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The two segments that I've done here, the on the first one that I did, the, it helped, that I had that a good friend of mine helped me prepare in advance what I wanted to say what points I wanted to make, you know about the subject we were talking about that night. And because if I were to just wing it, it'd be forget about that that segment would not have turned out as cool as it seemed to, you know, it just, I have to prepare in advance if I'm gonna sound like a reasonable human being.



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I had a total, I have a totally different experience. I mean, I really know that Fransisco invited me 15 minutes before, you know, we talked for about half an hour before getting into this show is like, what do you want to talk about? Talk about yourself, your experiences, you know, the University of Houston, and how the Latino community works there. And it's like, I see he told me, man, you stole the show? I did. Oh, yeah.



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Yeah, that was a great show. Great show. That was like when we had the discussion a couple of years ago, a couple years ago, when we were talking about transgender one on one. And it was like, I got a few compliments about it later. Oh, yeah. And, you know, those are the kinds of shows sometimes that can save lives. In some cases.



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I find that I don't really want to talk to my guests before a show, because it's been my experience that if I sit down and chat with them, then they have given they gave me information that I now already know. And I get on the mic. And in my mind, I already know this information. So I ask about it again. And then when I listen back to the tape, it doesn't make sense to me, because I didn't include that.

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You know, yeah, responses won't be as good. The second time around. Oh, never is



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right. Right. Yeah. Yeah. You always want to hit him with the question and make them you know, think on your feet. And see what they come up with. Yeah,



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I got a few questions. I'd like to ask George



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and I really thank you for bringing that up because we wanted to talk about him a little bit because I've I've watched both the the Republican convention you know, parts of it, and I fell asleep when I woke up



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there was no surprises



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as a as a Hispanic as a Hispanic voter. You know, when I saw him in front of the camera and heard his speech, I was so disappointed. Really, the only thing that kept me glued to the camera was that he was very good luck.



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And you know, whenever I hear his name, that's all I hear that he's very good luck. That's all you hear guys.



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Oh, just a pretty boring



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because it's like the first thing that I was like, How can I identify how can I So Latino or Hispanic identify with a man like this? Who it's it comes a very rich family, one, one, he doesn't do anything for the Hispanic community. And when he speaks the language, he uses Latin, you

know, Spanglish, which total which I totally find insulting. Do you know because that's what he did, all through his speech, English and Spanish back and forth. And and it's like, that wasn't right. And every piano Spanish teacher in this country and outside of this country would tell you if you're doing a speech in Spanish, you do it in Spanish. If you're going to do one in English, you do it in English, to translate you translate after you're done. Not both at the same time. Because that's what's calling is GG was just sucking up to the public. And yeah,

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the most Anglo Hispanic person, I mean, he, you know, the Republican comes out and it's, and it's like, wait a minute, you are Hispanic, aren't you?

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That's the same question we had about JC Watts and Condoleezza Rice. And some of the in some of the now Colin Powell with you know, I have a lot of respect for Colin blank. I have a lot of respect for him. Now, you know, JC watch running slightly below Clarence Thomas in my book

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actually, that's not fair to JC since I actually had a chance to not last lobby day I went to actually a chance to talk to him and I, and I, basically, you know, had a very nice conversation when he was very intelligent. guy. But I had to remind myself when I looked at that award on his wall from the Christian coalition. I'm sorry, the anti Christian coalition, where he stands in terms of his politics, and even his dad came up with a great line. His dad is a is a chairman of Democratic Party chairman. And he said, voting for Republican is like a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders. And, but, but most most Latinos that I've talked to have had the same reaction that I had, you know, watching that convention. Okay, you're talking about inclusion, but your record over the last 20 years has been anything, but that

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has been? Yeah, it was I read an article that of the entire Republican convention six, only six and a half percent of the total convention the years were minority. Yeah. Yeah. Oh, yeah. Doesn't that tell the story

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right there? Because

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they did try to impress the minorities. And and you know, by bringing different people, you

know, yeah. And I thought that was That was nice of them. The fact that



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Jim called me, yeah.



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I feel really disappointed in the Republican delegates, though. Yeah, the Texas delegates will say, that was very rude. And that's what's wrong with his plans



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on walking out. Yeah.



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You know, it just showed the real Republican, you know, they bring up the minorities and the gays and, but then you have the Texas Republicans, you know, the vice president or dominant nominee from Texas, and the his delegates are set an example for not only Texas, for the United States, and yes, showing George W. Bush's beliefs, because, you know, just like if, if my family did something, and I, you know, I don't know, I'm saying, but if my family believes something, you know, and I go behind their backs and do something totally opposite, it reflects on the whole family. Yes, it does. And just like the Texas delegates did, at the Republican Convention, it reflected on George W, and the whole Republican, the GOP, and they show their real beliefs.



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But we already knew that, that the Texas Republican Party is in is dominated by the right wing, religious groups. I hate to even use the word Christian because they are anything but



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yeah, because as Tavis Smiley talked about him on his show, he said you could really call them to half right they give you half the facts, tell half the story and give in their half right now.



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You know, what comparison suddenly struck me I remember an old episode of Designing Women where Julia talked about how they put their crazy people on display you know, they don't tie them in there. This is what I thought of with the with the Republican convention. They

were putting all of these people on display. Oh, see, when we include these people



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in their crazies like Pat Robertson, and then in the closet, so to say,



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I mean, I was really disappointed at George I'm, I'm coming back again with HP and that's who I'm referring when I started. Gotcha. But because, you know, it's like he's never wanted to be involved with the Hispanic community. I mean, it's like and he's speaking Spanish you know, it's really nice. I mean, I've heard him speak Spanish fully. And he looks very Latin business like what uh, somebody said how they're outside a great lady told me this is like he'd say little brown a group Brown was



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related to the Oreo comic.



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Colin I've always said that there are two shows here at after hours one here on the air and one out in the lobby. You got a taste of the lobby show tonight.



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He was he was praising George W so much. It's like my uncle this my uncle that he stands for this and he sounds for that. It's like where I'm from. I haven't seen



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kill legislation



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did an agency Good. Everything. No, no.



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bugs me about the bushes. You know, they claim to be from Texas, you know, they're not from Texas. They're from the Northeast or from Massachusetts. I believe



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Kennebunkport, Maine. And somewhere out there. Yeah. George George Senior George Herbert Walker Bush was born in Milton, Massachusetts. So you're right on.



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A lot closer to mine. You're



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good. She knows her stuff. Yeah, I want to put this into. I want to put this all in perspective. I'd like to think that we're bipartisan, but of course, we're not. Parker likes to remind all of us is that 20 years ago, the Democratic Party was exactly where the Republican Party is right now in in their acceptance of minorities and queers.



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Yeah, actually farther back than that. So it was actually flip flopped, in terms of African Americans used to vote Republican in the same proportions that they vote democratic. That was because of the perception that Abraham Lincoln fleet slaves. Now the Democratic Party was your party of intolerance. That started changing with Franklin Roosevelt. And the permanent switch was made about 1964 When Barry Goldwater ran ever since then, African Americans, for the most part, have voted Democratic, especially since the boys and girls like Strom Thurman and Jesse Helms all ran out of the Democratic Party and went that way. But if you've noticed, in terms of the Republicans, they are now the intolerant party. You've noticed that some of the moderates in the Republican Party like your Peter kings, who have switched, who has switched not to the Democratic Party, and even Molly Beth Malcolm, who was the state chair to Texas, Democratic Party, she was once a Republican, but she could no longer stand being in that party.



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Well, it's just a matter of learning to deal with different groups. I mean, the Democratic Party has become more accepting of people's differences, you know, and more need has something to offer to the minorities. And, you know, we've noticed that with Al Gore's, you know, choosing Lieberman, did I say it, right?



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Yes, she did, like a real New Yorker.



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As as, as his candidate for vice presidency, I was very shocked, but also very excited, because it's sort of first time happening. So and as a minority, even though he's not a Hispanic person, you know, I feel that I'm being represented, because it would be so nice if he wins the White House, let's pray to the White House. You know, I know that I know that there will be somebody there watching for the little people.



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Yeah, we will have a minority in the White House. Yeah,



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watching and who knows, and especially in terms of Jewish Americans, we have so much in terms of African Americans, we have a lot in common. There are Jewish Americans that helped found the NAACP, which is why they came down so hard. On the gentleman in Dallas, who was the former head of the Dallas NAACP, there were six Jewish persons that helped form the NAACP. Yeah, no. Um, so and some of the people that are on the Civil Rights Memorial, Matthew Schwerner, and James if they were Jewish persons, yeah, there are, there are several Jews that are at the civil rights that are whose names are inscribed in that civil rights Memorial. So, you know, there's a long history of Jewish people working, you know, for know, the causes, you know, to advance civil rights.



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Plus, historically the Jewish community had its had fought what we are fighting now a fight for equality of fight that we want to have our parades you know, when they when they you know, did not sleep didn't the Nazis do? You know, how to feel where that came.



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Sandy, you're probably thinking about that Skokie.



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You know, when they you know, and they have to, they have to fight against that, and I have to go to court and they have they had their thing. You know, and it's sort of like that, you know, that you have to go in and fight for right. And I'm feeling very excited about this. The only thing that ever came to my mind was the fact that he is Jewish, and Israel is a very volatile place, you know, and that's what I'm thinking, How would this affect us having a vice president who is Jewish American and with this problem?



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Yes. Because I'm thinking that there may be more anti Semites in this country than there are Jews. Yes. Probably. So

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and particularly in the south. Yeah. And I'm thinking that you know, the same thing with JFK. You know, he being a Catholic as I see You gotta do this with the Pope. You know you're gonna have a direct line to Batman you know

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the red phone to the Vatican

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you know, it's

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just a little horny Catholic

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that was that was that was my first reaction when I when I heard the news and when I started reading new articles, it's like that he's Jewish. And does that mean that we're gonna start funding more in Israel, but it's like we already give them

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those same arguments the same arguments for Kennedy. Yeah, against Kennedy. Yeah, yeah.

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But this election, as we all know, is so critical it

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and why is it so critical?

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Bottom line starters, for Supreme Court justices are not only we're not angling to talk about the Supreme Court level, your president appoints judges at the federal level. Also, it does you no good if you get, say, a Tammy Baldwin in office or say it even a nice Parker and later on in Congress or something like that, maybe. But when you've got conservative judges who will overturn whatever positive or progressive legislation that they can pass. Alright. And as big Roy mentioned in the new segment, redistricting is coming. Biggie, that's a very big deal in the census 10, Texas, had the potential of picking up three congressional seats. If the Republicans have drawn it line, guess how they're going to get drawn Republicans out, that puts our friends in trouble. So the state, you know, the state legislature is up for grabs. So Dell, that election is very important. That census data if you haven't, you know, if you didn't turn in your census form, shame on you. Because that data determines everything from how with how the city council lines get drawn, how much federal funding and how much of your tax money you're going to get back in this area. But getting back to the federal presidential level, are even in terms of who this president chooses for his cabinet. Do you want a bunch of right wing conservatives making decisions for you at different levels of the federal bureaucracy? Or do you want people that are going to be open minded? Yeah. You know, those are just some of the questions

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we have plus plus we had had, I mean, I don't want to say a very disappointing, you know, Supreme Court, you know, but I want to say that they have made their share of mistakes. And we need, we need, we need new blood. And we need a president that will be able to give us a more conservative, you know, more,

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more loose a more open minded group that enough for conservatives.

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Wonder group I would like to see shown up in either Congress or any kind of judicial part is Margaret. I have Native American actually. Native American. Yeah. And, you know, I don't see anything. Congress. I don't know of any in Congress and

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nighthorse. Canada,

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there's one. There was I know that rolls right over to



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Ben Nighthorse. Campbell is one. But he's gonna he makes the point. There's also never been a Hispanic judge. Thank you. I'm willing, I'm willing to bet that the first appointment by whoever is president will be a Hispanic judge. I hope so. Matter of fact, there are several candidates that they're looking at right now that have both judicial philosophies. And which one do you want? Do you want a Hispanic Clarence Thomas, so you want one that's going to be for example, one is going to be more open minded.



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They don't want to just put someone in there just because yeah, that's where spanic or, or African American or, or anything,



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you just mentioned his senses into this. And this is also that a lot of people are trying to to figure out how to deal with the fact that Latin community is growing so much, and and it's gonna keep on growing and it's a group that needs to be watched. And I hope the Hispanic gay community goes to vote, and goes till the people that we want change, I for sure will go ahead and cast my vote for the people that are going to do me the most good. And, you know, we're discussing now that I had a few friends, you know, Republicans and Democrats trying to share you know, meet in between and sort of figuring



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it out, we figure out we use a different word, but you know, I just can say this on there, but it's right cuz we just wanted like, I want to elect the person that's gonna do the least damage. Yes. You know, and it's like, I just hope



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that Gore Canada is looking pretty good right now. Right now.



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Yeah, especially in



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Mexico looking



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at one of the youngest president ever in Mexico



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and seeing how the Hispanic community is growing and growing and growing in this country using the word minority, when at some point, the Hispanic population of this country is going to outnumber the white population, and



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it's probably going to be in all of our lifetimes, even mine.



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Yeah. Matter of fact, has happened in California already is pretty pretty



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will happen in California, Florida, Texas, New York.



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It's just people screw so much. We haven't done anything yet.



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But you're even starting to get Hispanics living in communities that they didn't traditionally live in maybe 20 years ago, they're starting now. I'm starting to see people living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for example, you know, smaller tier, you know, the the second tier US cities, not not the major cities are starting to move into the Milwaukee Wisconsin, your Toledo, Ohio, and stuff like that.



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I would say it is because of the lack of jobs that too. Yeah, it's like, in the inner cities are growing so much. And it's like, and I see this with the program, I work. I mean, we I work with education, and I've seen improvement and some of our high schools, you know, they're growing so much. But also I see parents, you know, that no longer can work in the city, they have to go outside of the city to find jobs, you know, Missouri City, Oman, you know, I have to do all that driving. Yeah, the suburbs, you know, and it's like, and it's interesting to see that we saw poverty inside of the webinar.



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You were talking about the population growth and stuff. All right now. Yeah. I have one school that's heavily Hispanic, and it was built about five years ago. Bene vetoes Elementary, which is pretty close to me. Better visas was designed for about 900 students is double that now. We'll take the bait, not double that is probably about 1200 students. There's a new high school opening up in HSD, say saw Chavez high school that's opening up this year to take the pressure off of Austin. Hi, Oscar. Yeah, Austin's got probably about Austin is one of the largest



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3000 or so. But the problem is, and I will say just because I'm familiar with the area is that that the Austin High School is in a cluster is what's it's like the students from that should have gone to another high school like Wheatley high school, you know, because he has that area has a big latin community. But it's like the school is mostly black and his run by black



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people, because we traditionally was black



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is black and black administration. And it's it doesn't offer anything for the Hispanic community. And they don't even have a principal but



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we live. We live in a community so



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that the Hispanic community, it's moving away from it, they go out, they rather they rather send their kids to Austin, because they know that they're going to be at least Street and it will be somebody who speaks Spanish. Do you know if they don't know English? And Weekly has no bilingual



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workers? Excuse? Me, you know, I'm thinking I've been around a long time, you know, and there's the busing controversy and, and all of this and now we're going the other way. Yeah.



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Because we at least history, you got people that were like Barbara Jordan, who's an alumnus there who Grant who went to that school, Mickey Leland graduated from high school. So, you know, when all of a sudden you went from, and within a span of about five or six years, you know, from a neighborhood like Fifth Ward that went from, you know, pretty much almost majority black to majority Hispanic in the Spanish short span. Because most black people are moving to the suburbs. Yes. Because even my old high school yeah, my old high school, Jesse Jones. Yeah, we had the reverse thing in the 70s when South Park was mostly white at one point, within the span of about five years has become one. And the same thing is happening and a lot of black neighbors.

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I went to Davis and I just recently graduated in 96. And when I was there that the school population was about 88% Hispanic now is it's 95%, Hispanic, it's like almost, I mean, so much growth. And it's like, but the school you know, and and so are all these other high schools, and it's because Houston, it's also going to see a growth and then the Hispanic, south,

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southwest Houston.

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Now with this grove, it appears to me that the Hispanic and African American American communities are also segregating. And the white communities are segregating, and it looks like it's starting to go back to the 60s the way it was in the 60s, unfortunately, yeah. You know, it's because of, you know, just, well, I can't wait.

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To go there. Bottom line is that, that started in the 80s, when you had, you know, Ronald Reagan take power, where he started his campaign off was at in Philadelphia, Mississippi, that's where the civil rights workers were killed. That sent a message to all his right wing boys and girls, that what his priority was going to be, you know, despite the Republicans talk about inclusion, their policies have basically been to drive a wedge between they've done more damage to this country over the last 20 years, you know, than anything else I can think of, you know, the fact that, you know, job, there's tougher competition for jobs. So when, you know, and when times when we have an economy that's running great, you know, everybody can consider, okay, conclusion, you know, you say inclusions, great, diversity is great. But when that job market starts getting tired, yeah, like it was in the 80s. On the ol, though, prejudices start, start coming up. And it seems

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like the Hispanic, Hispanic community and ethnic African American community are still getting

the same jobs. They were getting for the past 20 years. They're not getting any Howard power jobs, you know.



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But it's because I mean, my philosophy is that you have people on top that don't want to move, and unless you make the effort to actually reach that level, it's like I told my friends hate I finished my bachelor's, but I'm gonna keep on going. Because I know that that I'm gonna say this, that white man in front of me has a dog. What is job, I better have the same



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surly guy got a buddy and say he's got a buddy in the country club that he can hook up a little Junior.



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But if it doesn't, but but that is true, I can tell you that whether it was like in the 70s If you were black or Hispanic, and you had a PhD, it didn't matter. Thank you. There wasn't there weren't any openings for you.



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And in some cases, it's still



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if you're looking you're looking at I mean, I'd like to think that I'm looking at a Houston that is becoming balance. I mean, it's it's becoming a little balance. I mean, they're a hell of a lot more than it was 30 years ago. Oh, yeah. You know, I mean, I'm not saying that it's not, but I'm saying that the minority groups are actually starting to get a grip on things. The fact that we have a black mayor says a lot about art. And we're,



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I mean, on one hand,



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grip, city, but then again, all the white people are moving westward, they're moving. You know, to Berkshire. I'm wondering



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one of if you'll notice a lot of the development even that is occurring downtown that is occurring in Midtown. And even in Montrose. Yeah, you'll notice that most of the housing and stuff is condos that are 100 200,000 or more or more, okay, who can afford those? Okay, the people that for the most part, have had the money for the last 200 to 300 years. Not you don't you will not see too many Hispanic people or African Americans living in the rice or the St. Germain downtown. You will not even in some areas of Montrose



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because they're still living in the same area that they were leaving, most of them are still are still hanging on their



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house got \$300,000



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Yeah, not my family. We don't.



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I wouldn't want to have to walk up four floors, you know, to go to my bedroom.



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I was just telling Bobby, not my bills every \$17 or less.



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Welcome to America.



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The only good thing is that my refrigerator is full. My car has gasoline and I know that my next paycheck comes into your bank account.



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TV don't break down



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Have your phone. Yeah. And



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I've been a scream that I have a new boyfriend. No. That's not true. I just have somebody I like,



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you know, I suppose it like grew up in the most ethnically diverse place in this country. I grew up in New York, you know, and you know, where every nation under the sun has some representative



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there. Oh, and ghettos but there and



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not for Manhattan.



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I can't help but remember that the only black girl in my elementary school. I remember her name. Her name was Lisa. She was the only one in the school. I didn't have any. Were in my high school black people in the high school that I graduated from. There was one black person in our graduating class Wow. In I had to go to college to find gay people to find black people, Jews, Arabs, donor eggs getting along with each other. I



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had the reverse I'm even here. The first time I actually went to school with a non Black was in probably by the time I hit fourth grade and they were just starting. D desegregation of HS D. We're talking about maybe 1974. I was going



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to say let me slap you real hard youngster.



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Back in 1986. I went to a junior high. And this was in Sheldon ISD. And we had one black kid. And then Sheldon is the Sea King and then Sheldon Junior High's which are combined into one school. And then the Sea King was the black school. And Sheldon was



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the white school. So like what happened in Fort Bend?



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Yeah, all of a sudden we were all mixed together. And you know, we didn't know what to do what because what did we do? Yeah, cuz it was like, we were forced again.



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Like when I was in high school delis. Were talking about in the late 70s delis was mostly on a white all white school and then willowridge opened up and that was all black. Now you got the reverse dulles's mostly black, and then you've got Clements you've got? Yeah, and even Clements is starting to get more ethnic.



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And I think Whitney wanted to jump in here with something



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15 And my mother kicked me out and I went to the projects of Detroit



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I'm white, yeah. White girl with big boobs and the projects. Okay.



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A friend's house. And this child is about to start just staring at me and crying. And I'm just sitting there. She said, don't worry. She's just never seen a white person before. How freaky she had never saw a white person in her entire life. She I was totally alien to her. And she just sat there and cried and stared and couldn't understand. There's different people.



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No, I, I went to Texas Lutheran for a year has been Seguin, and I was part of the honors program they are so my first class and the Honors College. They're the only Latino. Everybody was white of German.



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And I'm like, Okay, I'm late.



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You know, just being the only black in an area being the only Latino and that's got to be an awful, awful experience. And



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in some cases, like even now, when I go to conventions, you know, I've gone to IFT conventions and stuff. In some cases. I'm the only African American Yes. Or you know, there's the last lobby day I went to a 99 There was a picture that we took in front of the steps of the Capitol. I'm the only African American in the picture along with one other Hispanic Well, he's been Hispanic lobbyists.



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It gets into it's very intimidating, but then you don't even you don't even realize is like I'm Latino and I'm gay.



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You don't even bring the rest.



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I mean, it's like, Oh, does that



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work? Yeah, we're almost at a time. You may finish that sentence.



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Okay, you know, it's like Um, some of us don't even bring that up, you know that we're also gated so the only thing that you know, hey, we're not minority. We're ready. Have

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you got enough? You got enough on your plate? Yeah.

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Yeah, like that song though.

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I think at least three people sitting here are minority and gay of some variety.

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You know, ya know, where I grew up being Italian was a minority. Anyway, that is about it for this week's edition of after hours. I'm Jimmy Carper. And Sandy has been the host for the CO hosts for the second half. Yeah, hopefully

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they want me by myself. Just offer me a show.

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Monica is still with us and Bobby, Whitney, and Colin. And I want to say good luck to after hours north. Wear red pain,

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if anybody in Huntsville is listening and wants to listen to after hours north on ks Hu. You can email us with questions or comments or hate mail. We don't care after hours.  
north@yahoo.com. Okay.

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Well, I just wanted to thank everybody for listening on behalf of myself and all the staff, your KPFT. And our volunteers also say how differences go I hope and also mentioned, classes, classes are about to start, you know, eh, and if you're gay, and you're young, and you are

joining the use of age group, global it's there to get organization in there that they open and you can email the group at Global Add value that you've h.edu or check out our website at. Global All right, yes. And you're listening to at Oklahoma City and Tina Turner ah, singing cosas de la Mora.



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Coming up at three o'clock we'll be early morning groove with Rob love and DJ Good grief. I know you're going to enjoy that. That is one of my favorite movies music programs right here on KPFT. And until next week, we'll see you then.