

C: UMM...

T: A WOMAN PRESIDENT, IS THAT WHAT YOU DIDN'T WANNA SEE?

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C: I WAS ACTUALLY REALLY BEHIND CARLEY FURANO WHEN SHE WAS RUNNING, AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE IVANKA TRUMP RUN IN 2020. THAT WOULD BE AWESOME. SHE'D BE A REALLY GOOD PRESIDENT. BUT THIS IS.. YEAH THAT'S ACTUALLY A LOT OF PEOPLE'S RESPONSE WHEN YOU'RE LIKE I DIDN'T WANT HILLARY CLINTON.

CA: THAT WAS CHRIS MILLER. A JUNIOR AT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL.

C: IF YOU'RE LIKE ACTUALLY I DON'T LIKE HILLARY CLINTON, THEY'RE IMMEDIATELY LIKE 'OH YOU JUST DON'T LIKE A STRONG WOMAN.' NO, MY MOM'S A STRONG WOMAN. I'M ALL FOR WOMEN LEADERSHIP. YOU NEED WOMEN TO LEAD. NOT HILLARY CLINTON.

T: AS YOU CAN TELL CHRIS IS MORE POLITICALLY OPINIONATED THAN THE TYPICAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

CA: I'M CAROLINE HEYL

T: I'M THEA NIKOLAOU, AND YOU'RE LISTENING TO 'I AM'

CA: THIS EPISODE WE TALKED TO PEOPLE WHO WERE MORE POLITICALLY MINDED THAN THE AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OR AT LEAST MORE OUTSPOKEN ABOUT IT.

C: BOTH PARTIES MAKE ME REALLY MAD A LOT OF TIMES AND I JUST HAVE A SET LIKE IDEA IN MY HEAD OF HOW PEOPLE SHOULD BE TREATED, HOW THINGS SHOULD BE DONE. WHAT'S AWESOME ABOUT AMERICA IS YOU CAN BELIEVE WHATEVER YOU WANT, SO I THINK IT'S A HUGE PART OF THE PROBLEM TODAY IS EVERYONE TAKES OTHER PEOPLES' BELIEFS TOO PERSONALLY. YOU KNOW YOU JUST DON'T TALK ABOUT IT AT WORK OR AT SCHOOL. IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET HARASSED, DON'T TALK ABOUT IT. IF YOU DO WANNA GET HARASSED TALK ABOUT IT. THERE'S SPECIFIC PEOPLE WHO WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR VIEWS A LOT AND I'LL OPEN UP A DIALOGUE WITH THEM, WHICH USUALLY ENDS IN FIGHTING. COUGH COUGH SASHA

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S: I WOULD SAY THAT I'M A LEFT LEANING CENTRIST

CA: SASHA MATSUKI ALSO A JUNIOR AT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

S: CHRIS IS DEFINETELY, IN MY OPINION, MORE EDUCATED ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE OF POLITICS WHICH I'M NOT AS STRONG IN, SO I THINK THAT'S WHERE A LOT OF OUR DISCREPENCIES COME IN. PEOPLE ARE NOT A HUGE FAN THAT I'M THE HEAD OF THE PRO CHOICE CLUB, OR TEENS WITH A CHOICE, NOT A HUGE FAN OF ME BEING PARTICULARLY VOCAL ABOUT THAT. UM I DON'T... I'M NOT IN A POSITION WHERE I GENERALLY WANT TO ARGUE WITH PEOPLE, THAT'S NOT EVER MY GOAL. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN MOMENTS WHERE PEOPLE JUST LIKE GENERALLY LIKE DISDAINFULLY LOOK AT ME BECAUSE I'M THE HEAD OF

YOU KNOW THE ABORTION CLUB. LIKE, I THINK EVEN THOUGH THAT IS GENERALLY A VERY NARROW MINDED WAY OF LOOKING AT ALL OF MY POLITICS I DO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THERE'RE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO FEEL THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT WHAT I BELIEVE IN. CARMEL DOES TEND TO BE MORE CONSERVATIVE SO THERE'RE A LOT OF OFTEN TIMES PEOPLE WHO IF I EVER VOICE ANY OF MY IDEAS THEY WANNA TALK ABOUT THEM, WHICH IS PERFECTLY FINE LIKE I'M COMPLETELY OPEN TO THAT... UMM I DON'T WANNA BE, EVER WANT TO BE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO'S JUST COMPLETELY ENTRENCHED IN THEIR OWN VIEWS AND UNABLE TO SPEAK TO ANYBODY ELSE.

C: I'M A CHRISTIAN, A CONSERVATIVE, AND A REPUBLICAN IN THAT ORDER. SO MY FAITH IS GONNA COME FIRST BECAUSE OF MY FAITH I BELIEVE WHAT I BELIEVE, WHICH IS CONSERVATIVE VIEWPOINTS. CONSERVATIVE VIEWPOINTS AT THE CURRENT TIME LINE UP WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

S: I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH A LOT OF HIS BELIEFS AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S A NECESSARILY BAD THING. I THINK IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES AMERICA A REALLY INTERESTING PLACE IS THAT YOU KNOW I CAN DISAGREE WITH HIM ON ANY NUMBER OF THINGS BUT WE CAN STILL COEXIST IN THE SAME AREA

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CA: DESPITE THEIR DIFFERENT BELIEFS A MIDDLE GROUND OR COEXISTING WAS PRETTY IMPORTANT TO BOTH OF THEIR VIEWPOINTS

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C: HEY, THERE'S A SPECIFIC WAY THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE TREATED AND WHATEVER YOU CAN DO TO BEST TREAT AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU CAN THAT WAY IS PROBABLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

CA: DO YOU TEND TO GRAVITATE TOWARDS PEOPLE THAT SHARE THE SAME BELIEFS AS YOU?

S: I DO. I THINK THAT'S JUST HUMAN NATURE, PERSONALLY, WE LIKE TO HEAR REFLECTIONS OF OUR OWN OPINIONS. BUT UMM ALSO I DO REALLY TRY TO YOU KNOW PROCEFULLY PUT MYSELF OUT OF THIS CONCEPT OF LIKE A BUBBLE THAT... WHERE ALL OF THE POLITICAL VIEWS ARE THE SAME. CAUSE LIKE I SAID BEFORE I WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND KNOW AND RECOGNIZE THAT YOU KNOW I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD WHO BELIEVES THIS OR THAT

C: BOTH SIDES HAVE GOOD POINTS BOTH SIDES HAVE BAD POINTS. IT'S NOT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE FLAWED IT'S THE PARTY.

S: SO I ACTUALLY WENT TO A REPUBLICANS CLUB I THINK ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, WHICH WAS ACTUALLY A VERY GOOD EXPERIENCE. I GOT INTO A REALLY INTENSE DISCUSSION WITH A GROUP OF KIDS ABOUT POVERTY BEING A CHOICE OR POVERTY BEING YOU KNOW A MANIFESTATION OF A LARGER SYSTEM, AND THINGS LIKE THAT. SO IT WAS A GENERALLY VERY GOOD AND PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION, EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE SOME MOMENTS WHERE YOU KNOW I HAD PEOPLE LIKE SCORN ME

T: ON A LARGE SCALE COMPROMISE WAS STILL IMPORTANT TO BOTH CHRIS
AND SASHA

S: YOU KNOW IN WASHIGTON D.C. DISCUSSING BELIEFS ACROSS THE AISLE AND
I THINK THAT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT YOU KNOW THE
MORE THAT WE ATTEMPT TO REACH OUT AND DISCUSS WITH PEOPLE THE
THINGS THAT WE BELIEVE IN NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY DISAGREE WITH US,
THE BETTER OFF WE'LL BE.

C: THERE'RE BETTER WAYS TO DO STUFF THAN PROTEST BECAUSE YOU'LL
HAVE PROTESTERS STANDING ON ONE SIDE OF INDY AND ANTI-PROTESTERS ON
THE OTHER SIDE AND JUST YELL AT EACH OTHER AND THEY'RE BOTH DUG IN,
AND THAT'S NOT GONNA GET YOU ANYWHERE. IF YOU WANNA MAKE CHANGE
THERE'RE DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN DO THAT OTHER THAN STANDING WITH A
BULLHORN TELLING PEOPLE THAT WHAT THEY BELIEVE IS WRONG. YOU'RE
NEVER GONNA CONVINCED THEM THAT WHAT THEY BELIEVE IS WRONG. YOU
CAN COME TO A MIDDLEGROUND AND LIKE COMPROMISE WITH BOTH OF YOUR
VIEWS BUT THAT NEVER HAPPENS IN A PROTEST.

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C: I DON'T KNOW MAN I'M A FREE SPIRIT. I GO WITH WHAT I FEEL IS RIGHT

CA: THIS HAS BEEN 'I AM'

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