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Q) Who are you voting for president and why?

A) I'm voting for Jill Stein because the other ones are terrible. I know the other ones, and they're terrible.

Q) How do you feel about the other presidential candidates?

A) Trump is emotionally ill-equipped, narcissistic, and unknowledgeable. Hillary is corrosively corrupt and won't do anything to clean up the sewage of D.C.. Gary Johnson seems to know even less than Trump, and I think his years of doing weed have made—have taken the edge off of his intellect.

Q) Do you have faith in your candidate?

A) No. I do not have faith in any of these candidates.

Q) Why don't you run for president, then?

A) That ship has sailed. Why? I'll tell you a story that you can but don't have to leave on there. When I was chode and young, I went to a democratic thingy for a guy who was about to run for office. He talked about his family and talked about his history, talked about his dog blah blah blah...and I said I don't understand why it is that you haven't told us about any of your individual positions. How do you end up? Ya know, where do you disagree with democrats? Just what is it that makes up your core? He said, "I could answer that, but the fact of the matter is if I don't get the support of the democratic party I can't run cause I don't have any finances. So I have to vote democratic all the way down the line." So right there, I saw that people, unless they're super rich or super famous, have to sell out and they have to deliver so of course by the time they get into Washington they have the incredibly corrupt lobbyist. The constitution is eleven pages and the tax codes are eleven thousand plus pages, and it's set up so that certain businesses can get certain tax things so that their lawyers can take care of those loopholes. Even if Hillary says 'oh yeah we're gonna tax the rich more', if you don't clean up the loopholes and you're not getting their money, I don't care what you say their tax rate's gonna be. There have been a couple of politicians who have tried to clean up the system, and they were one and done. The money dried up; the support dried up; the money went to the other side, and it's disheartening.

Q) So what type of president do you want?

A) I think I would like a president who was fiscally responsible in a conservative sort of way—small government, balance the budget. I'd like a democratic progressive in terms of social issues like abortion and gay rights, and then I would like a foreign policy to be run by someone who wants the military to be strong but doesn't want to get into war. In other words, a strong military that discourages the sort of nonsense that we sometimes have. I might put a little bit more money into military, but I wouldn't end up in Afghanistan and in Iraq and in Syria and in those sorts of things. We're told: spend more money on the military and get involved or take all money from the military so we couldn't get involved even if we wanted to. So I'm never offered a choice like what I want: a strong but restrained military.

Q) How do you feel about the evolution of politics and political debates?

A) I have watched it. I find them embarrassing, vile, for different reasons. I think they're pathetic because Trump is unworthy of even being on that stage for emotional issues, intellectual issues, and issues of the heart. Hillary is unworthy about being there because she's so corrupt. I think, at least in Trump's case, he actually cares about what is good for America, She, I think, is so interested in all the trappings of government that she doesn't even have enough affection for the country to do what she might've thought was right when she was twenty-two years old. I think you would be a better president than both of those people.

Q) With that being said, do you think you'll miss Obama in office?

A) I can't answer that question because I don't know how involved he is with Hillary's corruption. In other words, we know she has dirty tricks—things with Wikileaks. I don't know until I know he's supporting her—and we know that the State Department just recently was trying to reclassify some things, putting pressure on the FBI to reclassify things. I suspect we'll find out one way or another. Once she gets elected—and she will be elected—will he start distancing himself from her or will he be under her influence? Also, I don't mean to say that there wasn't tremendous corruption during Bush's period of time. I have a feeling that there's always been corruption, but now that we have the internet, it is just in our face in ways that are just disheartening. Anyway, I can't tell you whether or not I will miss Obama. I don't know the answer to whether things are about to get worse or to get better.