? Is that what you’re saying?” ***(2 minutes)***

**RSP:** “Yeah, we talk about it a little bit.”

**SM**: “Ok” *(AES laughs)*

**RSP:** “Yea we never get deep about it…”

**SM:** “Yeah, sure.” *(SM slightly interrupting RSP)*

**RSP:** “… or whatever.”

**SM:** “Do, do people around here put campaign signs up?” ***(2 minutes 11 seconds)***

**RSP:** “Not a whole lot this last time. I didn’t see any Trump signs.”

**AES/SM:** “Interesting. Ok.”

**RSP**: “I know Broomfield’s mostly Republican.”

**SM**: “Yeah”

**RSP:** “Umm, and not to change the subject or anything *(SM/AES in background “nah)*, but did you hear about this Baptist Church that is coming to Broomfield High?”

**AES:** “Ahh, you know, I think I saw something, in the-in the paper about that.”

**RSP**: “Is that really, they’re coming here?”

**AES**: “I-Idon’t much about it but I saw—"

**RSP:** “Said on twitter.”

**AES:** “I caught-” *(AES slightly interrupting RSP)*

**RSP**: “It’s kinda wild”

**AES:** “I caught word of it yeah.”

**RSP**: “The protests, up at the school Tuesday.”

**AES**: “And I…”

**SM:** “Oh, really that’s interesting.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, Yeah.”

**AES:** “Yeah, umm, I caught word of it, somebody was talking about this. Umm, I actually live up in Longmont now so I …”

**RSP:** “Ohh, ok.”

**AES:** “Umm, but, I-I know-I know somebody who was talking about this. I know what you’re talking about.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, it’s that Baptist Church *(AES in background “yeah)* that like goes to like soldier’s funerals….”

**AES:** “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “…and they hate gay people.”

**AES:** “The Westboro” *(AES slightly talking over RSP)*

**SM:** “The Westboro”

**AES:** “Yeah”

**RSP**: “And we actually have some rental houses and one of our renters is real Christian and..”

**AES**: “OK.”

**RSP:** “So nice, and she put on Facebook, I-I-like she said them fuckers are messing with the wrong Mama if they come to Broomfield.”

**AES**: “Yeah yeah.”

**SM:** “That’s interesting.”

**RSP:** “Wow, I’ve never heard that from Nicole!”

*(Laughs from group)*

**RSP**: “But like, yo-you read on twitter and everyone’s like, we’re going to meet-we’re not going to let them in here, so...”

**AES**: “Ahh, so that’s interesting. So people like organized against them and stuff.”

**RSP:** “Yeah.”

**AES:** “That’s cool.”

**RSP**: “They said, they said they’re going to circle the whole school so they can’t get in.”

**AES:** “That’s interesting, wow.”

**SM**: “Yeesh”

**AES:** “Well,---You know--- like, yo-you were talki---"

**RSP**: *(RSP interrupts AES)* “Why, why are they coming to Broomfield/”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “We don’t have anything to do with…”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES:** “Maybe it’s, uh, a high military service rate or something so they think that like, I don’t know…”

**RSP:** “I don’t know.”

**AES**: “Cause I know there’s a lot of military families in the area.”

**RSP:** “Is there, you think?”

**AES:** “I think there’s a lot of people that have service members. Umm, in the front range too, I think there’s a good amount *(RSP in background “probably”)* between the air force and everything else.

**RSP:** “Yeah.”

**AES:** “Umm, yo-you were talking about the last election, uhh, do you feel like-does the neighborhood feel any different during elections? Do you notice anything different?” ***(3 minutes 58 seconds)***

**RSP**: “No.”

**AES:** “Ok.”

**RSP:** “No.”

**AES**: “And do y-you notice signs? Do people put them up? *(pause)* You don’t-just kind of, whatever?” ***(4 minutes 5 seconds)***

**RSP:** “Uhh, like the last election, I don’t think there was any.”

**AES:** “Gotcha.”

**RSP:** “That I remember.”

**AES:** “Yea,yea.”

**SM:** “In past elections, had you noticed them?”

**RSP:** “Yeah. Like, some Obama signs and whoever was running against…”

**SM:** “Romney but yeah Romney *(RSP in background “yeah yeahz”)*, McCain”

**RSP:** “Yeah, I remember we had a neighbor here who always had a big sign out. Umm…”

**AES:** “Gotcha.”

**SM:** “Did you think about that when they put a sign out or is it like….” ***(4 minutes 28 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Its whatever they want.”

**SM:** “No, I know but do you-do you, like, use that as information about them in anyway?”

**RSP:** “Yeah.”

**SM**: “You do…”

**RSP**: “Everybody does. Y-you know how they lean.”

**SM:** “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “And which shouldn’t really matter.”

**SM:** “Does it give you a reaction? Do you ever think anything in your head when you see stuff like that, and when people put up signs *(laughter in background)*, or stuff?” ***(4 minutes 44 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Say he’s a fuckin’ progressive.” *(AES laughs)*

**SM**: “ That’s going to be a really good quote in our book by the way.”

*(Group laughs)*

RSP: Umm, I mean, yeah, to an extent…

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “You can kinda judge a person.”

**AES**: “Alright.”

**RSP**: “But not really either, in that, you can look at their side and understand.”

**AES:** “Yeah.”

**RSP:** “...where their coming from.”

**SM**: “Sure.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “So…”

**SM**: “Do you think that signs ever convince you of anything. When you see that stuff?” ***(5 minutes 11 seconds)***

**RSP:** “No.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Absolutely not.”

**SM**: “Yeah. Do you have conversations in the neighborhood ever effect your thoughts about politics? Or are the sort of hardened and separate?”

**RSP**: “No. I st-stand the way I am and that is it. And…”

**SM**: “No, I get it.”

**AES**: “Yeah. Yeah.”

**RSP**: “But I listen.”

**SM/AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “And I agree with some things.”

**SM**: “Well yeah, sure.”

**RSP**: “You know I actually have to have a sign in my neighbor- or in my yard for two months, starting tomorrow, cause we’re getting all new windows in our house.”

**AES**: “Ooo.”

**SM**: “Oh right, for the-for the business.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Yeah.” *(laughs)*

**RSP**: “It’s just different but yeah”

**AES**: “But still, though, I mean, it’s like, yeah, y-your signaling to your neighbors, like, I did my windows, right.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, I don’t like the sign *(in background AES “trust these people’)* but it is part of the deal.”

**AES**: “It’s part of the deal.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “That’s interesting.”

**RSP**: “So…”

**AES**: “Yeah, umm, alright. Yeah, well thank you very much…”

**RSP**: “Sure.” *(Someone in background “appreciate it”)*

**AES**: “…for talking with us.”

**RSP**: “Sure.”

**AES**: “Yeah, thanks so much.”

**File Label:** Moderate in his Garage Part 2

**File Length:** 54 seconds

**File Notes:** Interview with a moderate home owner.

**Transcription**

**RSP:** “He seems like a character.”

**AES:** “He does—"

**SM:** “Looking back you mean?” *(SM interrupts AES)*

**AES:** “Well it’s like the colloquial people used to say he’s the guy I want to have a beer with.”

**RSP:** “Yeah.”

**AES:** “He’s totally a guy I want to have a beer with.”

**RSP:** “I know.”

**AES**: “Like, I totally get that-“

**RSP**: “I think it would be cool to hang out with hi-“

**AES**: “I know! I know!” (laughs)

**SM:** “Well politics is all relative, right?”

*(Group laughs)*

**SM**: “You’re, you’re just looking at things through the lens of right now. You know…”

**RSP**: “Right.”

**SM:** “Things feel very different right now then they did during the election year..”

**RSP:** “That’s true, absolutely. *(in background “yeah, yeah”)* And then, some of the things that Trump does I think are good but there are a lot of them where I’m like what the fuck.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “You know.”

**AES:** “Yeah. No, it’s definitely interesting times we’re in, so.”

**RSP:** “I know.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “So, I like to- I mean my wife’s like a hardcore Democrat I would say *(SM in background “OK”)* but *(AES in background “interesting”)* not hardcore but she would always vote for them.”

**SM:** “Gotcha.”

**RSP**: “But I could vote for the other guy if he was good.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “But I vote-I think I vote for the individual not the party.”

**SM**: “Yeah, ok.”

**RSP**: “You can judge a person and their, you know.”

**SM:** “Sure.”

**AES**: “Ahh. Hey, well we really appreciate your time.”