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**Transcription**

AES: But more about our web presence---you know---who we are and *(RSP in background “mhmm”)*, and what we study and stuff like that. Just wanted to give it to you. If you want to keep it…

**RSP**: “Sure.”

**AES:** “Keep it. If you want to throw it away, we understand that too. But we wanted to give it to ya. So….”

**RSP**: “Sure. Yeah.”

**AES**: “Just so you have it and you know we are legit.”

**RSP**: “Good.”

**AES**: “Uhmm, so, we appreciate you taking the time to talk to us.”

**RSP**: “Sure.”

**AES**: “Uhmm.”

**RSP**: “Alright.”

**AES**: “So, you know, sir, uhh, about how long have you lived in the neighborhood?” ***(20 seconds)***

**RSP:** “Uhh, 30 years.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**SM**: “Wow.”

**AES**: “Yeah”

**RSP**: “I-we moved here from Minnesota.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Umm, have you seen-has the neighborhood changed a lot since you’ve been here?” ***(30 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Umm, just recently.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**SM**: “Ok. How so recently?” ***(37 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Well, we have, uhh, a lot of movement, uhh, sales.”

**SM**: “Gotcha.”

**AES:** “Ok.”

**RSP**: “A lot of these--several of these houses were rentals and now they’re purchased.”

**SM/AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “And they’re being remodeled.”

**AES**: “Sure.”

**RSP**: “A young couple up here just bought, two houses up, and they’re gutting it.” *(RSP laughs)*

**AES**: “Gotcha. Yeah ”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Yeah. So, a lot of people flipping houses and doing that kind of thing. Or just…”

**RSP**: “Well, they aren’t flipping them. They’re pretty permanent.”

**SM**: “Oh.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Moving in. I think, probably as a young couple’s first house. *(AES in background “sure”)*. So, they’ll be there some years.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “These, these people came from Boulder.”

**AES**: “Ok. Yeah.”

**RSP**: “They’ll be there for 10-15 years. And it’s-it’s, it’s two gals, bought that together.”

**AES**: “Gotcha.”

**RSP**: “Th-the lady that moved out of there was 103.”

**SM/AES**: “Oh wow! Wow!”

*(RSP laughs)*

**AES/SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “So, we got to know her. We’d go over and visit her.”

**SM**: “So do you talk a lot with your neighbors?” *(1 minute 30 seconds)*

**RSP**: “Oh yeah.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “This, th-these people are here way before us.”

**AES/SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Th-these people here, this- they built this house.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “They’re now in Kansas today.”

**AES**: “Ok.

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “So, on-one of the things we’re interested in understanding how people experience their neighborhoods *(RSP in background “uh huh”)* and interact with their neighbors. Umm, whe-when I say neighborhood to you, what do you think of? Do you think of just the street or, or the broader area, or what do you think about?” *(1 minute 45 seconds)*

**RSP**: “Oh, uhh, umm, *(pause in conversation)* I guess maybe this street.”

**SM**: “Yeah, just the street.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, pretty much.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “This gal here organizes a, uhh, a potluck in the fall.”

**AES**: “Ohh, that’s nice.”

**RSP**: “We put out some tables out *(AES in background “yeah”)* and, uh, bring out the BBQ. If they want to come they can come, they’re all invited.”

**SM**: “That’s nice.”

**AES**: “That’s nice.”

**RSP**: “In this one short stretch here.”

**AES**: “Got it.”

**RSP**: “But to the next street.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “And half of them come.”

**SM**: “That’s nice.”

**AES**: “That’s good.”

**RSP**: “And we kinda tell fishing stories and stuff.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

*(Laughter in group)*

**SM**: “Do you guys, do you ever talk politics with your neighbors?” *(2 minutes 30 seconds)*

**RSP**: “Uhh, he’s, uhh, he’s a Democrat.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “I’m a Republican. They are Republicans. This gal over here is liberal. I don’t know what the girls are.”

**AES**: “You know a lot about your neighbors’ politics!”

*(AES laughs)*

**SM**: “You do know a lot about your neighborhood!”

**AES**: That’s one of the things we were curious about too that we-that we study is kinda how people understand the politics of their neighborhood *(RSP in background “yeah”)* and stuff like that. Umm, so would you-would you call this neighborhood political? ***(2 minutes 50 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Umm, yeah, I guess, at least this end.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Umm, yeah.”

**SM**: “So, you guys talk about politics when you’re around each other? Or…”

**RSP**: “Uhh, delicately.”

**SM**: “Delicately. What does that mean?” *(AES laughs)*

**RSP**: “Well---you know---we just express our opinions and let it go at that.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

*(RSP laughs)*

**SM**: “Try to withhold judgement.”

**RSP**: “Ohh, yeah, yeah, yeah. The only time I withheld judg—I,I got a little perturbed was, I-I put out my sign—you know.”

**SM**: “Oh, you put it.”

**RSP**: “On, on, on the lawn.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “And it would disappear every week.”

**SM**: “Oh really.”

**RSP**: “So, I would get a new—"

**AES**: “Wow.”

**RSP**: “So, I would get a new sign and put it up and it would disappear.

**SM**: You said you were a Republican. Was it a Trump sign you were talking about? And, uh, ho-where were you getting your signs? From like the campaign office or something like that? ***(3 minutes 35 seconds)***

**RSP:** “Mhmm”

**SM: “**Interesting.”

**RSP**: “Three of them.”

**SM**: “And you had to get three of them?”

*(RSP laughs)*

**AES**: “Were-were they given to you or did you have to pay for it when you…”

**RSP**: “Well, I donate.”

**AES**: “You donate

**SM:** “Ok.”

*(AES says something inaudible)*

**RSP**: “So, so they, yeah.”

**AES:** “Ok”

**RSP**: “This gal over here lost her sign. Her’s not a Trump-Trump sign.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM/AES**: “Why do you put out a sign?” ***(3 minutes 58 seconds)***

**RSP**: “I just want people to know where I’m coming from.” *(RSP chuckles)*

**AES**: “Ok.”

**SM**: “Do you think, Do you think that, uh, do you think-do you think they help convince people to vote one way or another?” ***(4 minutes 5 seconds)***

**RSP**: “I don’t think so.”

**SM**: “It’s more about you?”

**RSP**: “Yeah, it’s more about me, and maybe, some of them may know me.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “You know I’ve been here 30 years. So maybe they would, maybe, i-uh, respecting an opinion I might have.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “On an issue.”

**SM**: “Su-su-sure.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Do you, umm, do you notice signs around the neighborhood when they go up during campaign season?” ***(4 minutes 29 seconds)*** *(RSP making some noise in background, not agreement or disagreement just acknowledging the conversation and the questions)*

**RSP**: “Ooo, uhh, not many.”

**SM**: “Not many.”

**RSP**: “Mm-mm.”

**SM**: “But when you, but when they go up do you take note of them, do you think?”

**RSP**: Sure.

**AES**: Yeah.

**RSP:** “I walk my dogs up around…”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

*(laughter)*

**RSP**: “So, I know what some of the people are and what they stand for.”

**SM**/AES: “Yeah.”

RSP: Without even talking to them.

*(Group laughter)*

**AES**: “Do signs- do signs make you feel a certain way? Like if you see a sign you agree with or disagree with does it make you feel anything?” ***(4 minutes 52 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Uhhm, no. I suppose if I saw a si- bunch of signs of the same kind maybe I would.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “But as, in terms of just one sign here and there it’s all like…”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “They send it to me because I donated.”

**SM**: Yeah! But you seem to like to put them out.

**RSP**: “Oh yeah!”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “When the, the tax thing came, you know, *(SM/AES in background “yeah”)*  I have a tax -give me a tax break *(SM/AES in background “yeah”)*  sign. I put it up.”

**SM**: “Oh, oh, ok, yeah.

**RSP**: “I figured everybody would love that one.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

*(RSP laughs)*

**RSP:** “That there-that one didn’t-didn’t disappear.”

**AES:** “Yeah, yeah, yeah.”

**SM**: “That one didn’t disappear.”

*(Group laughs)*

**AES**: “Did uh, well you- you were persistent. When people stole it, you put another one up.”

**RSP**: “Oh yeah. Didn’t wait.

AES: Did it, did it, I mean, did it get ya, did it get you angry that people were doing this? ***(5 minutes 41 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Well I thought, it was rather cheap.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Yeah. That makes sense. I mean, it’s your space, you should be able to express yourself in your space.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “You know.”

**RSP**: “Yeah. They told me—you know---that’s a federal offense.”

**AES**: “Right.”

**RSP**: “I-I didn’t know that.” *(RSP laughs)*

**AES**: “Well instead you…”

**RSP**: “I called the police in fact.” *(RSP interrupts AES)*

**AES**: “Did you?”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Did they do anything?”

**RSP**: “No.”

**SM**: “Yeah.” *(laughter)*

**AES**: “Well in studying neighborhoods during elections and yard signs, we’ve seen people do all kinds of stuff, like, put a little camera up in a tree on their sign. *(RSP in background “Ooh”)*  You know, to keep and eye on it or put a sign up about their sign saying, “don’t touch this.” You know, it’s, uh…” ***(6 minutes 8 seconds)***

**RSP**: “That might help.”

**AES**: “Yeah, yeah, yeah.”

**RSP**: “Maybe not.”

**AES**: “It’s, uhh”

**RSP**: “And, I don’t think that sign collector was, uh from this area.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “…from this street.”

**SM**: “He was somebody around the area…”

**RSP**: “I think he just cruises and take-“

**SM**: “Take down Trump signs, or whatever.” *(SM interrupts RSP)*

**RSP**: “I think so.”

**SM: “**Sort of obnoxious.”

**RSP**: “And I thought of putting up a camera but I never did.”

**SM**: “It’s a lot of work right.” *(SM laughs)*

**RSP:** “Yeah, yeah. It’s a lot of work. It isn’t worth it.”

*(Laughter)*

**RSP**: “Yeah, yeah. “

**SM**: “So, when you, I mean like, do you feel like when you talk to your neighbors, how often would you say politics comes up?” ***(6 minutes 48 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Oh, umm, right now it’s not anything, uhh. *(pause)* This guy here, umm, he’s definitely is, uh, on opposite side of me. Yeah, I’ll tell him what I think, yeah.”

**SM**: “Does he tell you what he thinks?”

**RSP**: “I know what he thinks.”

*(Group laughs)*

**AES**: “Yeah, we get that a lot too.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “And, he’s a good neighbor.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “In fact, he’s the guy that’s got the key to our house.”

**AES**: “Right.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Got the key to my truck.” *(RSP says something inaudible)*

**AES:** “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “You know, and, uhh, really nice people.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “But definitely that..”

**SM**: “So, it’s all, it’s very friendly is sort of what you’re saying.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, it’s friendly.”

**SM**: “That’s nice.”

**AES**: Do you feel like, you’ve lived here awhile…

**RSP**: “Mhmm.”

**AES**: “Uhh, do you feel like 2016, that election, was any different than other elections and how people in the neighborhood were and things like that?” ***(7 minutes 43 seconds)***

**RSP**: “I don’t think so.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “No, umm, when Obama was running. I don’t think so.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Uhh, But the same kind of thing going on.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Did you put signs out in previous elections?”

**RSP**: “Uh, yeah. *(pause in conversation)* That Romney?”

**SM**: “Yeah it was Romney and then McCain before.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “I guess I did have one -but they never disappeared.”

**AES**: “Right.”

**SM**: “Right. There was a little bit less tense of an election, I think.”

**RSP**: “Yes. Yes. Little less.”

**AES**: “Do you, do you feel like the neighborhood is any, is a little bit of a different place during election season or anything like that, or you can tell more about people or anything like that?” ***(8 minutes 20 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Not really.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Not really. *(pause)* Well they’re---they’re just a----this is sort of a blue-,well, blue collar area---you know--- *(AES/SM in background “yeah” “sure”)* and, uh, and they think differently than some of us who came from different backgrounds.”

**AES**: “Right.”

**RSP**: “And learn to understand.”

**SM**: “So you say you’re from Minnesota is that right?”

**RSP:** “Minnesota, yeah.” *(RSP laughs)*

**RSP**: “Minnesota is a—that’s uh, that’s uh electoral mess.”

**SM**: “Very mixed politics there as well.”

**RSP**: “Oh yes, oh yes.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Well I-but I noticed that-I’m from Ohio *(RSP in background “mhmm”)*, so the lower Midwest *(RSP in background “mhmm”)*, you people from the Midwest are willing to talk to you though.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “I noticed this. Cause I’m a transplant.”

**RSP**: “You’re from there.”

**RSP**: “Yeah. Friendlier than here.”

**AES**: “I think so too.”

**RSP**: “It takes a while here.”

**AES**: “Yeah. That’s right.”

**RSP:** “Yeah.”

**AES**: “That’s right.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

*(RSP and AES laugh)*

**SM**: “Why do you think that is?”

**RSP**: “I don’t know, th-it’s just the way they are brought up.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “I hear ya.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Oh, they-they’re just friendly generally whether its politics or religion or whatever.”

**SM**: “Sure.”

RSP: Their just simply, I don’t know. What is it about the Midwest that’s just, uh, *(AES/SM in background “yeah”)* just more cordial?

**AES**: “There’s something like that, *(RSP in background “yeah”)* I think that’s right.”

**RSP**: “Mhmm.”

**AES**: “You know, do you, do you think-think there’s a certain type of person and, and maybe you include yourself in this, or not, who puts up a yard sign or puts bumper stickers on their cars and things like that? Is there something about that kind of person who does that?” ***(9 minutes 42 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Yeah, I think maybe we, we probably under, uh ah, indirectly are thinking, well, maybe we’re-we’re getting ‘em thinking.”

**AES**: “Right.”

**RSP**: “Mhmm”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Not-Not, persuading them.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**:“You know-but getting them thinking. Like I have a bumper sticker on the back of my truck.”

**SM**: “Yeah, so you have a Trump and a Reagan one actually, right.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

*(laughter)*

**RSP**: “The Regan one is a---you know---y-you’re not free until we have a smaller government.”

**SM**: “Yeah. So is than in the-he-is that, is that...”

*(RSP and SM slightly talking over each other)*

**RSP**: “People, people notice that. In fact, I was in the parking lot at Safeway and a-a gal from, I don’t know where she’s from, she must have been, uh, 35-30 years old. She said, “Boy I sure like your bumper sticker.” So…”

**SM**: “Is that a old bumper sticker. *(RSP in background “mhmm”)* Like has that been on there since the—I mean, the-this car isn’t from the 80’s. *(RSP in background “no, no”* So, ye-ye, did you, like get it more recently and put it on there?”

**RSP**: “No. It’s been on there for a long time.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “It’s finally falling off..”

**SM**: “Ok.”

*(RSP laughs)*

**SM**: “So, it’s an original bumper sticker then.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “That’s really neat.”

**RSP**: “Yep.”

**AES**: “That is really neat, yeah.”

**RSP**: “Yep.”

**AES**: “Ve-Very cool.”

**SM:** “You got any other questions?”

**AES**: “I don’t think so. I don’t let me-let me check but-but I don’t think so. I think that’s about it. Ooh, uh, yeah, umm.”

**RSP:** “The only real differences we’ve had in this neighborhood is dog barking.”

**AES**: “Ohh, yeah.”

**SM**: “That’s the issue.”

*(Group laughs)*

**AES**: “I’ll ask you one last question, I just thought of. Umm, you know, so if-if, uhh, if you see somebody put up a sign or something like that, would that make you want to go talk to them about something.” ***(11 minutes 22 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Umm, depending on the issue.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Like a candidate sign? If you saw, like, another Trump sign around. Would that make you, maybe, wanna go talk to them about politics in a way.” ***(11 minutes 38 second)***

**RSP**: “Sure, I’d go over and say, uhh, I see your sign. You know, let’s, uhhh, share somethings together.”

*(AES laughs)*

**SM**: “If you saw a bunch of Trump signs out. Would that make you more likely to not—is that like, help you think about putting a Trump sign out? Like is there k—is there sort of like a community sort of nature putting signs up, you think?” ***(11 minutes 58 seconds)***

*(RSP laughs)*

**RSP**: “I don’t think so.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, I don’t think so.”

**SM**: “Alright.”

**RSP**: “Someone else might answer it differently.”

**SM**: “Sure, we’ve been getting all different kinds of responses today, believe me.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, yeah.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Mhmm.”

**AES**: “Well this is all really helpful. We appreciate you taking the time.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, your welcome, your welcome.”

**AES:** “Thank you so much. So, enjoy the rest of your weekend.”

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**Transcription**

*(RSP laughs)*

**AES**: “No, it sounds like it.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, so we, uh, yeah, we’ve enjoyed…”

**AES**: “Well, you kn…”

**RSP**: “We’ve enjoyed the-the comradery, the comradery.”

**AES**: “Well, it sounds to me, you know, uh, one of the things we here from different people is that like, you know, they, they sometimes talk politics with people, they sometimes don’t *(RSP in background “mhmm”)*, they kind of know, but you know people’s politics *(RSP in background “yeah”)*, and different things you’re in, community organizations…”

**RSP**: “Yes, they do.”

**AES**: “…maybe church. You know things like tha-, you just kinda, you get a sense for stuff, right.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, you know, you do.”

**AES**: “Ok, right.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “That makes sense. We hear a lot of that. So...”

**RSP**: “Mhmm. Yeah.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “I remember sendingw an email, on, uh, something to one of the people in, our, our RV club. And, uh, a week later, umm—another member of the club said, said don’t-don’t send her stuff like that she’s---she didn’t like it.” *(RSP laughs)*

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “I overstepped my bounds, probably.”

**AES**: “Well.”

**RSP**: “But anyway I learned not to do that.”

**SM**: “Yeah, it happens.”

**AES**: “Yeah, It’s does it happens.”

**RSP**: “Yeah. Yeah.”

**SM**: “Well, thanks again.”

**AES**: “Hey ya, we appreciate your time.”

**RSP**: “Your welcome.”

**AES**: “Thank you.”

**SM**: “Have a great trip.”

**AES**: “Well, yeah, have a great summer. Enoy your trips.”

**SM**: “Yeah, alright.”

**RSP**: “Thank you.”