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That is nice. That's the bond where I could not ask for more. Yeah,

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that's the kind of that's the kind of songs you want to cuddle with

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my own copy of this EP, so you'll be hearing it every week.

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Well, before we go on to the next section of our chat, I want to pledge \$20. This is me pledging, because, you know, while I'm a student, I'm always standard for hard cash, but you know, it's a worthy cause. And you know, I'm not going to God needed.

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How much more do we have to raise that our goal was 500? I

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don't know. I don't know what they're doing out there. Okay, well, they

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need to add a 20. And I hope I get some set of stickered.



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Thank you very much. Now, folks, there you go. Here's a student with not a lot of money but hey, 20 bucks is 20 bucks, and I really appreciate that. Yes, it's



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a really 20 bucks or for lunches. Yeah.



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Jr's on Sunday night has 20 Drinks big sacrifice



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super salad. But this is



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this is this is what he I'm gonna pinch him because I don't drink. I don't drink well,



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what do you do with it? With your all your liquor?



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I don't do liquor. I



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don't either, actually.



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I mean, I mean, I know I can have like a social drink like me, you know? Like, but it's just one Yeah. I turn into a very cheap date when I have more than Oh



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Okay. That's good.



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It's a great night after Sandy when the meal is supersized.



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Wendy, the chicken nuggets are so Oh, my God that I just mentioned in radio Well, chicken nuggets. With barbecue sauce. There's such yummy.



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So easy to please get excited about the simplest thing?



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Well, well, I just heard pretty recently that Mexico, the Senate, it's introducing a new law to like a new civil rights law. And that I think it's going to be really good for the homosexual community in Mexico City. So and this is being done by the new president. It's going to Mr. Fox recent been center Fox who is single thing. Yeah, he has no wife. This is what Robert I don't know for a fact that the fiancee, Mary told me that he was not married that he's with this little girl. But that rumor says that he is bisexual. Oh, good. So it's like bringing it



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right. Back can be confused with the center. phenom. This



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is yeah, this is the center Fox not to be confused.



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Of course, you realize that if George Bush becomes president, then Mexico becomes a state



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you know, I mean,



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those of us who even further south.



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We get our oil. We don't want to depend on foreign oil. We get it from Mexico.



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Yeah, Mexico has a lot of that. Yeah. Well, I meant you just mentioned George Bush. I've been watching the debates. And I've been feeling very frustrated.



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See, I have avoided debates, debates entirely. You know. So I'd like to hear from somebody who has I mean, what do you think? Well, I think I'm sorry.



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I have I had enjoyed so much the vice presidential debates, more than the Presidential really? Yeah. Because they're, they're more friendly towards each other. They make jokes, then they don't I think they because they don't have that kind of pressure that gore and Bush have I think the words you know, influencing the viewers and coming out and get in the polls. And I think in the first on the first round, that's the I'm gonna call it all around. Bush did when I saw that he was really good. But the only thing that I noticed was that he seemed to be more rehearse. Every time he answered. He answered a question. He seemed to be poised. He seemed to be like, sub preppy. Unlike Gore, I think Gord lost momentum on the fact that he was answering not just a question but also bush. his question, you know, he was doing two things at the same time. And he should have focused just on his issues and not bring Bush's issues like Mr. De Niro, the governor, this corner that I



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am so worried that these debates, which are really not debates at all, are turning into beauty contests. And



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the roof doesn't give it away. Yeah. Yeah.



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And not not only the beauty but the let's let's see who can out charisma the other one and

AND NOT NOT ONLY THE BEAUTY, BUT THE FACTS, FACTS SEE WHO CAN GET CHARISMA, THE OTHER ONE, AND we want the one with the best charisma, and into my way of thinking that if Bush wins, then we lose because he's going to be the president. And if he if he loses, we lose, because he's still the governor.

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I'm still, I'm still thinking that's

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the thing. If he doesn't win presidency, he we still gotta send him back to us. But you

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have to understand two things about the American people. Yeah, first of all, the American people can say who it is the American is the they call it she was gonna say who was gonna be president or not? Yeah, this

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is gonna be very, within one or two points. Yes.

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I wanted to ask me about this, because I tend to, you know, just think of my own world. Right. And I know that I don't, I'm not the average American. And I don't know what the average.

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Well, I'm not. I mean, I'm someone that spent a week in Boston, doing some prep work for the Gore campaign and doing some other things like that. So I'm not your average american either. But someone that tries to keep, I guess, a pulse on the average American I mean, I follow the daily polls. And I mean, it's always within one or two points and just point pushes up by one or two points. Florida's looking tight, a couple of other races, but in terms of this is going to be very tricky. I think this may be one of the times when the popular vote may not actually translate into the winner. We might have, for example, George Bush actually having more votes that because of the Electoral College, Gore winning the presidency, we're gonna have

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to have an Andrew Jackson thing where Andrew Jackson was the favorite president, but he was James who, James Madison, right, who ended up getting it because the Electoral College, you know you pushed him into it He had enough boats in that to kick Yeah



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Because it's so close. Yeah.



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Yeah, I mean, we've had we've had somewhat of, obviously Bush is going to carry Texas the Party hasn't put any money into this state. But in New York, we're going to carry I think we might carry we're probably gonna carry Michigan and California solid. Florida is very competitive at this point. And we're actually leading by one or two points in Florida. So



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I think that's the interesting thing that in Florida, which should guess who's the bad guy there? Yeah. But but you know, they're having to fight for that one. You know, the



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other thing that I see is that people who are for Bush, think of him as winning the debates, people who are for Gore, think of Gore's winning.



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Well, I'm for Gore, I'm for Gore, but I'm gonna tell you, he's, he's been good. He's been good, but I don't think he has. He's been doing a good job on the debate. But I'm still voting for him because he looks really cute. On the second debate.



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We go on looks.



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Oh, no, exactly. It's, it's really, it's really amazing. What technology and media has done to really shift the focus about this. If you did a standard of debate, 20 years ago, Gore would clearly be pushing it by those standards. But when you look at the debates, I mean, I saw the first debate and I watched it intently because I was hoping that we would get some momentum out of that and I think I thought it was a tie but the American people thought that Gore won the second debate I thought that Gore won the American people thought Bush won the press the vice presidential debate tick Cheney. I thought the Lieberman one but the American people overwhelmingly thought that cheating the Cheney one. So this next week's gonna be I think,



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Chris has got something to add to this. You know,



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the only thing I'll say about the debates is I, I didn't want to watch them. Because I mean, I already have a sleeping problem. Early, or I'd be so frustrated. I watched the first one. And the best thing I can say that came out of that debate was that Governor Bush's plan for water conservation was to bring back as much as he could from from the college there because he must have went through a gallon of water every time I don't know if it was water for his Vaska or what, but every time you looked at him, he had a glass in his hand it was like it was like Gore was debating Dean Martin



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author Bush I'm not Bush was very hypocritical when the gay issue starting to come over because you know When he said, like, I want every American to have the same roads, you know, that it's like every time legislation has been tried to push through in Austin, you know, he's always veto veto, you know, it's like always stopped at it. You know, the Republicans have done some about that. And it's like anyone says, What is that man talking about?



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I think these and I think you've you've seen the debates and if you've talked about, if you look at the particularly focus on the gay and lesbian issues, there is clearly a very significant difference between Bush and Gore, and Cheney and Lieberman in very Al Gore being very forthright on gay and lesbian issues and being very straight up about the maggots. Yes, sir. But yes, being shaved about that new look in one thing that I was at a debate watching party watching the vice presidential debate in that I actually I got everyone's attention, because as soon as they asked the gay and lesbian question to Gore, I mean to Lieberman, he answered very succinctly. And then we Bush then we went to Cheney and I just sort of went off before he even started, I said, Your daughter is a dyke say it? Won't, and he did not say that. It'd be they're not gonna say that for your own children. Who are you gonna stand up for and who's gonna be standing up for you in the White House? It's not going to be



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Yeah. And I hope that the American people are seeing that, that he has that he doesn't seem to have that love for his daughter, his daughter is the lesbian he should say he should be proud of her whatever she is. And he said he is proud of her yet.



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She's in the closet about very open with her lover and at her job and everything else. But it also would

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be rather difficult to be in weather question.

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Very good looking guy on there.

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When the questions came up, though, I thought that cine gave a better, better answer, because Lieberman said a wobble a little bit, making sure that he's we know what the question about what he's, you know, he's he mentioned the religious, he says, like, he wanted everybody to have boys, but you know, the marriage gay marriage, you know, he said, but he wanted to keep it to the standards, because he been a Jewish, you know, in the Jewish community backing him completely. Absolutely. 100% all their money going to Lieberman. Yes. I read an article I said, No, no, no. All the Germans for Liverman. Except very.

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What there's America's 2%. You. Yeah.

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And they have, and they have a lot of the wealth. They have a lot of Whoa.

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Between Orlando and Steven Spielberg, Lieberman,

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Steven Spielberg himself can just find the movie. Companies?

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You know, I think it's because they're so close, that all the candidates are trying to come up with answers that are going to please all the people. And so what does that say about them? Well you don't know where they really stand on the issues

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Yeah. And well, I Fransisco was going to talk to us about, you know, the presidential coming elections with the Stonewall Democrats and Republicans.



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Just a little bit, I don't know if you've been watching some of the gay lesbian press or some of the online galas and services, but log cabin. And so while they're really been going head to head over the recent long log cabin articles that have been attacking Gore, and it's just sort of slightly distorted ads, but



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but it just one of those amazing things is sort of an of course, I guess people should take everything I say with a grain of salt, you have a party officer, campaign stop for the past two months solidly, but I mean, everybody, every good national, gay, lesbian bipartisan group has endorsed, you know, at least think our campaign and I think at least by and far the community understands that they're very key differences. And I think we understand



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the need for like, if you're the if you're the log cabin, Republicans, you can hardly support a Democratic presidential nominee nominee, right, you can't do that. And so you just have to turn it around, so that it just seems more palatable.



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But at the same time, I have a few friends that are members of log cabin, and they do have expressed certain concern on Mr. Bush's point of view towards the gay community and what he has done to the the log cabin and over the past few decades, not saying a few years, but you know, and it's like, I tell him, it's like, it's a slap in the face, you know, and that's the way they see it. They get a slap in the face every time they try to, you know, meet with him, talk with them, try to deal with them. Yeah. And it's it's I mean, I'm very respectful of the the rooted, you know the rootedness within the Republican Party, but at the same time, I'm very grateful that they are actually seeing things the way they we see them every single day. So I'm always tell him, you know, have an open mind because he does it.



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Very, very simplistically, I think of gay Republicans as as people who value economic concerns, economics concerns at the top of their list, and for the most part, democratic people, as people who put human rights issues at the top of their list. So I mean, that's, which is



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sort of, I think, sort of, you know, when you throw the gay and lesbian factor in there, I mean, I, you know, it just, some things just aren't worth what the bottom line is, at the end of the year, we are, that's the way I look at this country founded, some very wealthy men stepped up to the plate made some very significant sacrifices to lead this revolution, the majority of those at the end who were penniless and lost their homes,



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everything. Yes. You know, and I have to say this also, because I am dependent upon my lover for a living, you're having AIDS and all of that. And it's very easy to be a Yellow Dog Democrat, when you've got a Republican husband got issues, they're on his side and supporting you. So you have to, I have to give that caveat.



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See the that's why I could never be I could never vote Republican because I depend upon thing, certain things to keep my meds. Yes. And you know, and I don't trust the Republican Party to keep those things going. There was a blood. There's one question I, that I wanted, that I've been wanting to ask for the last few minutes. Okay, that, that, you know, stuck in my head about 510 minutes ago, but it's, you know, somebody who was once a log cabin Republican and who is very likely to vote Democratic in this election, brought up an interesting point that the that at this point, for so many people, it seems that they will that either party will say whatever they have to, to get elected, you know, and then when they're in their, you know, it's anybody's ballgame, once they're in there. It My My thing is this, especially since they were were part of this is about the Hispanic side of the thing. Yeah, I don't, I wanted to get your opinions on. What, when a when a candidate uses something like another language in a speech, you know, they're speaking in English, but they know that they're in a area where there's a heavy Hispanic something, and they come out with a, you know, a phrase or phrase, a paragraph in Spanish. Yeah, just to, and I wonder how how the Hispanic community, you know, really looks at that, whether they, you know, they look at that, as they realize from the get go, that they're being kissed up to?



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I can answer that. Yeah, it goes both ways. But at the same time, it makes it makes the community feel included, you know, just like even when you say, you know, a phrase in Spanish, you briefly small. I'm gonna go back to Bush's nomination for George Bush having his nephew, who would, you know, have Hispanic to talk, even though he, you know, he hasn't done much for the Hispanic community? It does. It does have a lot of impact,



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but at the fact that he's gorgeous.



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Yeah, but at the same time, but at the same time, you have to understand that the Hispanic community also looks at the Democratic Party in a way that they don't look at the Republicans per se, I have a lot of respect for Tipper Gore, because she is the one that they send now to Latin America to do older, you know, he our business when they have disasters, you know, Bill Clinton ain't gonna go to every, you know, hurricane that hits one of those poor countries. So it's the Perigord or you know, some other person that's going out there. And you know, and those are Democrats, so you know, a lot of them are seeing especially if you if you read newspapers in Mexico and my homeland, Honduras, I mean, 999 year was a really bad year for Central America. And the person who took money there was Tipper Gore. And she's she's a very respected woman. I mean, Bill Clinton and his wife show up you know, after everything He was done. But you know, the first one to the lamb was Tipper Gore, which is a Democrat. So the Hispanic community does have very much respect for the gore family.



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And just sort of in terms of just specifically on that, I guess, strategy issue.



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Yeah, this is strategy that



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you can speak, the most perfect Spanish, but if the sincerity isn't in that statement, people are going to get it and it's going to backfire. But I have seen even a Republican even this this year here, speak in the worst Spanish, but with the greatest sincerity Yeah, to speak with. And it was It goes over? Well, I mean, as long as the sincerity is there, chop it up, people are gonna be too concerned about



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the issues, the biggest issue for for the Hispanic community, it's immigration, which is, which is which is, you know, gonna start affecting us soon. You know, but it's like, and that's what George Bush ain't talking immigration, but Gore is. And that's another thing that, you know, people have to start looking at that for the people that migrated here, you know, their status is not, you know, where it should be because of this or that, you know, it Gore, in his good Spanish, better than Bush, he does address those issues with a pure with with a good good intention.



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And the whole immigration thing is a problem, because the Statue of Liberty says give me your tired your poor, but we're not. We're taking you're tired. You're poor. Right.

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And I think I mean, I mean, I think this is an ideal opportunity for there's finally a president in Mexico that has a new perception on immigration issues and is willing to tackle the whole the issue a little bit more. Along the lines of what it really is, and it's, you know, people, you know, they don't have this desire. My father is from Mexico. And let me see if I can phrase this properly. It's not that, you know, he came here for the opportunity. Sure. And it's not that he wanted to leave his homeland. I mean, the reality is, there was a struggle, there was a need, and with the finally, a president that understands in Mexico, that immigration in the country is not being held by people leaving the country, that the biggest problem is creating economic infrastructure there so that people aren't forced to leave the country that they were born and raised has now,

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I was about to bring NAFTA, NAFTA has had a lot of influence in Mexico and the fact that a lot of factories are going into the country. But at this point, you know, the United States, the United States and Canada are not going to see much of NAFTA, Mexico will and and eventually, it's going to take at least 10 to 15 years for us to see the big change because I believe that immigration won't be as much and then United States is going to start suffering because it Mexican immigrants will not come to to the United States anymore for jobs because they will have jobs in their own land. I mean, it that's what not

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the jobs that pay on the living well. The wages

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that are being paid are what minimum wage in Mexico, what is considered minimum wage in Mexico, which is a thank see it, they also pestles which is like, God this like,

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it's been a while. I mean,

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these says it not It's not competitive. And yeah, it's not competitive, but you can survive that kind of money. And I think, right now, it's a matter of survival. And as one of the reasons why they're coming a lot to the United States but NAFTA will bring change. And was NAFTA

they're coming a lot to the United States, but NAFTA, will bring change. And what NAFTA introduces to change. I think the wages will change. I think Mexico only has two classes, the lower class and the rich. And the rich class, it's getting richer, and the bird is getting poorer, you know, like the song. Yeah, Santana. But you know, but NAFTA will eventually create a middle class.



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Yeah. And that's what that's what the long term benefit is to Mexico is more the salaries go up, the more skilled laborers necessarily, the more the people going to be able to get more competitive wages, and the more the labor movement there will sort of begin to organize the long term disadvantage. The United States is the capital that we're investing in Mexico, is building the infrastructure in Mexico and in the money based United States doesn't necessarily mean that these companies are going to invest that in American labor. It probably means you're gonna take that money that we're making in Mexico and invest it other and other countries. My



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question would be, because NAFTA has come into being does the Hispanic community Well, they favor the Democrats because of the FDA, or, or not?



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Well, the problem is that NAFTA is very difficult to explain NAFTA, it's it's charged numbers, it's a huge thing. And it's very hard. It's like the taxes, you know, you cannot just put taxes on on paper, you know, it has a lot of things going on. And so I think, I think neither party, neither party wants to bring NAFTA up, because it's too confusing. So I don't think you will have an IE won't have, okay, no impact, it will be mentioned, I think, because, you know, it is changing the infrastructure of Mexico, and eventually what will happen it's like it my own idea. I don't think you know, what it says, On the Statue of Liberty is like, Bring me your cheap workers exploit.



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Well, pretty much



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does look a lot like Kathie Lee Gifford. Oh,



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and when people need to understand is that NAFTA is also expanding? Yeah, because Chile, Chile, eventually will become part of NAFTA. And, and also the Argentina and I mean, I'm thinking long term, NAFTA will engulf all Latin America, you know, it's gone little by little with a

new trade, a new trade and new commerce. And I think that that's, that's what it was meant to, to, to, to do, you know, to to support all those, you know, third world countries, I hate that word, but I hate to use it, because that's, that's what it is. And and then NAFTA will do create, we'll create a change and more or less, we have some sort of war.



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Now, the other question is, it's the Hispanic vote bloc vote? Or is are the Hispanic people kind of?



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Traditionally, it will probably end up being anywhere from 66 5%, maybe something of that higher and 70%, Democratic 30 to 35%. Okay, look into it a can't be competitive vote. I mean, if you saw here in Texas, George Bush didn't carry the majority Hispanic vote last time, he actually only carried about 48%. But that was a significant increase, in terms of any other Republican in Texas had been able to do a large part of that was money that was able to invest in in communicating to the Hispanic community that isn't translating for George Bush for more Hispanic votes in California or New York or Florida. So I mean, traditionally, it it tend to vote more democratic. I will say in terms of some demographic studies, if you just look at minorities and how they vote based on income. And do that for African Americans once they reach about \$150,000 a year on, like more Republican Hispanics will do it at about 65%. Okay, I get out. Yeah, I would love to have that dilemma. But one of the things



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that the parties are starting to look at national that he mentioned, demographics is a fact that Hispanics have well, data registered to vote.



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Well, let me clarify a bit. Let me clarify. Let me clarify a myth with that. Okay. When they look at those numbers, looking at the total Hispanic population, they are not reducing the number of Hispanics from that number that are eligible, not that are not eligible to vote and base because they're not citizens. If they're looking, if we're looking at 33% of Hispanic population in Houston, they're counting all 33%. They're not taking out from that number. The ones that are ineligible to vote are the ones that are not undocumented or shouldn't be voting. Given the number of folks that are eligible to vote that are Hispanic, and you should do voter registration, it's maybe a 5% difference then the Anglo bloc vote so it's not like it's a tremendous decrease. It's very, it's very exaggerated. If if producers have to use the right numbers,



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well, what is what the census will eventually show that the fact that Houston is its majority Hispanic, sure, it's majority Hispanic, but you know, like, you know, what happens in America is

that the white control of the city, but eventually I think you'll move away from it because we're becoming more open minded, more accepting or, you know, everybody's differences and, and that's good for our city,



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and more Hispanics are getting into upper level jobs and, and stuff like that. Yeah.



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And the Hispanic community will soon outnumber any other group. Well, you know,



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we're gonna have the language problem again, we're going to it's going to be the the bilingual is to a guy. Yeah, that's gonna be coming up.



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I've used your I'm totally for it.



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I don't know how I feel I like the idea of a country having one language. Well, my it does make it easier. But I've been to Switzerland, which is a small country, and there are three languages in the country. And all the public signs are in three languages. And it's really a mess.



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It's like when you walk into a high school, I mean, you read the signs in Spanish and Chinese or Vietnamese or oh, you know, yes. I mean, now,



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you go to sections of Houston, in the streets or in Chinese?



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Well, and I don't think that I think, large, large part I think English is the dominant language in this country. And I don't think any sort of population shift. Now, can we just over 50% is going to change that because English is basically you know, the common language of this country in

this country. And it is the language is, but it's an it's a language, it's going to be used for economics,

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it's gonna be to the advantage of Anglos to learn Spanish,

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right? And that's sort of Chinese. Japanese.

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Chinese, China's the one with the money. Yeah, I

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think we're, I think we're you start getting into problems where you start mandating the language disorder. Yeah. Yeah. I mean, that's sort of, um, you know, what, you have judges here in Houston that are telling parents not to teach their children or not to talk to Spanish in their children at home. We had like, no

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joke, and I can tell you that, that, and from my background, my family, on my mother's side is Czechoslovakia. And I grew up in the 50s in the 60s, and that was assimilation era. And my mother was the youngest of her family. And she did not speak much Czechoslovakia and, but her older sisters and brothers refused to use the language to teach their children the language because they wanted, you know, to the English is similar thing. And so, you know, a big part of our ancestry is lost. Because it was we were not taught that and I, I can I wish I knew how to speak in Czechoslovakia. You know, I

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grew up in a New York Irish Italian family, and my father was bilingual. My brother, my oldest brother was bilingual, but he was bilingual in English. And he was trilingual. At one point, he was English, Spanish, and French. You know what, but the rest of my family, as far as I know, none of them speak a word of Italian.

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We're getting up to the top of the hour. And soon we'll have to turn it over to the early morning group gang, and we didn't even get a chance to bash Laura.



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Let's do that real quickly. I want to make sure we get some calendar items here so I just want to just update people on the latest thing at least right a earlier this week. Who pulled the ads? I don't know. They had some.



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You know what she apologized which I don't



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apologize. It was. She never said



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Right. Exactly. Brilliant. I can't remember who Oh Armand Hammer who pulled their advertising the first advertising firm and hammer duck Laura was supposed to run on Friday they pulled it so that's the latest in our lower watch. As we move people Monday Oh, this is I'm not really good. At leasing Shabbat the Jewish gay group. Yes. As services it's set at 8pm You can call 748 7079 for information on that. The uncommon legacy golf tournament is coming up I think the following weekend at the Herman golf course you can look at them look them up on uncommon legacy.org Ray Hills birthday bash at the using a lesbian community center. 803 Hawthorne? This following Saturday, I think at five or six,



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something like that.



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So and Westheimer street festival next week, so yeah, that's right. Miss West best and six foot tall trophy. So put on your gowns and



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seven foot seven foot trophy? Yes. Wow. Well,



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you're listening to Jerry Rivera. He's from Puerto Rico. He says South Central and he says this

By law that that is called sa oh my god is just so sweet. Yeah,



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you've been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. Stay tuned and just like two minutes. The man is here. He's right behind me when our early morning groove



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and we'll see it next month. Yep. And this is Sandy saying goodbye. Good morning. and



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keep calling in the money that's right 71352657385 to six KPFT See you next week