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**IN:** All right, testing. Thank you so much for joining us today. Could you start by telling me your name?

**NM**: Nancy Mehring.

**IN**: Perfect. And could you spell that for me?

**NM:** MEHRING.

**IN:** All right. And could you tell me what you had for breakfast this morning?

**NM:** Well, this morning I had a very small breakfast because I had a doctor's appointment. As you can see, I had a little of everything, surgeries and whatnot, was very interesting. That's why I couldn't call you.

**IN:** All right. So then our first question today is 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?

**NM**: There’s no doubt in my mind-

**IN**: All right, so I see-

**NM:** I have much distrust. So many reasons and you know, with the Internet, there's so many things that appear on the Internet, different newspapers, like the New York Times is on there, and they just give parts of it. The Milwaukee Journal is on there, get the parts of that. I get our local West Bend news, read it cover to cover. And it just seems like, the reporters, as good as they are, do lean more to the democratic side. I happen to be a Republican, all my years because we were in business for ourselves, and we found that at that time and now, even when I look back, things were going well because they reinforced the idea that people should work and take care of themselves. Now I get the feeling that the president gives everything away and it's no longer, you know, you don't have to work anymore. I think the- it's just the pendulum has swung too far. Over to the one side, and why do I distrust? Because. I hear so many. Anti. One is. Too much arguing about everything. I don't like everything that the leader right now, Trump, is what he is saying and how he approaches life. I don't like so much about him. But I feel we have no other choice. I'm really getting off the subject here. I'm sorry.

**IN**: No, this is right on subject!

**NM:** OK. Yeah. I don't like the way he puts people down. And I would like him to be and Biden both to be a good example for our future, for our children that are coming in.

**IN:** Well, I'm sorry I can't cut you off cause I have a few more questions. So you did share the story of why you picked that spot, so I will ask you, where would you like to be on this scale? And right now I see you are at distrust.

**NM**: I would like to be very much way over on the other side, trusting the way. If someone said I can help you, they really meant it and they would help you. I'm trying to bring it down to where you know, I don't know. I don't know what I mean but-

**IN:** So I see that you have it all the way to trust is where you would like to be. So my question is, Can you imagine the conditions in which you could be there?

**NM**: In which I could be there.

**IN**: Yes, at trust.

How could I be there to trust? Well, we do our best, I think with by contacting the political parties that we're affiliated with or whoever, anyone in politics, to let them know what our feelings are. I don't. I don't know what else we could do.

**IN**: Is there anything else you wanted to share with us today?

**NM:** I wish I would have thought more about this. I would have more to say, but I never can find what I want to say when I want to say it.

**IN:** No worries.

**NM:** So thank you very much. Glad you're doing this.

**IN:** Yes, thank you.