

INTERVIEWER What's your name, sir?

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ACTIVIST: Lou Jack [? Collin. ?] And I would just like to make the point on what Ray said about the church and the richness of it. What I can't seem to understand is how all these people can put on their nice suits and their good shoes and their velvet dresses and come to church every single Sunday and preach about hating me because I happen to be gay, hating my mother because she happens to be a prostitute, hating my mother because she happened to breed a child in the world by herself, hating my brothers and sisters in Fifth Ward because we were forced to live in a society where those hatemongers, those Christian traitors choose to take what their Jesus said in his bible that you love everybody.

They don't love everybody. They hate everybody. They go around killing abortion doctors and sitting in the court saying it's OK for me to take a life.

ACTIVIST: Drowning babies in cars.

ACTIVIST: Drowning babies in cars, the exact same man you spoke about. So why don't they take their rich dollars that they built this church with and get some kids off the street? Why don't they take this church that they built with their money and get some homeless people off the street? Why don't they take this church and put it into some productive sets of society?

CHURCHGOER They do.

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ACTIVIST: I don't understand--

CHURCHGOER They do.

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[INTERPOSING VOICES]

--church budget does. You don't have a clue about what this church budget does. You don't know where they spend their money. You're talking out of pure ignorance, period.

ACTIVIST: I'd love to see this church enforce the laws.

CHURCHGOER Period. You don't know what this church does.

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ACTIVIST: Prove it to me, prove it to me.

CHURCHGOER You don't know what the aids--

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ACTIVIST: Where are your papers?

CHURCHGOER --people do there. I don't have to prove anything. We answer to God and God alone is number one, but you come out here--

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ACTIVIST: Tell us about your race program.

CHURCHGOER You don't know anything about it.

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ACTIVIST: Well, talk about it.

CHURCHGOER That's interesting. You want something to gripe about and complain about.

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ACTIVIST: That's OK.

ACTIVIST: You got the media. Tell us all about it.

CHURCHGOER I don't want to talk to the media. That's not important. I want to set you straight.

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ACTIVIST: No, no, no, tell me.

CHURCHGOER No, no--

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ACTIVIST 3: Put it on record.

CHURCHGOER --you have something to gripe about. You have something--

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ACTIVIST: Put it on record.

CHURCHGOER I can tell you about the people who have nurtured [INAUDIBLE] shared with [INAUDIBLE] about the people who
1: have repented. I can tell you-- I'm telling you.

ACTIVIST: Tell me about the AIDS--

CHURCHGOER You don't want to hear.

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ACTIVIST: --program.

CHURCHGOER You don't want to hear.

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ACTIVIST: --of Second Baptist Church.

CHURCHGOER You don't want to hear. We have a help group at night. We have pastors who go to hospices and to nurture and
1: to tell them to love them.

ACTIVIST: Proselytize, then.

CHURCHGOER No, no, we don't prostelytize. You don't have any idea. They love--
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ACTIVIST: You don't see--

CHURCHGOER Most people cry--
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ACTIVIST: --people with AIDS.

CHURCHGOER Those people cry--
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ACTIVIST: You don't have--

CHURCHGOER You don't have--
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ACTIVIST: --people with AIDS.

CHURCHGOER Have you ever seen our budget?
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ACTIVIST: You don't carry [INAUDIBLE].

CHURCHGOER Have you ever seen our budget? Have you ever seen our budget?
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ACTIVIST: Yeah.

CHURCHGOER You have?
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ACTIVIST: I have seen the whole thing.

CHURCHGOER You have?
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ACTIVIST: I am-- listen--

CHURCHGOER You have?
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ACTIVIST: --I know everything there is to know about [INAUDIBLE].

CHURCHGOER You've seen the budget?
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ACTIVIST: I've seen the absence--

CHURCHGOER You did?

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ACTIVIST: --of your name.

CHURCHGOER You're brilliant, you're brilliant, partner. You've [INAUDIBLE]

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ACTIVIST: I'm sure Ed Young hides his budget. [LAUGHS] I'm sure Ed Young hides his budget, and I don't blame him.

CHURCHGOER That's right. Why are you here? What are you trying to prove? What are you trying to prove?

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ACTIVIST: We're trying to show you [INAUDIBLE].

ACTIVIST: Are sinners unwelcome in this church?

[LAUGHTER]

CHURCHGOER God bless you. You need it.

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ACTIVIST: Thank you. I appreciate that. Pray for me a lot.

ACTIVIST: [INAUDIBLE] in hell.

ACTIVIST: [LAUGHS]

CHURCHGOER You waste your time here. You're [INAUDIBLE].

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ACTIVIST: Pray for me a lot. I don't think my time has been wasted here.

ACTIVIST: Did you see?

ACTIVIST: I love it.

ACTIVIST: Our time was wasted here.

INTERVIEWER Repeat what he said.

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ACTIVIST: He said our time is wasted here. I think that's very nice and certainly the good spirit of redemption and sharing the Lord. [LAUGHS]

INTERVIEWER I'm curious. You haven't said much. You say you're a supporter. Why did you come today?

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SUPPORTER: Well, I heard Ray on the radio and I think everybody has something to offer and I just want everybody to be enlightened. And I'm sure that there are, I mean, literally thousands of people that come through this church every Sunday and feel enlightened and get spiritual fulfillment. I hope that they can be enlightened by-- I just feel that the gays and lesbians have a cause. They have a place, and I just wanted to know more about the doors that are open or closed by this church.

INTERVIEWER What is your name, ma'am? This is going to be--

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INTERVIEWER You've been watching what's going on over there. You all have any comments about what you've seen or what you've heard?

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CHURCHGOER Well, I'll tell you the one thing that I noticed, is that people are so filled with rage and so militant about these issues. And if they really just realize that God's love is out there for everybody, it doesn't matter who you are or what you are if y'all just really accept the Lord Jesus into your heart and think about what you want for children. What's important in the world today are the values that we're putting out there, something we can be proud of that we would want our children to continue with in the long run. I think there are some good things going on and I see some things that need a lot of improvement. And that's what I get out of most of this today.

INTERVIEWER Well, I appreciate this. Is there any comment on what you've been listening to or watching over here?

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CHURCHGOER Well, what exactly is it?

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INTERVIEWER Well, we've had some gay rights activists and transgender rights activists who came into church today and simply came in to listen. We've been told a lot of things about this church and we wanted to find out whether it was true. And I know you've been watching some of what's been going on. Any comments about that?

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CHURCHGOER Well, I've never really witnessed anything bad going on in this church, you know? Doctor Young is a real open person and he accepts everyone and wants to turn them into the right way and I think people who'd listened to Doctor Young for what he's really saying, they might be shining a light.

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CHURCHGOER Yeah.

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INTERVIEWER You may or may not know this because I know you're rather young, but Doctor Young is considered, within the gay and lesbian community and certainly within the transgender community, as a gigantic homophobe. And it's been our experience over the years that he's done everything he can to prevent-- I realize you're a young person. But it's our experience and our feeling that he's done everything he can to prevent our gaining any sort of rights at all. Is there any perception of that in this church?

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CHURCHGOER Do you perceive yourself as entitled to a minority status-wise?

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INTERVIEWER I perceive myself as being entitled to the same rights that you have and currently, I don't have those. Having same rights is not asking for special rights. It's asking for equal rights.

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CHURCHGOER 2: And I think our Constitution guarantees that for any person no matter what you're involved with. So I don't know why you're questioning that.

INTERVIEWER 2: OK. Well, let me give you an example. If a woman is fired, she has the rights to go to court. If a white or Black male or nearly anyone is fired from a job, they have a right to go to court.

But if a person is fired and it's on the grounds that they're homosexual, they have no grounds to appeal. They have no rights. Did you know that?

CHURCHGOER 3: OK, OK.

CHURCHGOER 2: No, I don't know that I agree with that 100%, really. I don't think--

INTERVIEWER 2: Well, there are a zillion cases to back it up. I mean, I'm not trying to be provocative. It's just that that really is the law.

CHURCHGOER 2: And I think that a lot of people are fired unjustly. I think it goes back to knowing whether or not anybody's really documented a firm case. If they haven't, then that's falsifying things, and that's where you get them, not based on whether your sexual rights are coming into play or whatever. I mean, falsification of something is where you would get them.

INTERVIEWER 2: Sir, you ahead. You have something you want to say?

CHURCHGOER 3: Well, I just want to say that I've lived my life as pure as I can be and when I see people-- my dad had a few homosexual people working for him in his office and he didn't show anything-- he treated them normal, but this is like you're making a show out of yourselves out here. And no one-- I mean, you can come in the church anytime you want. People have open arms willing to show you the right way. And I don't think that you have a case here, I mean, like you're being treated wrongly, because we're here accepting you and--

CHURCHGOER 2: Or anybody.

CHURCHGOER 3: --willing to-- yeah.

CHURCHGOER 2: Anybody. Accepting anybody.

INTERVIEWER 2: Well, I can tell you-- I know you all mean well, but I can tell you how that's going to play probably in the gay, lesbian community because we've perceived a big difference between what's said and what's done. So I'm not here to provoke.

CHURCHGOER 3: Well, you can tell that--

CHURCHGOER But has anybody here actually prejudiced against you or said, no, you can't come in here?

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INTERVIEWER No one has said that we can't come into the church, but Doctor Young has a history with the gay community
2: that's about as negative with Stephen Hotze's, and that's pretty hard to pass.

CHURCHGOER Well, I mean, everyone has--

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CHURCHGOER Wait, hold on. Doctor Young is not negative. Doctor Young has never done anything to hurt anyone in his life.

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Doctor Young has lived his entire life as a strong Christian. And trying to come here and desecrate Doctor Young and say something he's not-- I mean, Doctor Young is a human man and he's lived his life well. And for y'all to come here and say that he's doing something wrong, it ticks me off because he hasn't done anything to hurt anybody.

CHURCHGOER No. And you're entitled to your opinions and, certainly, he's entitled to his. So what's the difference?

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CHURCHGOER It's just hogwash.

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INTERVIEWER Well, I appreciate you taking the time to talk to us. I want to keep you pinned to the wall. That's not fair either. So
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CHURCHGOER OK.

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INTERVIEWER Let me tell you, that's the absolute truth. There is something inside so strong.

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JIMMY CARPER: That song was written quite a few years ago by a Black man in England who was protesting the treatment of Blacks there. And it's become like a folk anthem here in the States.

INTERVIEWER That's amazing. I didn't know that.

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JIMMY CARPER: A man by the name of Labby Sapphire. I eventually found the album. It's a great song.

INTERVIEWER I'd like to take a couple of seconds. I want to talk about some of the information I picked up out at the church.

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JIMMY CARPER: Oh, sure.

INTERVIEWER 2: --a little bit. I want to talk about this first one. I didn't get a chance to talk about this, really, in any detail last night. And so, I'd like to do that a little bit now. There is a group in Colorado called Focus on the Family. These are the folks who brought you the anti-gay rights law in Colorado.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK, OK.

INTERVIEWER 2: Well, they put out-- let me back up. Ed Young said in his sermon that they don't tell people how to vote and they don't tell people who to vote for. All they do is tell people to vote. Well then, I want to know what this literature was doing at their church if it isn't trying to tell them what to vote.

This thing is called Family Issues Alert. I guess we need more alerts. But the headline says "Navy Taking the Lead in Promoting Gay Agenda."

JIMMY CARPER: What?

INTERVIEWER 2: Well, now the last time I looked--

JIMMY CARPER: We're not taking the lead.

INTERVIEWER 2: This last time I checked, the Navy's job was to defend the country.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER 2: You know, I'll just read a little bit of this.

JIMMY CARPER: And kick homosexuals out.

INTERVIEWER 2: I thought that was what the no-- was it no pass, no play rule? [LAUGHS]

JIMMY CARPER: I was doing to say no kick out, no tell. I don't know.

INTERVIEWER 2: I don't know, same thing.

JIMMY CARPER: Dump the closet and it's OK.

INTERVIEWER 2: Stay in the closet and keep your damn mouth shut, right?

JIMMY CARPER: You don't look and we don't look and--

INTERVIEWER 2: Yeah, no, no look, no tell.

JIMMY CARPER: I know.

INTERVIEWER Monkey see--

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JIMMY CARPER: Whatever.

INTERVIEWER --monkey doesn't do, yeah. OK, and it says here, "On September 8, the department of the Navy took a leading role, a leading role, in sponsoring Diversity Day, a series of workshops which promoted the gay rights movement and attacked homo prejudice and religious beliefs that view homosexuality as sinful," unnatural behavior. Only as you read way down here do you find out that these workshops were voluntary. Hello, voluntary.

But in bold letters, in bold letters, so you can't miss it, it says, "The key point is the federal government is using taxpayer dollars to promote sodomy." Sure, that's why we're illegal in all 50 states.

JIMMY CARPER: Exactly.

INTERVIEWER I'm sure that we are spending a lot of money for this.

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JIMMY CARPER: Give me a break.

INTERVIEWER And it says that Diversity Day training violated the religious beliefs of many attendees. Let me ask again, if this was voluntary, what were people who are going to be offended doing there?

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, for one thing. And something you said a little bit before about promoting homo what?

INTERVIEWER Yeah. They promoted the gay rights movement and attacked homo prejudice.

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JIMMY CARPER: What's wrong with attacking homo prejudice?

INTERVIEWER Well, that's-- I read this twice because I thought I misread it, but they are criticizing the Navy for attacking homo prejudice. Well, all right, let's substitute a different word. Let's say that they were attacking racism against Afro-Americans. Would that be wrong?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER It's only wrong because it's homos, right?

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JIMMY CARPER: That's exactly right.

INTERVIEWER But that's not hateful and--

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JIMMY CARPER: No, but it's hateful.

INTERVIEWER --Ed Young didn't tell you how to vote.

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JIMMY CARPER: Right.

INTERVIEWER OK.

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JIMMY CARPER: Right, right.

INTERVIEWER On the back--

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JIMMY CARPER: That's not being hateful, right?

INTERVIEWER Oh, no.

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JIMMY CARPER: Just because you hate homos.

INTERVIEWER On the back here it says this is, quote, "Colonel David Hackworth." Well, we never heard of--

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JIMMY CARPER: Because we're such a threat to the American family, right? Where the hell do you think we came from? We came from families. And so many of us have families.

INTERVIEWER I know I do. [LAUGHS] On the back here, there's a quote from David Hackworth and it says, I love this, "The gay liberation movement's purpose-- I didn't know that. First of all, if you get 50 queer people together, you get 50 opinions of what the gay liberation movement is if it exists. So let's start with that.

JIMMY CARPER: There was a quote-- Romanovsky and Phillips. When I did that song a little while ago *if there's a God, He's a Queen*, right in the beginning of it, they do a little talking about this gay agenda thing and Paul Phillips gets on and says, yeah, queers can agree on anything for one minute, right?

INTERVIEWER Well, that's what really struck me about this. And they say, "Our purpose," and I love this, "is to destroy the rock-solid moral foundation that our country was built upon."

JIMMY CARPER: What?

INTERVIEWER Now, I can't resist this. I used to teach history. Did you know that Benjamin Franklin was known as the Father of France and that he had nothing to do with his ability to be a diplomat? It had to do with his ability to not stay out of anyone's bed for 10 minutes.

JIMMY CARPER: Exactly.

INTERVIEWER John Adams was quoted as saying, "This would be the best of all worlds if there was no religion in it." Thomas Jefferson was a Unitarian who slept with his slaves. Tell me again about our Christian founding fathers, would you, please? I'm missing something.

JIMMY CARPER: You know, I've been a gay man for a very long time and I worked at a job and paid rent and went to the movies and bought groceries. So what am I against here? I mean, I'm just living my life just like everybody else.

INTERVIEWER We want everybody to know Jimmy pays his taxes, too.

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[LAUGHTER]

And then it goes on to say, according to Colonel Hackworth, today, they want to serve openly in the military. Tomorrow, it will be to teach the schools and run the nation's childcare system.

JIMMY CARPER: I hate to tell them, but--

[LAUGHS]

INTERVIEWER I hate to tell them this, but did you know that in Sweden, the number one occupation for gay men is to run
2: childcare? And so you know why?

JIMMY CARPER: Because we're so damn good at it.

INTERVIEWER Because they've discovered that gay men make good role models.
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JIMMY CARPER: Yes, yes.

INTERVIEWER So somebody doesn't know their facts.
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JIMMY CARPER: I hate to tell you, but there are gay and lesbian teachers out there now and gay and lesbian teacher groups and one of the reasons that the gay and lesbian switchboard does so well is that, see, we're kind of-- we have the secret location because the idea is that you talk to somebody unknown you can tell your problems. When you call the gay and lesbian switchboard, you're not talking to me, you're not talking to anybody that you've ever known, you're getting to talk to just a person.

INTERVIEWER A person.
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JIMMY CARPER: Right.

INTERVIEWER That's all.
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JIMMY CARPER: That is an excellent place for gay and lesbian teachers to do things for their community because it's a secret location and we have, I mean, no--

INTERVIEWER It's safe.
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JIMMY CARPER: It's safe.

INTERVIEWER It's safe.
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JIMMY CARPER: We have a lot of gay and lesbian teachers at the switchboard.

INTERVIEWER 2: Now this next one, and this is the last of these, I promise you, but I just couldn't stand this one. I mean, there is distortion and there's blatant outright revolting lying, and this one falls into that category, that, first of all, gays and lesbians are wonderful for raising money for the right. They love to run-- if you ever watch Jerry Falwell-- you really aggravated some morning watch Jerry Falwell, he runs this clip of a gay rights parade from god knows when over and over and over, and the only thing you ever see are the most outrageous drag queens and leather people with their fannies hanging out.

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS]

INTERVIEWER: And so, somehow that represents all of us, you know?

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, I see.

INTERVIEWER 2: OK, well now, this happens to be--

JIMMY CARPER: And what's so bad about that anyway?

INTERVIEWER 2: Well, that's what I think, but this happens to be on the back section where they are trying to raise money.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK.

INTERVIEWER 2: That's why I brought this to the attention. The headline says, "Abortion, euthanasia, and gay rights hidden in healthcare plans." Now I'm going to take this apart step by step because I actually researched this.

It says, "Also hidden among the thousands of pages of the Mitchell and Gephardt Healthcare Bill is a section that expands the Civil Rights section of 1964 to include sexual orientation as a protected minority class." All right, step one, that's a lie. Flat out, it's a lie.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK.

INTERVIEWER 2: I downloaded this entire thing off the internet and I read all 800 pages of the sucker--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, god.

INTERVIEWER 2: --OK? I'm here to tell you the word gay isn't in that anywhere. What they have done is they have taken ENDA, the Employment Non-discrimination Act, which is not even out of committee--

JIMMY CARPER: That's true.

INTERVIEWER 2: It's not out of the committee.

JIMMY CARPER: We talked about this because our lovely friend Kennedy is trying to keep transgender people out of ENDA, right?

INTERVIEWER 2: Well, after this election, it's probably not going anywhere. But the point is they have taken ENDA and tied that into healthcare. That is a lot like tying a Ferrari into a Volkswagen. They're both cars, but that's all they have in common.

JIMMY CARPER: That's about it.

INTERVIEWER 2: OK? Then it goes on to say, "If an employer terminates or does not hire a gay, the applicant can sue him for healthcare discrimination." Another lie. It's not in that bill. They are still referring to ENDA.

How they have referred ENDA and tied it into euthanasia and abortion, I don't know. And then it says the homosexual political agenda has no place in healthcare reform. They're right. It's not there.

[LAUGHTER]

That's the only true thing they've said that was true.

JIMMY CARPER: I see.

INTERVIEWER 2: It isn't there. And they quote this guy, Robert Knight, who is the director of Culture & Studies at the Family Research Council, which is paid for and sponsored by Pat Robertson's group.

JIMMY CARPER: I see.

INTERVIEWER 2: You know, folks, I grew up in the McCarthy era, OK? And I'm going to tell you a story that you're going to think I'm making up, but I swear to you this is true. I was in about fourth grade and we had just gotten through studying the Constitution of the United States, the First Amendment, specifically. And we had a lady who used to come into our school with a magic marker twice a week and blackout what she said were-- I'm trying to remember the exact phrase. It was subversive language. And I'm talking about--

JIMMY CARPER: Mark out and what?

INTERVIEWER 2: She would go through the encyclopedia. They were going through history books. And remember, this is the McCarthy era I'm talking about. So now you know how old I am. But the point was--

JIMMY CARPER: She don't look it either.

INTERVIEWER 2: I finally went to her and I said, we just studied the First Amendment in school and we know that we have First Amendment rights. And I was sent to the principal for being a troublemaker for that. This is 1956 or 7 I'm talking about now.

All right, here we are. We're in 1994, almost 1995. We're about to do it again. We're about to do it again. It's scary. I would say this-- we don't really have time to go into all this stuff tonight. There are a lot of gay and lesbian candidates around the country that won.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

INTERVIEWER 2: There were some that lost. Most of the ones who lost did not lose due to sexual orientation. The anti-gay rights laws in Idaho and Oregon lost. There was one in--

JIMMY CARPER: And that's scary because the reputation that Idaho has--

INTERVIEWER 2: Well, they only lost by 3,000 votes.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

INTERVIEWER 2: In Gainesville, Florida, they repealed a gay rights ordinance and there is going to be a lot of activity in Florida. But by and large, the gay and lesbian candidates around the country won. I would say this, though, and I said this last night and I'm going to repeat it again, in 1980, when we had a landslide like this, the thunder we heard was the sound of people running for their closets.

JIMMY CARPER: No kidding.

INTERVIEWER 2: And I want to encourage you, I'm begging you, do not do that again. I'm not suggesting that we ought to have 10,000 gay queers out there who can go in front of TV cameras.

JIMMY CARPER: We don't need 10,000 queers. [INAUDIBLE].

INTERVIEWER 2: We need 10,000 queers who will contribute \$10. That's what we need.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

INTERVIEWER 2: We need 10,000 queers who will show up in stuff envelopes. In this last election, we only had a 36% turnout. And of that 36%, 27% of them said they were conservative Christians. Folks, we handed the election to them.

If you're sitting at home and you didn't vote, I hope you feel guilty as hell because you should. I really mean that. Now we have two years to recoup. And if you've read the paper, if you get the *New York Times*, you already know that Gephardt is saying-- not Gephardt, but the wheezes from Georgia there. His name escapes me.

JIMMY CARPER: Newt?

INTERVIEWER 2: Newt, yes, sir. Our good old buddy, Newt Gingrich, is saying that his first goal is they want to undo the '60s. If I were Black, if I were queer, if I were a woman, I'd be scared.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

INTERVIEWER 2: So you pay attention. That's all I got to say.

JIMMY CARPER: And if that would be all three, then you really better be scared.

INTERVIEWER 2: OK, you want to do some announcements here before we decide to close tonight?

JIMMY CARPER: Sure, sure. Oh, gosh. We've got 10 minutes.

INTERVIEWER 2: That's it.

JIMMY CARPER: That's it.

INTERVIEWER 2: OK, first of all, I apologize to the folks from Gay 90s. I know that I had taped an interview with you and we had hoped that we would get it on tonight.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, hey, we'll get it on next week, you know?

INTERVIEWER Right. That's it. All I can say is I'm sorry, but--
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JIMMY CARPER: Then that'll be cool because everybody will get to hear you next week, too.

INTERVIEWER Oh, they will? Oh, OK.
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JIMMY CARPER: See? If we play that interview next week--

INTERVIEWER Oh, that's right.
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JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS]

INTERVIEWER That's right. OK--
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JIMMY CARPER: We'll think you're here every week, girl.

[LAUGHTER]

INTERVIEWER By this time of night, I'm starting to feel it.
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[LAUGHS]

However, we did get a letter from Spectrum 95 and they did want to point out that they have selected the benefactors for Spectrum 95.

JIMMY CARPER: What is Spectrum 95?

INTERVIEWER Spectrum 95 is going to be a-- it used to be known as the town meeting.
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JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK.

INTERVIEWER OK? And it's going to be a huge gathering of--
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JIMMY CARPER: We had a guy on here--

INTERVIEWER --businesses and stuff.
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JIMMY CARPER: --talking about it, but they hadn't named it Spectrum 95 yet. So I didn't know what the hell you were talking about.

INTERVIEWER I don't know why they changed it. It used to be town meeting, but anyway. They have made their choices for the
2: five benefactors, and they are going to be Loving Arms, the Bearing Care Foundation, the Houston Challenge Foundation--

JIMMY CARPER: I've never heard of that one.

INTERVIEWER The Houston Challenge Foundation is a food pantry for people living with HIV.

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JIMMY CARPER: We have-- I don't understand. We have Stone Soup.

INTERVIEWER Well, apparently, there's more than one.

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JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK.

INTERVIEWER And the Montrose Clinic, which actually was a byproduct of town meeting one, and the Assistance Fund.

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JIMMY CARPER: Oh, that's very good.

INTERVIEWER So those are their five choices and they're all HIV-related. I would have liked them to have made a few choices

2: that were not.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, how about breast cancer and stuff, something that affects other people in our community?

INTERVIEWER Yeah. I understand HIV is important. God knows we've all lost enough people, but there are other organizations

2: in this community that really deserve support.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, yeah.

INTERVIEWER I also want to point and talk about something--

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JIMMY CARPER: We're not bitching. We're just--

INTERVIEWER Yeah, we're not complaining--

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JIMMY CARPER: --suggesting--

INTERVIEWER --honest.

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JIMMY CARPER: --for people, for future things.

INTERVIEWER While we're talking about town meetings, I want to talk about something for the transgender community that's

2: never been done before. On Saturday, the 7th of January-- so we're talking about this a little early enough for you to make plans, folks. The 7th of January--

JIMMY CARPER: That's after Christmas, hun.

INTERVIEWER --St. Stephen's Episcopal over in West Alabama, the transgender community is going to have its first--
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JIMMY CARPER: Wait a minute, wait a minute, St. Stephen--

INTERVIEWER I'm sorry, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. That's at 1805 West Alabama.

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JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK, OK. I know right-- that's almost across the street from the--

INTERVIEWER From the [INAUDIBLE].

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JIMMY CARPER: From the [INAUDIBLE]--

INTERVIEWER From [INAUDIBLE].

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JIMMY CARPER: --which is, for some of you out there, it's the old ballpark.

INTERVIEWER That's right.

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JIMMY CARPER: Yes, OK.

INTERVIEWER Yeah, some of you will probably recognize the ballpark better than [INAUDIBLE]. But for the first time ever, the
2: transgender community is going to have a town meeting of its own.

JIMMY CARPER: There. Oh, cool.

INTERVIEWER And the whole purpose of this is-- among the things that we are going to start talking about is creating a food
2: pantry, a screening of political candidates, how we can help people within our own community. A lot of our folks who are unemployed, we'd like to know-- if there's a way that we can help them get food stamps and provide assistance that's what--

JIMMY CARPER: And I've said this before, and I don't want to harp on it because I don't want to incur or start or reinforce stereotypes, but the idea in the gay community is that if you're a transgender person, you're a hooker, and it doesn't have to be that way. I know a lot of people may have had to turn to that to earn a living, but it doesn't have to be that way.

INTERVIEWER I got a phone call-- I'm glad you said that. I got a phone call the other day from a young lady who is a transsexual
2: and is a hooker. And I'm not-- of course, I won't give her name. But she's up here in the 1960 area and she was severely beaten by the police.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, I can imagine.

INTERVIEWER 2: And I don't know that we're going to be able to make much of a case of it because unfortunately, she was intoxicated. But in talking to this woman, I could tell-- the desperation in her voice was incredible. And I realized, certainly, transgender people are not the only folks who have had to deal with this kind of thing before, but there are other alternatives, and I hope that you'll do that.

Something else that we have coming up, the International Lesbian and Gay Association 16th Annual European Regional Conference is being held in Helsinki, Finland. Now maybe you're saying, so what? Who cares? Well, one of the people from our community, Dee McKellar is going to be at that conference and she is going to be a guest on this show in January.

JIMMY CARPER: Cool.

INTERVIEWER 2: So there will be 200 delegates from across Europe and the United States that will be discussing the progress of lesbian and gay human rights across the continent with a special emphasis on Eastern Europe. And they'll be discussing family rights and many other things, and they will be holding a transgender Pride conference. And in January, Dee McKellar will be here to talk about that.

JIMMY CARPER: When is this?

INTERVIEWER 2: This is going to be held December the 27th through the 31st in Helsinki, Finland.

JIMMY CARPER: It's cold there in December. I have been to Helsinki in September and froze my koondingie off.

INTERVIEWER 2: And she's a native Texan, so you know she's not prepared for this.

JIMMY CARPER: No.

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INTERVIEWER 2: But she's going to be our guest here in January, another tie-into guest that we're going to be having. In February every year is one of the largest gatherings for cross--

JIMMY CARPER: You do plan ahead, don't you?

INTERVIEWER 2: Well, I'm planning because these people will be in our show next month.

JIMMY CARPER: Ah, OK.

INTERVIEWER 2: Every year in February, there is a get together called the Tea Party. It is the largest gathering of cross-dressers and transgender people in the Southwest. The people who run that, their name are Linda and Cynthia Phillips, and they will be our guests next month. And we touched on cross-dressing tonight and we have even talked in the show about doing talk shows.

Well, Linda and Cynthia Phillips have been on *Heraldo*. They have been on *Jerry Springer*. These are nationally known people and we are going to be lucky enough to have them here. So I hope that you will tune in for next month. If you're not familiar with cross-dressing or you want to know more, these are the people to ask.

Also, I have one other piece of information here, and this says firms from the Community Music Center of Houston. And on Sunday, November the 19th, at Central Congregational Church, that's at Holman at Austin, right across from HCC, they are going to be doing the *Unspoken Prayer*. It is a dramatic musical based on Mark Twain's *The War Prayer*. And I'll tell you a story about *The War Prayer*.

JIMMY CARPER: I've got to say something. What is the address of that?

INTERVIEWER That address is 1311 Holman at Austin across from HCC.

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JIMMY CARPER: We've got a guy sitting in the lobby right now, Troy, who just had a marriage ceremony to his lover at that church.

INTERVIEWER Is that right?

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JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

INTERVIEWER Well, the Unitarian Church is currently under construction and they are meeting at Central Congregational Church while the church is being repaired.

JIMMY CARPER: I see. OK.

INTERVIEWER Before we go, I'll tell you a little quick story about *The War Prayer*. If you've never read the Mark Twain's *War Prayer*--

JIMMY CARPER: No, I haven't.

INTERVIEWER --it has to do with a church. That's why I want to bring this up. It has to do with the church who is having a prayer for people who are going off to war. And they are praying, well, please bless our soldiers and may they have victory in battle, and an apparition appears at the back of the church, floating.

And the apparition waits for this and then comes to the front of the church and says, the Lord has heard your prayer and he wants to know if this is what you mean. May the widows of our enemies be left weeping in the snow. May their children be left to die without parents. The whole point being, if there are winners in war, there are losers in war.

When my daughter was going to school in College Station during the war in Kuwait and she brought *The War Prayer* in to read as an explanation for why she didn't believe in war, and her teacher said to her, where did you get that communist stuff? To which my daughter replied, this was written by Mark Twain about the Spanish-American War, and she sat down.

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS] Yes, yes.

INTERVIEWER So [LAUGHS] just a little piece of story. We're due to get out of here.

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JIMMY CARPER: We're due to get out of here. You have been listening to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude. The tradition continues, yes, indeedy.

And we are on KPFT Houston. Coming up in just a few seconds will be the carbon dating game with Eric. In the background, you're hearing a special version of *I am What I am*. And whatever it is you are, be all of it.

INTERVIEWER Good night, y'all. Thanks for listening.

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