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**Interviewee: Marquis Thorn**

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IN: All right. Are you all ready? So the first question I have for you is: what's your favorite color?

MT: Blue.

IN: And why is that?

MT: Why is it blue? It's a calm, cool color.

IN: All right. Thanks for answering. So, when you think about the process of voting in the United States, where would you say you are on the scale between trust and distrust? You can use this to place it where you feel you lie. All right, so you're at a 5 and why is that?

MT: I'm pretty evenly keeled on the voting system in the US. I think it's a 50/50 chance that it's either very trustworthy or very untrustworthy, so that's how I feel about it.

IN: OK. Thank you. And can you share a story of, you know, the voting system or anything like that?

MT: I don't have a story, but I know my mom volunteers a lot for voter registration, so it's really important to my family. There's something there that makes it more trustworthy, I would say, yeah.

IN: OK, thanks for sharing. And where would you like to be on this scale?

MT: I would want to be at 10.

IN: And what conditions would require for the scale to move to a 10?

MT: I want to see every single vote match with the Social Security number and uh, yeah, just blur out the Social Security number and um, I'll put it on a spreadsheet somewhere.

IN: You like the numbers and the data?

MT: Yep. Accuracy is a must.

IN: Alright, so the last piece here is a challenge. Would you like to join the challenge?

MT: Yep, a challenge. I like challenges.

IN: All right, so we have a few questions for you. This is a challenge for you to teach a kid to vote. So, in a few sentences, please share with us how you would approach teaching a child about the voting system.

MT: I would first explain to them what the voting system is. Do I have to like- should I go and do it like?

IN: So you see these children right here? They're all listening to you right now.

MT: So to vote, you guys need to understand what you're doing when you vote. You're electing the leader of United States government, our President. Or other elected officials like the mayor. Do they elect for like a librarian chief or something? I don't know. You can elect a fire chief, I think. But anyway, kids. Voting is how we keep our government in check and make sure we like who's running our country. So, when you vote, you vote for who you believe will lead our country in a direction that is comfortable for you, your family, your kids, and everyone else around you. So, keep all that in mind when you're voting, even though you're like 6, but.

IN: Is there anything else you'd like to share with us about the voting system?

MT: Nope, thanks for having me.

IN: You're welcome. Thank you.