

- --you.
- And we're taking your calls at 526-573-8526, KPFT, to see what you think about the war. Or just whatever is on your mind this morning. Let us know.
- [MUSIC - BOB DYLAN, "BLOWING IN THE WIND"]
- (SINGING) How many roads must a man walk down--
- And "Blowing In The Wind." What is the answer? I've listened to that song for years and I still don't know the answer.
- About 30 years and nobody has the answer. 526-4000, 526-KPFT. We're taking your calls on *After Hours*. Matt?
- Hey, how's it going.
- Fine, how are you?
- Oh, I'm pretty depressed.
- Why is that?
- Well, thinking about all those people over there that are dying. And--
- Pretty sad.
- --and all of the-- they call it, say the ground war's begun. You know, but I think if you ask some of those Iraqi people, they'd say that the war began a long time ago.
- You bet.
- Yeah, because Saddam Hussein said, unless we were fighting him face-to-face, we really weren't fighting. He didn't consider all the bombing and the technological aspects of the war that we had, that the advantages of war. Now that they're fighting face-to-face and people are dying like they did in the old days with swords and knives, he considers that we're real men now.
- But I mean, that's the thing that's bothered me all along about this war is that the myth that the war hasn't begun until Allied troops, as they call them, start dying. There was a--
- Yeah, what--
- --Saudi Arabian pilot--
- What does that mean about the lives of all the Iraqi citizens?
- Exactly. Well, all of the Iraqis, period. There was a Saudi pilot who-- they had him on CNN and he looked pretty reflective whenever he mentioned it. He said that the desert was littered with bodies.
- Yeah.
- You know, and most of those people were forced into the war by their own government. You know, and a lot of them were--
- Just like we were.

- Exactly, but a lot of them are teenagers. And if we could have-- if Bush could have found some way to work around what the Russians were doing, I mean, why should more people die just to keep Saddam Hussein from saving some face?
- I don't know.
- Matt, you listen to us all the time. Do you think that if the draft was still in effect, that people would be protesting more than what they're doing?
- I think people are protesting more than what they're doing anyway. I don't feel like it's really getting coverage. When they show--
- Good point.
- Yeah, they show the most radical elements that are protesting. They don't show all of the churches that are filled with people praying for peace.
- Yeah, that's true.
- That's a protest.
- Sure it is.
- They're defining protest as somebody standing up and burning the flag.
- Exactly.
- I was in the service and I spent 4 and 1/2 years, and I consider myself a patriotic person. And if I was still in the military, I would be over there doing the same thing all of those other people are doing.
- You sure would be.
- And not questioning that, right?
- Hoping that my government would be looking out for my best interest.
- That's it. And we had a veteran call a few minutes ago and he said he just hoped that the kids over there are treated better than the Vietnam Veterans were treated when they came home.
- Well--
- I think the country is on a guilt trip and they're using this as an excuse to try to frost over the way we treated the Vietnam Veterans.
- Exactly. But I think we're being manipulated because--
- Of course we are.
- --the reason why the vets were treated so bad is because the government ignored them when they came back. I don't think parades and pats on backs is what means to support them when they come home. I think, you know--
- They came home and didn't have jobs.

- They didn't have jobs.
  - They didn't have medical treatment.
  - Didn't get counseling. The ones that were exposed to toxic chemicals--
  - Exactly.
  - --didn't get the treatment they needed. The families-- there was a woman on CNN the other night talking about that while the war was going on-- her husband died, he was a pilot-- while the war was going on, they got all kinds of support. But as soon as it was over.
  - It stopped.
  - --the support stopped.
  - Right.
  - Listen, Matt, thanks for calling. We got calls.
  - OK, well, I just wanted to say one more thing to that man that called a few minutes ago.
  - What's that? Make it quick.
  - He said that if a bomb was exploded in the United States, he'd join up. I'd say, well, if you feel that way, you should join now because bombs are exploding. And not only that, but if you do decide to join, don't tell them you're gay or they won't let you in.
  - Well, I don't think he was gay, but I don't think he's going to join either.
  - Yeah, OK.
  - Thanks. 526-4000, 526-KPFT. That's the number to call. We're taking your calls quickly. Greg?
  - Yeah, howdy.
  - How are you?
  - Let's see, two points. I'll make it quick. My first one, the last guy just touched on that fellow Harry, who called a bit earlier. He wasn't offended by bombs dropping on Israel or Saudi Arabia or god forbid, Iraq or anything.
- But there's nothing from stopping him from enlisting now. He can just run right out there and do it. And it's just talk.
- People in this country, they haven't had bombs dropped on them since the Civil War. And the last time-- well, during the Black Power movement, the Black Panthers dropped a few bombs. And all of a sudden there was Black rights.
- What about the churches that were bombed with Black children murdered in Atlanta? Do you remember that?
  - Good point, Birmingham. The Birmingham [? Court ?].
  - What about the Metropolitan Community churches, which were founded by gay people that were bombed, and gay people were burned alive in these churches.
  - I think if gay people started throwing a few bombs themselves, we'd see a lot more changes than we do now.

- Yeah, I agree.

- And then, again, things like that, as someone mentioned earlier, don't get covered.

- Yeah, right.

- It's, oh, you burned a few of those people. Big deal. Who cares?

- Exactly, a few queers died, so what?

- Which brings me to my other point, which is enough of the war. There's plenty of other forums for the war problems. God knows it's a problem, but it is. If you're going to stick something-- I mean, you're going to do something about the military, go on about gays enlisting or something like that.

I'm a Black-- I'm Black? No, hardly. I'm a gay veteran. I know what goes on in that sort of system.

But there's only two other forums on the radio here for gay rights. And you just turn this thing on and they're talking anti-war the whole time. So just let that be.

- Well, we got to do it tonight because of what's happening. Because it's real hard to sit here and play Romanovsky and Phillips singing "Give Me A Homosexual," when we know that young, gay men and possibly lesbians are dying in the Persian Gulf. And I think it stinks. And there's not a thing we can do.

- Yeah, it really does. I just think you can put more gay spin on it. And there's plenty of down gay music as well. You don't have to play something lighthearted.

- Well, hang in there. We've only been at this for about 4 and 1/2 years, maybe we'll get it right.

- OK, good--

- This is only our first war since we got on. So--

- Yeah.

- Listen--

- Well, maybe you'll get it then. OK.

- Thanks.

- Thank you much. 526-4000 or 536-KPFT. Mark?

- [INAUDIBLE]

- Mark?

- Hello?

- Hey. Yeah.

- Hello?

- Yeah, you're with us. What you got?

- OK, well, I just wanted to give my voice to those that saying that it is a big mistake, that Mr. George Bush, even if you would-- even if you would go along with the idea that maybe a need to defend Saudi Arabia and maybe defend Israel. Even if you go along with some of that and even if after-- even if you say, well, Saddam Hussein had built up quite a war machine. We needed to bomb a lot of his weaponry.

And so even if you go along with that, when it got down to the point where he said, Saddam Hussein was saying, well, gee, I'll go along with that UN resolution number so-and-so. But then again, I want these other things. There's-- I don't know, there's a book called *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. It's written back in the 1920s, I think.

- I don't think Saddam Hussein has read it.

- Huh?

- I don't think Saddam Hussein has read it.

- What I'm trying to say is George Bush [INAUDIBLE].

- He hasn't read it, either.

- Uh-uh.

- George Bush hasn't read it either.

- George Bush, at that time could read the chapter that says allow the other person to save face.

- Yeah.

- And then figure out a little-- tricky little way of allowing Saddam Hussein to save-- I'm just saying that before going on to this ground war-- I mean, this is crazy. I mean, he knows enough about Saddam Hussein to know that if you say this to him, he might go along and withdraw from Kuwait. If you say this other thing to him, he will not. And he said exactly the things that he would not, see?

- Yeah, right.

- And to me, that's so crazy. I mean, we're sitting here with-- and I feel very strongly that in here in the USA, and I hope I can wake up somebody with this, some of the more conservative listeners and to examine themselves. Look deep inside of themselves and realize that what you have here in the USA, we have a desire, a deep-seated desire to do-- it's a normal human desire that you think of-- you want to kill someone, in effect, at least vicariously.

And therefore, you know what I'm trying to say? It's in the back of your mind. Of course you don't want to kill anybody if it's wrong. But if-- you want to find somebody that's really bad. It's like one of the movies.

- We want to find somebody to hurt, right?

- All the movies and TV shows.

- We always have to have somebody to look--

- [INAUDIBLE] a bad, bad guy.

- Yeah, we've always got to have somebody to look down on.

- Yeah, but I mean, and it's justifiable to kill him. And then, but I mean, the rush. It's like a drug, the rush of killing someone.

- It's the--

- So here the whole nation is vicariously--

- It's the whole--

- --trying to kill Saddam Hussein and his soldiers.

- It's the whole thing of violence, and sex, and life, and love. And it's like a gentleman called earlier and said that all George Bush right now is trying to do, and all Saddam Hussein right now is trying to do is see who's got the biggest army and can give the biggest push. Because no matter what Saddam Hussein had said or agreed to, I really don't think George Bush would have pulled out because I think he wanted to go over there and kick his butt.

And that's what we're going to do, by golly, because we're men and they're-- you know, that. You're right.

- Well, of course, I mean, we don't hate the communists anymore. So we've got to hate somebody.

- Got to find somebody to hate.

- Well, we also need people to put money into our Treasury.

- Yeah, exactly.

- And this is one of the best ways he's designed to get people to put money into our Treasury.

- Listen, Mark. Thanks for calling.

- Oh, OK. Thank you.

- Thank you.

- 526-4000, 526-KPFT. That's the number here. Bob, you're on KPFT.

- How's it going this morning?

- Well, I don't know.

- If I was at home in bed with a hairy man, it'd be going a whole lot better. But--

- Well, I'm--

- (SINGING) Another Saturday night and-- oh, never mind. Go ahead.

- Well, just-- I'm not a gay person or anything. I was just sitting here-- I was laying here trying-- I'm not-- I'm just having trouble sleeping. I was like--

- Well, that's OK. We'll talk to you, even though you're straight. I'm just kidding. Most of our audience is straight.

- Yeah.

- Yeah, well anyway, what you said earlier, I think really courage is a real rare commodity in this country these days. And what-- and I think honestly, that you guys are very courageous. And what you-- and it sort of struck a chord with me earlier, what you said about this country deserving to be bombed.

I have to agree with that. And I think it would be the best thing that could happen to this country if we were bombed. I hate to say it. I just am so disturbed about this, that-- and you try to talk to people. You try to talk to people in a bar or in church or wherever, and they won't listen to you.

- No.

- No.

- And Bob, I don't want them to drop a bomb on us like we're dropping on Iraq. I want to bomb like the government shows us from Saudi Arabia, where buildings are blown up but nobody's really hurt. You know what I mean?

- Yeah.

- It's just that it's so sad that it has to get to that point before people open their eyes.

- Yeah.

- It is. True courage is a very, very rare commodity in this country. And I just have to say that you-- I don't even know your name, first I've never even heard the show. But I'll--

- Well, I'll tell you something even better than that. My name is Buddy, and I work for the police department as a dispatcher.

- Oh, really.

- Yeah, HPD, I've been there since 1984. And we've been doing this show since 1987.

- Oh.

- But nobody talks about it.

- Yeah, but--

- It's our little secret.

- Yeah.

- I mean, we just broadcast it every week on 100,000 watt radio station.

- It's such a rare thing to have anybody to stand up for their convictions in this country. You know, somebody said that the dedication this war is a mile wide and an inch deep. And I really believe that.

- Yeah.

- I think there's a whole lot of underground sentiment against the war. But people, like sheep, are just led.

- Absolutely.

- It's true and I--

- You know, the protest-- the protest in the first week of this war exceeded, in numbers, those of Vietnam. So the support isn't there.

- It is not there. And I was with my family over in-- over in East Texas yesterday and Saturday. And there's a real division among families.

And I think that if more of these family discussions were shown on TV, there is no-- to me, this is Germany, 1936. I really hate to say it and I'm a fairly conservative person. But we're being led down a primrose path here.

- It really scares me. I saw a hockey game on television two or three weeks after the war had started and they were waving flags and singing the national anthem. And I saw one big sign. I mean, it was huge. And it said no flag burners here.

And I thought, god, I guess if George Bush got up and said, OK, everybody, jump over the bluff. They'd all just jump over, waving their flags, man. Right over the cliff. [FALLING AND EXPLOSION SOUND]

- I just have to-- I admire your courage. I don't agree with your lifestyle or anything.

- Yeah, I know.

- But honest to goodness--

- But we do thank you for calling.

- --more courage than I've seen in a lot of these flag-waving yellow ribbon-wearing pseudo-patriots.

- Oh, I appreciate you taking the time to call.

- Anyway, just-- I was-- I guess I'll just go back and try to go back to sleep now.

- Well, thanks for calling.

- Thanks. 526-4000. Thanks. 526-4000 or 526-KPFT. Jimmy.

- Yes sir?

- What you got?

- Oh, I don't know what I got to say. I got, basically, my own feelings to say. I know, you know, everybody's got their own opinion about certain things going on in the world right now.

- Yeah.

- Right.

- And I got certain families that's fighting certain wars. And everybody thinks fighting is right, some people think it's wrong. But you know, and I guess everybody can look at the conflict over there and say, well, this is right and this is wrong.

- Yeah?



- Not for anybody dying or nothing. But as far as, you can look at and say you don't support the war, but you support the troops. And as far as, like the guy just said, pseudo-ribbon-wearing people. I mean, I wear a ribbon on my truck and I don't support people dying for something. But I'm damn well going to support the people that are overseas.

- You bet ya.

- That's right.

- OK? And the main thing that bugs me is people that don't support the troops. I mean, there's people out here and they talk, we don't want to fight. We don't want to fight. And I guarantee you that in two or three years, if we didn't get on Saddam's case, it could be a lot bigger than what it is now.

- Jimmy, how old are you?

- I'm 19.

- 19?

- And if there was a draft, I'd be over there. And I would not go.

- Are you going to join up?

- No, I'm not.

- Why?

- I'd go to Canada.

- Because I'm not going to kill somebody that I don't know. I guarantee you if I was on that front line, I can make friends with the man across from me.

- Not if he's shooting at you.

- No? Well, that's the thing, you know? I'm not going to put myself in the position to have him shooting at me because he's got a boss telling him to shoot at me, and I'm going to have a Sergeant telling me to shoot at him.

- Yes.

- Now, if I had the choice-- if there weren't no Sergeants or whatever, I could be like, I could talk to the man and I bet we could be friends.

- You know what I think?

- You should be president. You should be George Bush because that's what he needed to do with this Saddam Hussein.

- Well, I mean, it's--

- Yeah.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- He needed to talk to the man.

- That's what it is, you know? I mean--

- George wouldn't talk.

- Well, see, like, if I was back in '40 when Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. That's a different thing. We're defending our country. I've heard so many times in this whole thing, well, we're defending our country. And we need to do this and that.

We're not defending our country. We're defending Kuwait. You know Kuwait would probably fit in Texas about 100 times?

- Yeah, right.

- This is desert. It's got a lot of oil. Whooptie doo.

- And the emir of Kuwait--

- Help the farmers and make [INAUDIBLE].

- The emir of Kuwait treated those poor people like dirt, anyway.

- Yeah, I mean, it's like--

- Before we got there.

- I'm sure Saddam Hussein isn't, like, the little angel.

- But see, the city of Houston, our good citizens here don't want no mass transit system because we can't move a million people on a train. So we all got to have oil to put in our little trucks so we can get from here to there.

- Yeah and--

- And if we don't have that oil, we're going to be parking our trucks on those cement, you know, loops around the city, man.

- Hey we've got to have them. Hey, but--

- I know.

- The main thing that messed me up about this whole deal was when January 15 or 16, or whenever it happened, CNN or whoever asked one of the congressmen how they were going to pay for it. He didn't say how they were going to pay for it. He said--

- They don't know.

- We're going to pay for it.

- Yeah.

- No matter what it costs. They can't make money. I mean, I don't support nobody's lifestyle. People live the way they want to live. But they can't make however much money for AIDS relief.

- They're not--

- They can make money--

- They're not going to.

- For however many people are living on the street.
- They're just going to keep going into debt.
- Yeah.
- You know what I'm saying? I mean, you can print however much money they want to, whether they got the gold to back it or not. You know what I'm saying? I mean, they can do it. And they--
- Listen-- listen, man. Thanks for calling.
- No problem, later. All right, 526-4000.
- Thank you, Jimmy.
- 526-KPFT. Hey, Robert.
- Oh, hello. Hi. I didn't it was on.
- Sorry.
- You got a hot topic on tonight.
- Well, we got a hot war going on, man. What you got?
- All right, the one thing that really bugs me with the coverage about what's happening now is the shift of responsibility that's being sold, as far as the responsibility for the war being on--
- Right.
- --Saddam Hussein. And the responsibility for committing to the conflict being shifted over to the United Nations from the US. And nobody's really looking at any of the history behind why is this problem even there? 10 years ago, Saddam Hussein was nobody, struggling for power.
- Six Months ago he was nobody.
- I mean, when he was a political figure in Iraq, there was a chance that Iraq was going to elect a communist leader.
- Yeah.
- And the Reagan/Bush team didn't want any communist influence in Iraq. So they picked this minor-league fascist bully to support, and lent him a lot of support, which helped him to rise to power in Iraq.
- Well--
- And then once he got in place, we thought, oh, great, now we've got somebody we can get to go beat up on Iran. So we pumped him full of weapons for 10 years.
- Exactly.
- For year after year after year.
- Right?

- Here, have more guns, have more tanks.

- Right?

- Beat up those Iranians. So then we've got this lowlife fascist dictator that we've given all these weapons to. And we go, oh, my, the Middle East has been destabilized. Isn't this man a problem? We better fix that.

The best solution we can come up with is to commit half a million troops and--

- Hey.

- --to go over and fix a problem that we manufactured ourselves.

- We did-- we did the same thing, man, with Noriega. He's rolling joints for the White House and he gets caught with his hand in the pot. So they rushed down there and scoop him up and got him in jail now. But--

- We just-- the way the media keeps talking about Hussein's ruthless rise to power, we couldn't shovel him money and arms fast enough.

- I know, the Port of Houston is getting ready to close down now because he's one of our best customers and we're not sending stuff to Iraq anymore.

- Anyway, I just had to say that. That's been bugging me.

- Well, listen-- well, thanks for getting that off your chest.

- Well, thank you.

- 526-4000.

- All right.

- Bye. 526-KPFT, that's the number to call. Doug.

- How are you doing?

- All right, how are you?

- Oh, pretty good. Getting kind of tired.

- Yeah, I know the feeling, man.

- Yeah.

- What's on your mind?

- Well, I'm one of the few people who-- I'm conservative.

- Uh-huh.

- So I have some different opinions than most people calling in.

- That's quite all right.
- OK, well, I just thought it was kind of strange that it took the 19-year-old to remember that Pearl Harbor was bombed since bombs went off in the Civil War.
- No, we said in the Continental United States.
- And it wasn't a state when it was bombed.
- We were talking about the Continental United States.
- OK, well, [INAUDIBLE].
- And Hawaii-- Hawaii wasn't a state.
- What's that? I'm sorry?
- Hawaii was not a state when it was bombed.
- OK. Well, anyway-- it was a--
- It was a what, Providence, or what do they call it?
- It was a territory.
- It was a territory.
- Related to the United States, at that point.
- A territory, like Puerto Rico.
- Instead of turning people off to the war, though it got us involved in it.
- Yeah. They-- actually, they bombed our Navy, which people really didn't like.
- Right.
- Yeah, it was a direct attack on the United States.
- Right. Mm-hmm.
- But that's true.
- So how-- OK, that is true.
- OK. Well, I was also thinking there's a lot of talk about Vietnam, and a lot of people have a bunch of negative views towards this war. And I think it's mostly because of Vietnam. But I think this has more correlations with World War II than with Vietnam.
- Do you-- do you think maybe it's because, like somebody said earlier, that the country feels guilty about the way we treated the Vietnam Veterans? Because man, we didn't treat them very good, let's face it.
- I was pretty young back then, but I've done some reading on it. We treated them pretty badly.

- We treated him pretty rotten. We did. And you know what's funny about this war? Everybody keeps talking about supporting the troops and taking care of the troops.

My uncle is a Sergeant at Lackland Air Force Base. And I talked to him last week. He's telling me about the women and children of servicemen who are in the Gulf now. And even the National Guardsmen who are in the Gulf now, and the families can't make their payments because daddy's overseas or mommy's overseas and they're having to go get food out of food shelters. And they don't have money to pay their electric bills.

And we're waving our flags, man, support the troops. But there seems to be a problem here.

- Yeah, that doesn't sound good. I saw a thing on *60 Minutes* last week, where they're saying something-- and I heard it misconstrued somewhere since then, like, later on that night. They were saying-- they were really blowing out of proportion, saying on *60 Minutes*, but it was really-- did you see it last week, by any chance?

- No.

- Anyway, there's some kind of screwed up financing for some houses. But they're trying to make it sound like this was really widespread. I don't know how widespread that is.

- Well, it's not that. It's just that we don't-- if it's really bad, man, you're not going to see it on TV. So if we've learned anything, as a country and government, we've learned how to really manipulate things to make it look really pretty. So that if it's really so-so, you don't see it.

- Well, war definitely is not pretty.

- It's just like-- it's just like in 1987-- in 1987, in the history of this country, over 750,000 gay and lesbian people went to Washington to demand equal rights. It wasn't on CNN. It wasn't any of the major news networks.

- But the government doesn't control CNN. And typically, CNN will go more-- lean more towards liberal or--

- No, it's--

- --issues than conservative issues.

- Coca-Cola, and Ford, and Chevrolet, and Lee Jeans, and all that support CNN. And they say we don't like queer-- Wait, what They support what? I'm sorry?

- They support CNN and they say, we don't like queers, so we ain't going to you cover no gay rights, nothing. And it don't get covered.

- Yeah, but you know, that's kind of not related. It is indirectly, but it isn't. But you know--

- Yeah, I know what you mean. Listen, though, thanks for calling, man.

- Uh-huh.

- We've only got time for a couple more calls. Hello, Nina? Nina.

- Oh, hello. I want to just say that I appreciate your program and I support gay, lesbian community.

- Uh-huh, thank you.

- I like to make a comment of what been talking about in this show, especially about supporting the troops.
- Uh-huh.
- Uh-huh.
- There's been lots of talk about supporting the troops, but I have a question. What this really means? Support the troops to do what? And then--
- To stay alive.
- Well, that's actually a very important point, that we should be-- I mean, we should be very clear about this. These yellow ribbons that we put. And some people, like the caller, said that I don't support the war, but I support the troops. That's why I have the yellow ribbons, you know. And--
- Wait, no, no, no.
- [INAUDIBLE]
- The white ribbon is we support the troops, but we do not support the war.
- Yeah, you said so, but some people they still carrying those yellow ribbons. We gotta be very clear.
- Ah.
- Yellow ribbons is really soaked in blood.
- Yes.
- And supporting the troops, that means supporting the killing. Supporting-- right now, they are right there. Some of them they don't even want to be there. They are victims of this whole unjust--
- Right.
- --system.
- And it's like we said earlier, no matter who they are and no matter what they believe, they're human beings.
- Yeah.
- And they bleed, and they have children, and their babies cry when they're hungry. And people are dying. And we think that's sad.
- And I think we, also, people in here, we are living here, we got to be clear about that. Because right now, they want to blind us by waving this yellow ribbons and even pushing on this patriotism. Blind us and get us behind them to support their crimes.
- It's wild, isn't it?
- It's exactly what they're doing. It's very cowardly for the US government to hide these criminals. You know, hide this genocide behind these supporting the troops-- so-called supporting the troops.
- Exactly.

- And I hope-- I really wish people would understand that and take off all those yellow ribbons if they really care about the lives of those soldiers. Our brothers and sisters, you know, that they on one thing, they are there for any reason, we got to stop the war.

- The only reason-- the only reason that--

- You think we can support them. The only thing we can save their lives is just stopping the war, no matter what.

- Exactly, the only reason those troops are there is to kill people.

- Right.

- That's the only reason. Listen, thanks for calling.

- You're welcome.

- KPFT. Hello, AI?

- Yes, sir. First, sorry about my English.

- That's OK, go ahead.

- I love your talk show.

- Thank you.

- And I like you. Thanks for it.

- Thank you.

- I have to comment please. I've been living in this country for a couple of years.

- Uh-huh.

- And I love this country. I love the people I'm working with. And the only things now are, like, I feel really bad like when I look back home to the demonstration against America and here, like, people start hating Arabic.

Like, they're-- like, I feel really bad, like, our leaders they fighting for them [INAUDIBLE]. Like they engage in, like, I don't know how to say that.

- I think I know what you're saying. Now that we're at war with Iraq, it's easy to hate the guy down the street who's Arabic that used to be our friend.

- Like I have-- another thing, like, I have a friend. And he told me I can't go with you out now because you're Arabic maybe. I do feel really bad about those things.

And I have another thing I want to say to the people. Like what I've been hearing in Saudi Arabia, like, they didn't let the Christian to wear the cross. Our religion doesn't say that. Like--

- Right.

- Right.

- Islam is, like, I don't have the version in the Quran, our book. I don't know how to do [INAUDIBLE] in English, but I have it.



- I understand what you mean. Listen just--

- Everybody has his own religion. Like, you can wear whatever you want. You-- like, they're there. They can do whatever they want. That's them, the religion is our religion. We do respect all religions.

- The one thing to look at is that in this country, when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, we took all of the Americans, right?

- Yeah.

- All of the Americans who just happened to be Japanese, had ancestors from Japanese, we rounded all these people up and put them in concentration camps in California. We did that to our own people.

- And we cannot allow that to happen again.

- No. Listen, thanks for calling.

- You're welcome.

- Lois.

- Yes.

- How are you?

- Hi.

- What's on your mind?

- Well, I'd just like to say that I believe that our dear President needs to be impeached.

- Well, thank you.

- I feel that--

- Can we take Dan Quayle out with him, or--

- Yeah, we better.

- What?

- Take Dan Quayle out too.

- The diplomacy, those whole diplomatic meetings. I mean, it was all a farce. The man makes big money to do what he's doing.

- Exactly.

- And I'm not seeing anything for my money. As far as I'm concerned, he just needs to go.

- I know.

- The hypocrisy, the lies.

- Oh, absolutely. Yes.

- It's just too much. There's someone-- Representative Gonzalez, who suggested it. I don't know whether they assassinated him or what, but it's been suggested, from what I understand.

- I heard that.

- And I really wish that the American public would push for that.

- I think they locked him up in a little room in the Senate somewhere.

- He has had several death threats since he's done that.

- I think there's one dictator right now who's trying to run the show, and his name is not Saddam Hussein.

- That's right. Listen, thanks for calling.

- OK, and that is my view.

- OK, this is going to be our last call. KPFT. Hello?

- Hello?

- Yeah.

- I feel like the lone caller here. I just want to know what's going on. All this war bit here is very important to me and everything else, but I'm just curious as to what else is going on in the world, you know? What do people think about what's going on in this local bit where we live?

And this war is a huge issue, but is it such a high light to where everybody forgets what else is important.

- Right, like homelessness and AIDS and all of the other domestic problems we have. They've been kind of pushed on the back burner, is that what you're talking about?

- That's what I'm talking about. What about these-- the people starving in Houston and [INAUDIBLE] and I don't want to sound like some--

- No, no, you're absolutely right.

- Listen, man, we don't have any money for that. We're too busy dropping bombs that cost \$1,000,000 a bomb.

- Exactly. I want to know, how come no one else has called and how come no one else is concerned with this. Who's this guy that says drop a bomb on USA. Is he some economy freak? I mean, what's he going to do when it lands in his backyard?

- Yeah.

- Is he just going to turn to dust and go, hell yeah? I mean, and this George Bush making so much money, all these decisions. I mean, you know, Michael Jackson makes more money than George Bush, as far as [INAUDIBLE].

- Maybe we should put Michael Jackson in the White House.

- What you said?

- Maybe we should put Michael Jackson in the White House.

- Oh, hell, that's not my point at all. I mean, I'm just saying if we're going to make--

- I know. The problem is-- the problem is we're all talking and nothing really gets done. You know what I mean?

- Well, exactly. And everybody can talk and it's obvious what the position on-- excuse me, the position is on the war. I mean, as far as I'm concerned, nobody is for anybody dying.

- Yeah.

- And nobody is for the money spent and the taxes raising and all that. But before everything's focused on that, what about what's going on here? Why should that be so unimportant? And I know this is a crazy time to bring it up, but nobody thinks about it. Any other time, I mean, what's going on here?

We got homeless people. We got hungry people. We got the whole deal going, just as it was any other time. And this is probably a good time to bring it up, for anyone focuses totally on this war. And I sympathize for people who have family there and I have a few friends that are in Saudi right now.

So I'm not going to say that no one should focus totally on that. But we still got a city here, locally speaking--

- Not just the city, the nation.

- The nation.

- A whole country full of people. Hundreds of thousands of homeless.

- People who are calling right now, people here need some help.

- Yeah.

- Whether or not there's a war going on.

- Listen, man, we--

- And no one else has even mentioned this. It's all been war. And not to sound like just a bored, anti-political freak, but [INAUDIBLE].

- We don't have the answers, that's the thing. And we're all talking. Hopefully, we will come up with some answers all together.

- Yeah, well--

- You know what I mean? All we're really trying to say is give peace a chance.

- Exactly.

- And we don't think-- we don't think we've really done that. We're talking and talking. Everybody's talking and all we want to say is give peace a chance, you know what I mean?

- Everybody's talking and that's cool. And I'm not asking for any answers, but everyone who's thinking about the war, think about what's going on right here too, because that's really important.

- That's some good advice. Good advice. Thanks for calling.

- Thank you.

[MUSIC - "GIVE PEACE A CHANCE"]

- And you say, well, what can I do? It all starts with you, Mary.

- That's right.

- Oh, excuse me, if you're not a Mary. It all starts with you.

- Anybody.

- Because it has to be you, baby. It has to be you. And then when you do it, and your neighbor does it, and the neighbor down the street does it, and the guy you work with does it, and the girl that you buy your groceries from does it, and we all get together and do it, it'll just happen. You know what I mean? But it's all got to start with you.

[MUSIC - MICHAEL JACKSON, "MAN IN THE MIRROR"]

- Well, the next time somebody tells a queer joke, you go wait a minute, I heard this gay radio show on KPFT. And there's this dispatcher that works for the Houston Police that does it. And it's really not funny, man, to make fun of those folks because they're human beings and they're really trying to live lives like us. And we shouldn't hurt them.

Or you hear somebody crack a joke about Blacks, or make fun of pregnant and barefoot women. Or tell you how great it is that we're just bombing the hell out of those damn Iraqis. And how much they deserve to die. They deserve to live just as much as we do. And it begins with you.

- Frank, you called the White House and what did it say?

- Yes, they said they're not taking calls tonight. I asked her if she would take my complaint against the war. And she told me to call back on Monday. They'd take calls on Monday.

- I'm sorry--

- Yeah.

- --the White House you've reached is not in service.

- Asked her about the blackout. The media blackout. And I said I need to find out about that. And she said that I'd have to call back on Monday for that too.

- The president is asleep and he cannot be disturbed.

- After the blackout is over, you can find out about it.

- I just think George is in a blackout.

- I have a-- I have a message for George, and all those other people who keep pushing us around. A big message for them.

[MUSIC - TRACY CHAPMAN, "TALKIN' BOUT A REVOLUTION"]

- (SINGING) Don't you know, we're talking about a revolution sounds.

- You know what, baby?

- What?

- One of these days, the gay and lesbian community, especially the guys who were down at the tubs right now--

- Yeah.

- --and at The French Quarter, and the bookstores are all going to wake up and go, wait a minute. That guy on the radio was right. There is a better way.

- When is that going to be?

- And there's going to be a police officer who is homosexual, who decides that he wants to be gay and he's not going to take the crap anymore that's been shoved at him by that homophobic department that we work for. And he's going to pick up the phone and call me. I can't wait.

- (SINGING) Talk about a revolution.

- Oh, what a glorious day.

[MUSIC - THE IMPRESSIONS, "PEOPLE GET READY"]

- (SINGING) People get ready, have a train a coming.

- Hey, Mary.

- Yeah?

- Can I play one song for the cops that are listening, that are gay that are scared-- or that a homosexual that want to be gay?

- You bet ya.

- They deserve it. We've been playing and talking for about 4 and 1/2 years and I keep screaming that I want a cop. And I realize that I want one to be my friend. I talked to Blanca tonight again, who works for the police department. And I said, all I want is to know that there's another gay man there that feels as good about himself as I feel as good about myself.

So that together we can change that environment that we live in. The Pride Week awards were just-- the nominations for the marshals and all that were just made again. And we got looked over again, [INAUDIBLE].

- I know we did.

- So--

- But on a personal note, I did see that a man named Jack Jackson was nominated. I want to tell you that for 30 to 40 years, Jack Jackson has been raising money in this town for organizations.

- So you mean in 30 years or so, we'll get acknowledged for what we've been doing here? Anyway, I just want a cop to call and be my friend. That's it. I don't want to get in his pants and I certainly don't want to open a joint bank account with them. But I do want to be his friend.

And maybe get in his pants. But the most important thing--

- The friendship.

- --is being openly gay with someone down there in that environment. And I know that you're listening. And I know that you want to. And all I can say is I need you to lean on as much as you need me. So baby, this is just for you.

[MUSIC - BILL WITHERS, "LEAN ON ME"]

- Did the homosexual call, cop?

- No. No, but that was really, really nice.

- I know he wants to and he will. And I'll show him how to be gay. Doesn't have anything to do with sex, girl.

- I have a gospel version of that song I want to play for you. It's really good. Really good.

- Move your hand, Mary, you're screwing up that mic.

- Oh. OK.

- Cost \$300, and you're waving your arm around it and you're really screwing things up.

- Let me tell-- let me show you what else I can do with this mic.

- No thank you.

- OK.

- Anyway, next week, we'll be back. And hopefully, we won't have to talk about the war.

- Wouldn't that be wonderful--

- Then we can talk about how awful it was.

- --to say it was over?

- Who's going to be here?

- Mike. Michael, from a new Black male support group.

- And remember, not next week, but the week after that, we're going to move things around.

- Uh-huh.

- This way out with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chappelle will be on at 12:15, right after the BBC News update. And then Frank will be on at 12:45 with local news. And then when Frank gets finished, we'll come in and start screaming, girl.

- Yeah, huh. Do our usual.

- What the hell is rainbow is supposed to be?

- Bette Midler.

- Girl.

- I know.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- --on a hard Sunday morning--

- Uh-huh.

- --in the Montrose. Don't forget the-- what is it? Is this it?

- That's it.

- OK. Don't forget that the Houston Coalition to stop intervention in the Middle East is going to have an emergency meeting today at five o'clock at the Mickey Leland Federal Building. OK?

- Yeah.

- And ACT UP is going to be having a protest at Montrose and Westheimer at two this afternoon.

- 2:00 PM.

- So until next week, this is Buddy and Jimmy and Frank and Roger and all the gang saying, stay tuned and listen to the Blues Broads.

- You bet ya.

- And have a great week.

- We love you babies.

- Yeah, and if you're homosexual, please keep listening and we'll teach you how to be gay or lesbian.

- Yeah.

- Bye.

[MUSIC PLAYING]