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Buddy Johnston

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I'm here partly tonight to say some good things about Texas. I'm proud to be a Texan. I know that I could not have heard Harvey Milk's challenge to me, had not something in my life. And this state prepared me to hear the word of freedom that Harvey spoke to us. I am here tonight. Because it is time that all of us who love this state that gave us life and has nurtured us and taught us our values to stand up and claim the history of the state for freedom and justice and human respect, away from the forces of narrow mindedness and bigotry. That too often dominates politics in the state of Texas.



**Buddy Johnston** 03:24

21 minutes after three o'clock, and



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that's right. 21. This is really almost 22 We've got eight minutes left. Senator,



**Buddy Johnston** 03:33

this is really kind of tame though. Yeah, it's really we get kind of carried away like,



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we usually scream and carry on. Yeah, but we're not. Usually there was soapbox once a week

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Buddy Johnston 03:45

five to six 4005 to six KPFT for your calls and comments to Senator Craig Washington. We got just a few minutes. So if you're gonna get in, you're gonna get it now. Five to six 4005 to six KPFT. Thanks for calling. Go ahead. Oh, hi.



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Are you talking to me? Yes, ma'am.



04:02

Yeah.



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All right. My name is Anne. I'm a lesbian. And I had a question for Craig. But after all that, segue music and stuff. I kind of forgot what I

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Buddy Johnston 04:19

did anyway. I would like it says here, it says here. You wanted to ask him how you can get lesbian agendas across in Congress.



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All right. So what I want to ask, is that what you have? Well, I so I'm very glad that Craig Washington is running for mayor making Librans seat in Congress. Thank you. And I'm going to vote for you. Thank you. I've hoped that you would run for the for that seat. And also want to say of course, aware that there's probably not a whole lot of pro lifers out there, listening, but I just wanted to tell them to remind them that China also has no freedom of choice, and they have forced abortion. So you have to think about that first before you think about whether you should or should not have an abortion. Because people in China, women in China do not have control over their own bodies, is ruled by the state. And if even if you have a pro abortion, pro life agenda in the United States, it will put the women's bodies in the hands of the state in that same thing they have in China, and it only takes a little bit of manipulation of legislation, and agendas to turn around the other way. So pro lifers be aware. Okay, listen,

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Buddy Johnston 06:05

thanks for calling.



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And I'd also want to know, what kind of things are coming up in the legislature in the Congress, United States? affecting the gay and lesbian issues and how Greg Washington hope to change? Or make those things come to light?



Buddy Johnston 06:35

Okay, appreciate your call. Okay. I don't know if you'd want to tackle on what's coming up. Because without having a gypsy here to look at us. I don't know if we can tell the



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crystal ball?



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No, the short answer. Yes. I think that if we work toward getting sexual orientation, put into the Civil Rights side, that that would be a sufficient starting point.



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A big starting point.



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There's much more to be done. But I think that would be placed.



Buddy Johnston 07:06

Five to six 4005 to six KPFT. Thanks for holding. You're on the air. Okay.



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Yeah, tender Washington. Yeah. What I'd like to ask you about is, I think that a lot of this stuff they're doing with the anti drug thing. Now. I mean, drugs are bad. Everybody knows that. But I think what they're using a lot of it for is to kind of an agenda to kind of subvert the Constitution. I mean, we're seeing things, a lot of it. Stuff like, you know, they're helping these kids, heroes, you know, they turn in their own parents, like in the Soviet Union or something like that. And I think also one of your opponents when they were in the Texas legislature wanted to cut people's hands off. And I'd like to know what you think about that? Then I'll hang up. Okay,

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thanks for calling.

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I'm not in favor of cutting people's hands. And I think I think you're right, though we have to be, someone said that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. I forgotten exactly what it was. But it wasn't me. So I won't take attribution for it. But But I think it is important that the greatest threat to liberty is our fear of the unknown. And we have to temper and balance, ways of dealing with drugs and other things that become a scourge on our society. But we can't surrender the Constitution. I think it was John Locke, who said that those who would surrender their freedom for temporary comfort, deserve neither freedom, not comfort. Sure, we need to do something about it. But we shouldn't change the Fourth Amendment to allow people to break down people's doors without probable cause. And a search warrant we get right back to Hitler isn't right well, to, again, to what this country was founded upon, when they set those things out in the Declaration of Independence. And they were uncomfortable that they were not in the Constitution. If you read the Federalist Papers and the debate, on the ratification of the Constitution itself, it was clear that the people were afraid of a strong central government. That would be too much like the government that they'd fled in, in the various parts of Europe from whence they came, and they wanted to make sure that the government would never have the right to come to their house, without calls and demand entry and to search the house on what's called a general search warrant. We can't allow it seems to mean the threat of death have to make us change our mind about that. We drugs are a danger to our society, but changing our constitution to deal with drugs, even a greater danger to our liberty.

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That's right. Once you have that emotion, then it can be used for anything, well, then they

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can come back next time, and they can tell you what to read and what to think. And then we're ready to hear from them. What

**B** Buddy Johnston 10:26  
scared me about that there was a poll on CNN, and there was a large percentage of people that would be willing to have their homes searched. Because they they, they were asked if it would help the drug problem, would you give up the right and just let folks come in? And a large percentage of Americans said, Sure, yeah, I find that I find that incredible. Yeah, that people would just so willingly give up the right to, to have their home search for any reason?

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Well, that's what real leadership comes in from elected officials. I don't think we elect public officials to react to that kind of public opinion. That's not a Jeffersonian democracy. I mean, if that's the case, and we don't need to elect any representatives and senators, we can just put a gigantic computer in where the capital used to be. And just let everyone send our thoughts and let the computer tabulate them. And you should give them a job to the people who have that opinion. And just that automatically means a constitution such that people's houses can be searched. Representatives of the people, I think, should make a decision based upon an informed judgment based upon the merits of the issue and not the willy nilly response to based upon how question is couched, you can almost predict what answer you go get get by the manner in which the question is put. It is scary to think that people would give up their rights. But it would even be more scary after representatives and senators in this country would respond to that kind of opinion poll and do it by doing it.

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Buddy Johnston 12:08

It's 330 in the morning, I'm sure you want to go home. I don't have to say what, why. Why are you here? Why? Why is it important to seek the gay vote? Why? Why do you? Why were you proud to be endorsed by the gay and lesbian Political Caucus? Obviously, you care, you wouldn't be here. But what what would you say to our young people, we've got a lot of young people like Jimmy said that can't get out and vote right now. We got a call the other day from a 16 year old boy that wanted to know how to come out to his mother and father, because he said it was important to him to do that. What would you say to these younger people that are going to change the way that we really look at the world? Maybe the things that we couldn't do they're going to do? Well,



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I think the first thing is that we have to have confidence in ourselves. And we have to realize that more than anything else, what we think about ourselves, whether we have a level of comfort with ourselves is more important than what other people think about us. It's important that we be able to get along with the people around us in society. But the central thing is that we be at peace with ourselves. And once you find peace with yourself, it's it's easy to reconcile yourself to what other people think about you. If they like you, then that's fine. If they don't like you, then that's okay, too, because it's been my experience in the, in the roads that I've traveled in live off times, it's become necessary to choose between people liking you, and respecting you. And on each of those occasions, I have taken the path of insisting that they respect me. And they can respect me when I respect myself, and I respect myself when I know who I am. And when I stand up for the things that I believe in, and that's not easy to do. I'm not saying that it's automatically going to happen to a 16 year old because I've been there believe in that. But I guess what I would say the overriding thing that I can, I would say is that it's important to search the soul first, and be comfortable with who you are, and where you are in the scheme of things. And realize that it's not as important that people like you, as it is that they respect you. And again, they respect you when you respect yourself.

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Buddy Johnston 14:33

Wonderful. Listen, I want to thank you for taking the time out of your schedule to come by here. Because for me, it means a lot. We've worked real hard over the last two years to serve

sometimes what seems like a community that's not listening. We know they're listening. And we to believe in that dream that someday things are going to be better but you have to keep pushing. And it just just means an awful lot to have you here. Will you come back and see us after you get elected?



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Yeah, great. Thanks. to come back. That's those are the kinds of promises I'm comfortable with making, I've been making that kind of promise all over this district, to various groups that I've met with ministers, community groups, organizations, of every kind and character. My promise to them is that every other weekend, I will be back in this district. When the Congress is not meeting on Fridays, I'll be flying in on Thursday evenings. And on Fridays, and Saturdays, I'll have community meetings, townhall meetings on Saturdays, hopefully, scheduled throughout the day. But in between, then small group meetings with various organizations at my office or at other places, lunches and things of that nature. Because what I hope to be is not any smarter than I am today, I don't think that the mantle of responsibility that will be placed upon me on November 7, with the help of the community, will make me a wiser person than I am today. So I'm not gonna say what I know everything now that I've been elected, and I'm your congressman, and I don't need to hear from you anymore. I hope to be the eyes and ears of this community on the ground in Washington, like a forward observer, so that I can bring back information about programs that are available. I want I want to first thing I want to do is to inventory all of the existing federal programs so that we'll have a handle on them. I don't know what they are, every program from every agency that that can be used in a constructive and meaningful way to better the lives of people in this community. I will have two people on my staff one in Washington and one in Houston, whose sole responsibility would be to attend to that until such time as we have a handle on it. The first mail out to that send out will not be patting myself on the back with my picture on telling you what a great Congressman, I am. It will be a list of all of those agencies, what programs they have available, whether they are grants or loans or whatever, and the phone number, the qualifications for, for applying for it, and the phone numbers or other information on how one goes about getting an application. That personnel my staff, then will be responsible, if you will copy me with a copy of any application that you send, will be responsible for following up on that on a periodic basis to find a call over to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and find out how that applications coming along. And more importantly, when we get federal funds sent back to the district, mine will not my responsibility will not in what saying it was I did a great job. And here's a million dollars for the city of Houston for Harris County or for whomever and I intend to ensure that it's properly used and accounted for because when I asked people in the Congress United States to develop programs and send programs back here, if I'm not willing to make the persons or groups or organizations to get those funds accountable, then then when we have a situation develop, where we have fun to go back, like we've had community development funds, it besmirches the reputation of the city of Houston and makes it look like we don't need the funds or we don't know how to handle the funds. It's the Congressman's responsibility, in my opinion, to ensure that that not only do we get the funds, but that they're properly used. And that that report is then made back to the Congress to we thank you for the money that you sent us. And we did it to the build. So to do that, and to help these people or whatever, to feed children to defeat old people or whatever, or to get AZT or whatever, and take that information back. Because if I just throw the money out here, if I'm responsible for bringing it back in a wheelbarrow, but I'm not responsible for ensuring that it's properly used, then in the long run, we end up shooting ourselves in the foot because we stopped getting the

money. I intend to do that as an ex congressman from this district, and I intend to serve the people of this community as long as they will allow me to serve him until God decides that he wants me to do something else.

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Buddy Johnston 19:03

Beautiful Well, we wish you the best of luck and you're you're welcome here anytime and thank you so much for taking the time to come by this thanks for sure. Yes, to do it whenever you're ready,



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so you want to do one of them or two. You're gonna do it on a tape right? Okay.

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Buddy Johnston 20:00

Whenever you're ready, we'll chop it all up. Okay.



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