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Wrestling Federation.



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You know, I watch wrestling every now and then the WWF. And you know, that's the last thing I think of while I'm watching those guys.



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Well, I like the other one because they have the light heavyweight the younger gentleman from Oh, yeah, yes,



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no, I like the big beefy guys. Yeah.



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But very simply, what's happened is the WWF. This year has gone a little political, really have started in a group called Smackdown. The vote. One of their wrestlers the rock appeared at the Republican National Convention. And then two weeks later at the Democratic National Convention, he was joined by a female wrestler, China. And basically it was we just registered to vote. You should too. Yeah, what they've done this past week, is they have made an offer to Governor Bush and Vice President Gore to have five minutes each of debate time on their show Smackdown which is on the UPN network. It's one of the highest rated shows in the 18 to 34 year old demographic, no kidding. And they have offered it there. To be, of course, moderated by Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, who was a former wrestler,



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Oh, yeah. Five minutes, though,



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five minutes each. There, it's gonna be difficult to get them to want to do that. Well, that's true. But they've made the offer because they're part of a group, this Smackdown the vote. It's part of a youth group of trying to get more young people, young adults interested in voting. So important, and it's something that that came out of MTV started it really. Eight years ago with a Rock the Vote camp.



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I remember that.



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I mean, the infamous question, do you wear boxers or briefs? Governor Clinton? Little did we we found that out. New I was going they Oh yeah. But there's a large push nowadays for this demographic of the 18 to 34. And they're working with a group called youth vote 2000. And I'll give some website information out later on. So get pen and paper ready, or you can just email us and I'll email you the links. But there's a group out there called youth vote 2000, which is the Coalition of Black youth vote campus green vote, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights League of Women Voters, National Council of La raza organization of Chinese Americans Rock the Vote, third millennium. US PIR G, which I'm not sure what that stands for, and the US Student Association. And it's a group that's just trying to make it to try and push to for the candidates to look more to that to that unspoken group. And part of it comes from a thing called neglect 2000. Woo. Which is a it's an interesting thing. And it's it's some interesting facts here. 66% of 15 to 24 year olds, agree to the statement that our generation has a voice but no one hears it. And that's how a lot of people feel is that what we say? Isn't being neglected, ignored. And what we're, there's no one speaking for us. You know, that's



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pretty amazing, too. Because with Clinton, and now with gore and Bush, I think those are some of the youngest men who have ever run for the presidency. I know that Kennedy was was pretty young. But, you know, it's always been very older men. I mean, and so, you know, I'm seeing these younger men running. And but yet they're not they're not speaking to a generation.



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Yeah, face. Basically, they've ignored what the what the core is of this untapped resource. And part of it comes from the fact that they don't the young adults don't go out and vote in the numbers that your senior citizen your 60 Plus group does. That is a very large demographic that goes out and votes. It's harder to get the younger people out there. Plus, you have to

change your campaign strategy. What works to get you I mean, social security issues, does not work with a 20 year old. No. I mean, they already know it's not going to be there when they get to that.



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Well. That's that's what's been said. That's what they've been told.



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And that's how many of them feel so Social Security is not an issue to them. I According to public opinion, research, let me find this stuff. Actually, the number one topic that they are concerned with is education,



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as well they should be. And



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the social issues that they had several of the organizations bring up. That is, is way down the line, I mean, single digit percentages. I thought I had myself better organized than this. Okay, here, but let me just put on your here's some keys, some, let me find my sheets or So some key findings they did on a research in several states. Unfortunately, Texas wasn't a part of this. And I think it's because we have a later primary. And some of these other ones. These are all based off of the last primaries. Some key findings they found in interviewing people, contrary to popular thinking, generation Xers are optimistic, if not more so about the ability of the government to solve society's problems than an older generation.



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We've seen so much of it that we've seen so much bad government that I think we're jaded, in many ways. Yeah, we



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hear the troubles. I mean, this this past presidency oven, though, there was so many positive things that came out of there, the economy and all that. We still dwell on whitewater and Monica gay, yes. And the Chinese Buddhists.



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Well, you've got to remember that the President of the United States is royalty. As a matter of

fact, it's a representative. He is a representative of the entire nation. Yeah, base. I



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mean, the way we work, it's a common person who is now not just leading, but serving. Yeah, yeah. It's hard to work on those grounds. And he's not



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and we expect certain things. We expect the president and sparingly we can look up to, because of morals and a whole lot of other things. I know that. Throughout all the Monica gate people like didn't care about his sexual activities, but the fact that he lied so much. Yeah. Was the bigger, much bigger issue than the fact that then his sexual activities?



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Yeah, I mean, the only thing I think they really criticize on the sexual activities that people did was more in a joking manner of you're the president of the United States. And that's what you were able to get. Oh,



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you know, he's not he's not famous for paying for some of his pics. Have you seen all the other women? Yeah.



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Mostly when he was governor. He did have a miss Arkansas. Oh, I say he kind of



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actually we're getting off on tangents, because we're talking.



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We want to talk series about politics. Yes, this is his thing on education. Between those 35 to 45, social issues in education are number one. But one's older than that. It's social security and health care.



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Yeah, well, you know, people are going to be interested in things that affect them the most and



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then get the Americans. Basically, what I think we are is part of our I guess you can call it character flaw is we look for the here and now. We look for the quick fix in the band aid. Yeah, we sure do many other countries that are surpassing us economically, not as much social issues, but economically, is because they look to the future. They plan ahead. And they stick with that plan. Yeah, I mean, we run in these situations, I had a political debate with my dad back when they were arguing over the seven year budget. It's like, well, why shut down the government for this when next year, they're going to turn around and want to change that budget. They fought so hard for and



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now that I think that's kind of maybe a flaw in our government that we don't have leaders that are there for more than eight years. And so it's hard to maintain this long term thinking,



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or I mean, just just the fact that I mean, like in other countries in England, the Prime Minister isn't really directly elected, it's in his party has the controlling faction and the parliament, then their leader becomes the prime minister. So I mean, you're not actually voting. I mean, only the people in a certain district voted for Tony Blair. It was the fact that everyone else voted in the Labour Party. That that got him elected into prime minister over the conservatives. Another fact is members Generation Next choose a candidate the issues tend to be more important than character, which has been a big topic in the past election. And in this one here, you're probably going to see character.



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I know and I'm Do you see the Republicans trying to pin the the morality of Clinton onto gone to



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go? Yeah. And confuse the issues?



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Yes. It's very confusing. Yes. I mean, look, look, we're not electing Clinton and



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he's out of the picture not reelecting Clinton.



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It's like, yeah. And I mean, there's you can see evidence of that just from the controversy over the lip lock seen around the world. Lee we have a note. That is solely reason he chose mine. Oh, it's so rude. I have to read. The reason you chose Monica is Tammy Faye wasn't available. She wasn't available because I think she was waiting for conjugal visits to be lifted. Out. Part of the decline they saw in the primaries is because generation xers pay scant attention to the primary. Yes, it's, it's for I don't either. It's foreplay to the big deal,



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you know? Yeah. And it's like I wait until even after the conventions are over with Oh, yeah. to even bother with with it. Because



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I mean, there's nothing there's nothing really interesting, nothing about it. Yes. Generation extra is lack of attention is due to their feelings, the candidates pay them scant attention.



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Well, that's true, which is pretty true.



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Why they don't vote. They say they don't have enough time and information to involve themselves politically.



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Well, basically, that's true.



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Welcome to the modern world.



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Yeah, you know, a lot of us are that way. And I think that's why we rely on organizations that think like us to do that. The League of Women Voters is does an incredible job of of interviewing the candidates. And I know in the queer community I rely heavily on HD I PC and their push

the candidates. And I know in the queer community, they're heavy on the L and then push cards, because I'm not a political person. Yeah.



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And it's hard to make, it's hard also to see the issues that make sense to you. There's one website I'm gonna talk about later on that had it real easy that you saw the candidate, the major candidates, and it had whether or not just a brief description, are they in favor of this? Or are they not in favor that Yeah. And later on, you could change the category and see what they said specifically? So like when it came down to gay rights? I don't think anyone had an opinion. They're probably not voting on this on this one site.



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Anywhere on there. Does it say anything about that? People are just fed up with being incessantly lied to by both sides?



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The probably not



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talking about politicians.



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I know. I know. I mean, that's part of it. And it's not it's part and parcel or



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so for the deal. But you know, yeah, I mean,



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we say that, but I mean, I think there are good people in government too. Yeah.



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Yeah. It's just it's one of these maligned organization. Mind position. Yeah. I mean, you can go out and you can find a good lawyer,



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I trust and a sparker. Yeah. But I also know that with politics, you align yourself with different people on different issues. And you may despise these paid people, but I mean, if you aligned with them on their issue, they aligned with you on yours. And you know, that's politics makes strange bedfellows. That's right, and I could never do it. Because if I don't like somebody, I'm never going to be on their side for anything. Whether it's the front door pack, where that's right. As a matter of



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thank you for that campaign.



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TV ads were infrequent, uninformative, and unmemorable. Especially compared to.com ads and the Internet has been a big player in this lately. Jesse Ventura. With the with when he was with a Reform Party in Minnesota, he couldn't afford television ads. So he came up with catchy radio ads, and promoted it. He had a very interesting and interactive website that goes in there and does those sorts of things. And that brought in a lot of younger people interested in that and then helped push them over.



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How long do you think it's going to be before we can vote online?



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They're talking about it now.



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How much 30 years 30 years



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You got to have trials.



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In and yeah, I guess,



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and it's so easy to manipulate the data on a computer. Well, is nobody's ever gonna really trusted?



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In fact, we did have there has been one credit that was the primary or there has been an election here in Texas, yes, that a vote was cast via quote unquote, internet. Okay. And that was because the person was unable to get to a voting. Well, you see guys, he was in outer space. It was an astronaut. I see it down to vote, okay, it's a little difficult to have them scrub a mission just so you can come down and vote. So they did that. And I think they're looking at something like that. There's something that will go to.



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And that's the other thing that just chaps my butt. Is that not too many years ago, you voted on voting day period. And now then they started early. Absentee Voting yeah, there's



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just like the pride celebration. We went from a day to a month. Yeah, you can now vote.



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And we make it. It's more. There's more opportunity, more opportunity and less people voting,



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and especially when you consider a lot of places. I'm not sure if it's the law or not. But there are a lot of places that will give you time to go vote. Yes, of course. I mean, the place was always that way. This place I have there. They'll give us two hours to go vote. Yeah. Which I would need that since I took it back and vote. It's a 40 minute drive. But I mean, that's the thing



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that you're Yes, absolutely. We're looking at with that. Let's go to a couple of pieces of music. And then we'll come back.



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Because I've got a little quiz for you. And I'll tell you this. Roy, a member of the caucus, we did horrible on this. Oh, and it's how many presidential candidates do we have officially printed on the ballot?



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Ooh, I don't. I have no idea. Roy.



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The caucus? A member of the caucus was not sure.



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12345 Maybe? I don't know.



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You're in for a surprise. Okay, so we'll go to some US Okay. I've



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got some country and western music from Country and Western folks. First of all, Charlie Pacheco, who is a segment here, the second half of the third Saturday, Charlie fourths, no third Saturday. Yeah. Second half of the third Saturday Charlie Pacheco from his CD here come the blues and you can buy this CD at Lobo. It is available there. And it is my very best favorite song. Explain it to my heart. And you're hearing it on after hours career radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station



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Oh yeah, early morning groove and Rob love is already here in the house ready to give you all that great music that you love right at the top of the hour, three o'clock.



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Unfortunately, Jimmy you're pushing the buttons because the last time I was trying to push the buttons and yeah, DJ love was hitting the house era. We sent out the wrong kind of signal.



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Oh, wow. Oh, wow. And it seems that DJ gonna have to redo this cart because DJ Good grief is now Governor Good grief. So



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should I tell everyone the reason why they they put the GG G there for you? Because it's the sound you make every time he comes into the room and says God



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I thought you're gonna or it could have been worse. You could have talked about all the drool.



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Just because you're wearing your Bibi is



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a pretty man. He is a pretty man and and they play great. Great music. Yeah, yeah, it's a nice mix of old and new. I really like it.



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One thing I want to tell you some of the information we're getting Yes, here, you can get on the internet. It's one group is neglecton, two thousand.org. They got a wonderful book in there with all sorts of statistics and stuff. And they'll also be a nice little flashback because they mentioned candidates like Bower and Ouch. And McCain, because it goes back to the primaries. Another group is third mil.org. That's mi L. It stands for third millennium. And that's a Generation X group. Also, MTV News will be having a part of its chooser lose 2000. They're gonna have a half hour news special tentatively called Sex laws. And it's going to be issues on gay rights, reproductive rights and sex education. And so take a look for that coming up here in the next month or so from MTV. And so we'll go back here to our poll and we gave the answers people were interested on this here of how many candidates Are there for US presidents that are going to be on the ballot printed?



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Yeah. And I lost, I said five.





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And it's actually nine. I can't believe it. There are two candidates at running as Democrats. Al Gore, and yeah, the ever popular and ever infamous Lyndon LaRouche. Oh, that one is listed as a Democrat hardly, as well as George W. Bush for the Republicans. There's also the Libertarian candidate. Oh, yeah, that's right. I forget Harry Brown. Now, the way they list this, and people are going to yell, so I'm going to, I'm going to augment it. Okay. The Republican I'm sorry, the Reform Party, is Patrick Buchanan. The Natural Law Reform Party natural law reform is John Hagel. And he very simply, if you remember, the Reform Party had their little separate but equal, oh, yeah, that green nominating thing, or whatever. And what happened is part of the Reform Party has now formed a coalition with the natural law party. And together those two, that part of the Reform Party in natural law had a coalition convention this past week, and they officially nominated John Hagel, and as the natural law party slash reformed natural law. I did not get into what their beliefs are, on that part. Say the vice presidential candidate has a lovely singing voice. Yeah. The Socialist Party? Oh,



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they're still around her.



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Yes. The Green Party. Yeah. Ralph Nader, and the Constitution Party.



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Who's what?



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Howard Phillips, why don't you can find out more about these candidates and their parties. If you go to all politics.com. It's part of CNN. And you can click on President, and there's links there, you'll see pictures of all the candidates and links to their websites and their party websites. And very interesting, very informative. And unfortunately, I didn't get much into the party lines on that. Good. I will, I will say this I'm, I'm kind of leaning personally. Yes, Ralph Nader, because I figure, if I vote for Al Gore, it's not going to piss my dad off enough. I need that. I need that. Ralph Nader.



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Well, you know, a lot of people are saying that because they feel that Bush's got Texas anyway. But I just hate to see the Democratic Party leader being diminished. Yeah. Well, I you know, people vote. Yeah. I hate to see it watered down because people are voting elsewhere. Well, when



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I look at it this way, as I think route, I think the Green Party has a message that a lot of people want to hear. And the best thing to get that message out is to become a stronger party. Well, that's true. And what they need is 5% of the popular vote for them to become a quote unquote, real political party. Well, they are reopened Yeah, but to receive the matching brand, right, and to receive a little bit more attention rather than this Financial Group. I mean, that's what the Reform Party was split on is the fact they had they wanted had \$12.6 million coming to them. And they were fighting over who was going to be able to manage that. And a smaller party, like the Green Party, which is quite popular and quite well known out in Europe, with coalition governments. But you don't see that here in the United States. And I think a lot of people were interested in that and what he's saying, but they just need the finances and the story to get out. And that's where I think, a vote like that it's not wasting a vote. The only ways to vote is if you don't vote. That's true. And it's true. Vote for another reason. I mean, vote just vote against Pat Buchanan. I mean, I mean, that's a reason to vote. Now also with this, people say, okay, the presidential campaign is done for Why vote? If you live in the city of Houston, you're going to have the new arena. referendum? Oh, yes. Oh, yes. But here's another important thing. Okay. The next president is going to be able to to nominate four to five members of the Supreme Court. But even if you feel your vote, it's not going to be going towards the president. Remember this. The Senate has to approve the vote



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For someone to be put onto the Supreme Court. We do have a senatorial election this year. There are eight candidates running for Senator of Texas. Seven people are going to our We are in the race to upset Kay Bailey Hutchinson. And so this is somewhere where if you feel your votes wasted in the presidential campaign, because it's an electoral vote you when you went up a simple majority, you go on and you get all the votes of Texas. But this is one that's based off a you have to get 50% of the vote. Yeah. And so it's something to go in and look at that your senator is going to be making a decision on voting on who's going to be on the Supreme Court as well. That needs to be looked at. I mean, there like I said, there's Kay Bailey Hutchison Gene Kelly. There's another natural law candidate constitution, party reform, Libertarian, green and an independent in that one. So if if you're just saying, well, there's a presidential campaign, it's over, it's done with as cut and dried, Texas is going to, is going to go to Bush. I mean, even Walter Mondale was able to carry his own state. That's all he carried. So I mean, there's no choice but chance with that.



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Negative you need to get closer to the mic.



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My personal opinion is Nadir won't get president because people are afraid they'll have to give up convertibles again.



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I know. I know. I know. It's horrible. And I just started, you know, and just when I started seeing the Corvairs, again, you know,



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you know, and just and just when you thought there was a and when you just think about there was a time in history, when we had so many different parties running for president. And it's like, we're going back to that again. But it's taking this time for people to notice they weren't there actually there. Yeah,



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yeah. Well, I mean, even with this mass communication, I mean, when you go back we were talking about during one of the music breaks, I saw a thing on third parties and found out that Strom Thurmond ran for president. And he was defeated by Harry Truman, which tells you how long ago was like, I know that guy's old and seeing the pictures of him then it was like, my god, he was actually young ones.



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younger, younger. But he was always home.



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Sometimes before the heart arteries hardened,



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it's difficult to come out of the womb with a walker. But I mean, politics, you need to seize the opportunity on this. And it's something that in my family, I was, I voted and all that. And I got these political debates with my father. And basically, I told him after some time I go, You know what, you haven't voted since what Nixon? He hasn't if you're not going to vote, shut the hell. You bet. You bet. And he went out and he said, Hey, I'm going to go out I'm going to vote. And it was an Richard versus George Bush. That's back before he realized that W could make a difference. Back when he was running, running as George Bush and everyone thought, how can he be governor? He's still president, a little old lady on Channel 11 News, who said that I voted

for him, but it's nice to I don't know how you run for president. He's still I mean, Governor because he's still president of the United States. No, he lost the Clinton two years earlier. And that's his father.



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Oh, boy, oh, boy. Oh, boy.



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He said he went down he vote he said, your mom's gonna vote to and RFT votes are going to cast yours and little did he know that my mother voted for enrichers too. But you need to get out and vote yes. plenty of opportunities here in the state. I mean, Texas, the voting rules and the ways you can do it. There's you have a month ahead of time, you've got the day of the election. It's getting more and more to the fact the old joke of vote early and vote often is becoming true. But you need to get out and have your voice heard. If you're not going to vote, you're not going to put down your mark on there. Then don't don't complain when your things don't go your way.



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You've been listening to after hours quit radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. Chris is here. Bobby is here. Robert is here. Robert gray. Okay. Oops. I see Rob love waiting in the wings. He wants to bring you back great music from early morning groove. I thank each and every one of you for listening. I have really enjoyed it. And what do we have here?



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We are closing out I figured it kind of blends in with the early morning groove. It is a dance mix version of Dreamweaver from the soundtrack of the movie trip.



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I love it. I love it. See you next week everyone take care