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

**File Length:** 3 minutes and 43 seconds

**File Notes:** Interview with a male, Republican who has lived in the neighborhood 9 years.

**Transcription**

**AES**: “..so much.”

**RSP**: “Alright, no problem.”

**AES**: “Umm, so, about how long have you lived in the neighborhood?” ***(2 seconds)***

**RSP**: “9 years.”

**AES**: “9 years.”

**RSP**: “Mhmm.”

**AES**: “Ok. And when I- I, I say neighborhood but---you know-- what do you think of when-when I say neighborhood? Do you think of like just the street, or a couple streets, or the broader area? How do you think about that?” ***(6 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Umm, I-I kind of think of the subdivision that we’re in.”

**AES**: “Ok. Ok.”

**RSP**: “Which all the streets around us here.”

**AES**: “Yeah. Gotcha.”

**AES**: “Would-uhh, would you say the neighborhood has changed at all since you moved in?” ***(21 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Umm, not really.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “I mean, yee- we’ve had some people move out and some people move in but for the most part it’s still relatively the same.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Since we move in, yeah.”

**AES**: “Do you think it’s political at all?” ***(35 seconds)***

**RSP**: “No.”

**AES**: “No. Ok.”

**RSP**: “Not at all.”

**AES**: “Do you think that’s changed at all?” ***(40 seconds)***

**RSP**: “No.”

**AES**: “No, ok.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**AES**: “Interesting. Oh, Ok, cool.”

**SM**: “Do you talk to your neighbors about politics at all?” ***(46 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Uhh, we talk a lot but rarely about politics. So…”

**SM**: “Do you actively avoid politics do you think?” ***(52 seconds)***

**RSP**: “I try to, yeah.”

**SM**: “Ok. And that’s because you don’t want to jeopardize relationships or it’s just not interesting or…”

RSP: Uhh, umm, it’s, it’s---- I try to avoid the conflict because I know nowadays because what’s going on, you know, especially---

**RANDON FEMALE**: “Is Eric out here?” (*Interrupts RSP)*

**RSP**: No. *(slight pause) “*I just try to avoid it, I guess, yeah.”

**SM**: “Yeah sure, Do you notice campaign yard signs around?” ***(1 minute 16 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Very few.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Most of them are local.”

**SM**: “Like for local races or local issues, things like that?” ***(1 minute 22 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Yeah, exactly.”

**SM**: “What do you think when you see those signs?” ***(1 minute 26 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Umm, not a whole lot. I mean, it doesn’t bother me, most of them I agree with, so…”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Good to see ‘em, so…”

**SM**: “Would you say this is like a more a Republican or more a Democratic area?” ***(1 minute 34 seconds)***

**RSP**: “I think it’s more Republican.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Mhmm.”

**AES**: “Do you, uhh, did you notice anything different about the neighborhood, like in the 2016 election? Umm, with it being---You know--- cause it was kind of a-a heated---you know---kind of…” ***(1 minute 38 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Right.”

**AES**:“…wh-i- election. So, did you notice that people were any different about anything, or?”

**RSP**: “I think they keep most of their politic—uhh, their-their ideals to themselves.”

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Just like myself, so, yeah.”

**AES**: “Right. Yeah, yeah.”

**RSP**: “Umm.”

**AES**: “Yeah, do you think there’s a certain type of person who puts out yard signs?” ***(2 minutes 4 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Umm, yeah, I do. You know, it’s either someone who is extremely far left or extremely far right, you know.”

**AES**: “Ok.” *(Slightly interrupts RSP)*

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Yeah, typically the people---you know---who it seems like are in the middle. And, I-I consider myself-cause I-I mean, I’m a Republican, my wife’s a Democrat but we’re pretty much in the middle, you know.”

**SM**: “Ok.”

**AES**: “Sure.”

**RSP**: “So, we share a lot of common beliefs, you know.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Umm, but yeah, most the stuff. And it-it, it’s not really in the neighborhood where I see. It’s more like on, in social media where I see the issues.”

**SM**: “Sure.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Yeah, so you, that’s where you’re sort of getting your, sort of, polit-- th-the politics.”

RSP: That’s where I’m trying to avoid it, is reading all that stuff just is…

**SM**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “It’s just, it’s overwhelming, and just-I just try to avoid like I said.”

**SM**: “Yeah, I hear ya.”

**RSP**: “We’re so used to it.”

**SM**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “That in the news. So…”

**SM**: “Yeah, yeah, no, I-I get that certainly.”

**AES**: “What do think that, like, umm, those extreme people on the left or the right, what do you think their trying to do when they out a yard sign?” ***(2 minutes 52 seconds)***

**RSP**: “Umm, you know, that’s a great question cause, I don’t know. Because, I don’t think that, umm, they’re influencing me in anyway or influencing any neighbors in any way. I think they’re-they’re putting themselves out. They’re standing in front of other people, you know.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “Umm, but I-I don’t feel any different about them. I mean there’s a few people who will do it round here but….”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “I don’t think, you know, bad of them or anything like that.”

**AES**: “Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. You don’t—do you---so you---"

**RSP**: “But they’re not influencing me by saying something.” *(RSP interrupts SM)*

**AES**: “Right you don’t feel influenced. Do you, do you have any reactions to signs at all? I said---I think you said you noticed them a little bit like during midterms or something?” ***(3 minutes 28 seconds)***

**RSP**: “No, I don’t really notice them.” *(RSP slightly talking over AES)*

**AES**: “Ok.”

**RSP**: “Yeah.”

**SM**: “Ok, yeah, umm, anything else?”

**AES**: “No, I think that’s pretty good. Yeah.”

**SM**: “We really appreciate you taking the time.”

**AES**: “Yeah.”

**RSP**: “No problem.”

**AES**: “Yeah, thank you so much.”

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

**File Length:** 1 minutes and 11 seconds

**File Notes:** Interview with a male, Republican who has lived in the neighborhood 9 years.

**Transcription**

**SM**: “…signs were.”

**RSP**: “Oh, ok.”

**AES**: “Ok. So, this was like, what, 2012….”

**SM**: “Mhmm.”

**AES**: “…when we did that. Umm, and so, and that’s one of the sites in the book where we kind of like, like looked at like---you know---the diffusion of yard signs.”

**RSP**: “Right.”

**AES**: “Umm, and so w-, that’s part of the reason we decided to come back out here. And it- and Broomfield itself is kind of an interesting area because it’s kind of competitive. It’s mixed, maybe Republican leaning, like you said. Umm”

**RSP**: “It’s close to Boulder but not…”

**AES**: “Yeah!”

**RSP**: “…. Boulder, so…”

**AES**: “Yeah exactly.”

*(Group laughs)*

**SM**: “Exactly. That’s another reason, yeah.”

**AES**: “I mean, it would be one thing if we were like doing like Boulder and the Springs, as a contrast.”

**RSP**: “Oh, yeah.”

**AES**: “But like---you know---we didn’t want to do that, we wanted to-to kinda pick some different sites that were mixed and competitive and had people from different, you know…”

**RSP**: “Right.”

**AES**: “…socioeconomic backgrounds, right.”

**RSP**: “Parties, everything.”

**AES**: “Yeah, yeah. So…”

**SM**: “We do Boulder, then everything is a Democratic sign, that’s not so interesting to us.”

**RSP**: “No.”

**SM**: “You know what I mean? *(RSP in background, “no, no, yeah”)*  We’re not in here with strong political preferences. We just want to know what people…”

**RSP**: “Right.”

**SM:** “…Are doing. *(RSP in background, “Ok, yeah”)*  So it’s helpful to be in a place where there’s lots of different kinds of people.”

**RSP**: Right. Exactly.

**AES**: Yeah that’s part of how we came to this. So..

**RSP**: Alright.

**AES**: Iff you ever have any questions at all feel-free to reach-reach out to us.

**RSP**: Ok, great thanks! It was great to meet you.

**AES**: Alright, thanks for your time.