**Story 2: Adam Carr**

Yuchen

OK. So may I first have your name please?

Adam

My name is Adam Carr Carr.

Yuchen

So today we are going to talk a little bit about the voting system in the US and our first question will be, when you think about the process of voting in US, where would you say on the scale between trust or distrust?

Adam

Hmm. I feel this is an interesting question. I feel a tremendous amount of trust in the integrity of the voting results, especially through the course of the last few elections. There's obviously been or, from my perspective, there's been a tremendous amount of coordinated effort putting into casting doubt on the apparatus of voting. So process of voting has been polluted by people intentionally trying to create distrust around voting. In my opinion, and in spite of that, I still trust the structures 100% . So much so, that it infuriates me how much narrative has been created around false narrative. In my opinion around the integrity of our vote. Those are deeply anti democratic in my opinion.

Yuchen

As the second question, do you have any stories or experiences that would you like to share with us about voting?

Adam

Yeah. When I go to vote in my neighborhood, I live in the South side of Milwaukee, the people working in the polls are my neighbors, and I trust my neighbors. The people who are voting alongside me are my neighbors, and I trust the people I vote with. I actually think. I have yet to vote. Today. My mom voted with my daughter here because she lives over here and I'm going to go vote with my daughter. Later. Today, my wife might vote with her a third time, so my daughter might go and vote three times today, and I think just to me, like, so just talking about, like, the idea of a place, my polling spot. And what I see and experience every time when I go vote, is my community and I trust my community. So yeah, I mean, like, I understand voting, every polling like voting is, you know, there's so many different words in Milwaukee and throughout our country. But I don't know, I believe in the integrity of the. Community around me.

Yunchen

So in general, from zero to 10. Do you have an exact number or level for your trust?

Adam

Trust for for which ?

Yunchen

Trust for the voting system.

Adam

I'd just say1. Close to 1. Maybe 1.3.

Yunchen

Very precise. OK, so, and what other conditions or what other things we can do enhance or maintain this kind of trust?

Adam

Yeah. I mean, honestly, I think it's civics. They're so frequently a loose grasp on civics in our populace, people don't know a lot about what voting processes are like. So then, it's actually really easy to sow disinformation through that. So I think the way that we get more resilient is just. I mean I I'm also not the kind of person that thinks like “oh everyone should be reading the Constitution every day”, because I think people should be more civically engaged. So I think the question to me is how do we incentivize civics education, where people don't view it as removed and abstract? Because I think the reason you're asking these questions to begin with, is that we know it's feels more relevant now than it has in generations, so.

Yunchen

Great. Thanks so much.

Adam

Yeah.