

**2020 Election Watch: Vote Like Your Life
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Hi I'm Sharon, and I'm Lisa, and together we're the Introvert Sisters.

Welcome to this off topic episode. There's one thing that's on a lot of people's minds coming up to November. And that is the US election. Now, obviously, obviously Lisa is right there in the thick of things but even here in Barbados, I know people who are election watching, because the so called leader of the free world has been inflicted on the world.

You know what I mean, I can still remember him in all his orange glory, or orange horror. I can still remember that day in 2016 when I woke up to hear that the unbelievable had happened, that the thing that we thought was a big joke was no longer a joke, it was reality. You remember that time Sis?

Alas, yes I do remember it. And remember, I'm a crier as you know, right. I was so distraught that I could not even cry.

Oh wow.

The level of grief was such that I can't even describe it, grief, and complete shock. Yes, and I just couldn't believe it. Every step leading up to the tragedy that ended up happening. Yeah, I think myself, and a lot of people kept thinking, Well, you know, there's no way this could happen. There's no way he could get the nomination, there's no way that he could, you know, every step, yes, there was that there's no way thinking and I think it made a lot of people lazy.

Yes.

I'm pointing fingers at all of you who did not vote yes, I am judging, right.

I'm judging too.

It's a responsibility.

Vote. Responsibility right. If you can vote you should vote.

Exactly.

And I understand that they make it harder, so making it hard I get that, but do everything you can to vote. Bt i think i think a lot of people in their defence they really did think that there was no way that this clown, a reality TV star whose most famous words are "You're fired"

Yes, well, previously those were his most famous words, most famous words ever spoken by the so called President of the United States are grab them by the you know what,

yes.

And if nothing from Obama to oh drama.

Well said. So yes it you know it was definitely a time when you know you felt shock. You felt despair. And you know we felt despair before we even knew how bad it was gonna get. And it's like, how could you not because all of the horrific things that he said. Like remember when he mocked a disabled.

I remember that.

Right. All the things he said about women, everybody knows what he what he said and what he tweeted,

yes, and he can only be consistent with what he is.

Exactly. Exactly, just something that I can't say on air.

No, no, but the thing is when people show you who they are, believe them. And I'm just going to put this out there right, black people knew - the majority of us already knew. Because if you look at the voting numbers and I can't remember them off the top of my head. Okay, we were not the ones that were responsible. Right. And as somebody said yesterday, don't put this on us. If you all do the unthinkable, and vote him in again because we're out there voting against in large numbers - don't mind a couple of high profile people who need their heads examining - but the majority of us out there (we'll come back to that), the majority of us are out there saying no, this is not okay this is not who we want this is not who represents us.

Okay. And I think people are getting a little lost in the sauce, right yeah yeah they're getting into the weeds and they're not being strategic.

Exactly.

It is not about are you in love with Kamala. Are you in love with Biden, this is not what it's about. It's not a love story right as I saw on online somewhere you know you're not giving them a valentine. Right. It is a vote. It is a strategic move, but all you're doing is making sure that Trump does not get in again; that is the totality of it, that's all you do, that's all you have to do that, that is that is high level what we're aiming for, and what we are aiming for.

If I were American I'd be out there casting my vote against the orange one.

Have we not had this argument before four years ago, go and look how that turned out. Okay. We are now, we have seen the horror, we have seen how people are being treated, we have seen all the, all the people friendly stuff that is being undermined, we have seen how the environment is being ignored. We have seen how facts are being painted as lies, we have seen how lies are being painted as facts. Okay, we've seen all of that propaganda. There is no doubt about it.

And people that have been through authoritarian regimes and dictatorial regimes are warning us or warning the American people, that this is a very, very slippery slope and things could go from zero to no matter, no matter how the result of the election. Right. But hopefully he loses but he has no intention of transferring power peacefully. No, he basically wants to be a dictator. You know, for for his lifetime, essentially, yes, whatever handed over to his family.

Yes. You know that that is that is what he wants. This is why you know as soon as he became president he, you know installed. Um, you know, Ivanka and Jared Kushner and all of those people,

all of that, all of them, you know, 00 experience. And he just put them in there and took them to high profile international meetings and you know we have somebody who used to sell high heeled shoes for a living. You know, trying to negotiate...

Yes, he just wants. He wants sycophants and minions like every other dictator. Okay.

Yeah, he wants sycophants and minions sycophants and minions.

Yes. One minute, sycophants and minions.

Yeah, I, I had to pause, because I've just realised that we had a little technical glitch there, we had a little technical glitch there. Okay, hold on a second. We're fixing it.

Okay, sorry about that. Slight technical glitch but it's all sorted now.

That's exactly where he had got to. And I don't know you know from the outside, people can't understand how we got here and you know we're not going to go over the history because what we're really concerned with is what happens next. You know there are a lot of things that stand out over the over the, over the last four years. Lots of things that stand out, you know, the fake news, the disparagement of the press. The attack, destruction, and or attempted destruction of Obama's legacy.

Yes yes yes the complete disregard for the future of the planet... all of those things stand out. And yet, what the world is wondering is, can things be so bad that he's going to get in again.

Yes.

That was not the answer I was hoping for. So tell me why you think.

I know it's not the answer you're hoping for, but I said it because unfortunately I'm here in Jersey, and what I am seeing and sensing and feeling is that it's going to be repeated. Well that's why I'm responding in a way that that's what because the number of, How could, how could anybody have gone through these for years and even be considering voting for him, but people are.

Yes.

Lisa

So that's why I responded like that. I didn't want to have to respond like that but that's why I just explained. Right. I wish I wish it were not that way, but, you know, I don't know if this, I am not getting a good feeling about it at all.

You know from the outside, we find it hard to understand how a country where the rich are getting better off, and everybody else is getting worse off, where you can't get health care without a mortgage, where people have been just left to rot in terms of what happened to jobs, you know, where, where aid for coronavirus seems to be tied to how much you suck up to the orange one. There are so many of these things and yet we can't understand how a supposed democracy has got there, I saw a very, I saw a very dire article the other day, which basically said, This is your last chance. Otherwise you're going to be in a dictatorship and you have no idea how bad things can really get; you think they are bad. No, they can get so much worse.

They're going to get exponentially worse shot and I, I pray, I pray and hope that you know people with common sense and worth thinking strategically go out and vote and do the right thing. But you know we hoped and prayed that or expect, I think, I don't know if last election was hope and prayer I think we just expected that Okay, you guys could see that he's an idiot right

yeah you're gonna come to your senses

and then they voted for him. So, now, now we're at hopes and prayers, thoughts and prayers that's where that's where we are.

That's not a good place to be.

Because you know thoughts and prayers don't tend to do a lot in these sorts of extreme situations.

It's like we need like actual strategy of action but you know Okay fine, but we're at the thoughts. Apparently, right. People seem to not be thinking straight, or not seeing things as they are. And I do believe the whole, you know the racism thing that's happened

It is no accident that the sort of global movement that is happening now, the ignition of the anti racism movement has happened now, because the system reared its ugly head under the under this administration and that was not by accident. It was a reflection of the people who have no common sense and who are racist who voted for him.

Yes I said it because that's how it is. Well, it is true. It is true because it has taught us what we what we suspected and sort of already knew. We knew that the racists were walking among us, we knew that already. Yes, yes, we didn't know how bold they were going to get. But we knew that they were among us right and now they feel fine to come out with this, racism,

you know, history is not on their side it has to be said. You know time is against them. But in the short term, it could be very painful for people that look like us. Yeah, okay, because, because they are bold as brass with their racism, with their white supremacy foolishness; they are bold with it.

Definitely are, you know, and meanwhile you know the orange one is not condemning who he should be condemning. And it's actually stoking up those flames, or the you know that you know people feel stoked up and so they feel even bolder, to come out and and be more overt with their racism and although you and I both know that there's a whole community of people out there fighting this, you know, talking about it on social media, doing programmes, some people are marching, some people are part of activist groups. Some people are urging others to vote, you know, we know all these people out there. What we do not know and cannot tell is, is this going to be enough. I don't know,

,I don't know because I should have researched this and we're just kind of like talking off the cuff, at this point right yes, but there is a law, I believe that Trump recently enacted, making. I think diversity initiatives, illegal or so yes, right,

Okay so that is what happened right yes yes there was an executive order, there was an executive order.

A lot of companies have as a result, shut down their DEI efforts. Yeah. So it's like, it is it is an outright war. And, yes, as you mentioned, so many of us are out there fighting in the ways that we can fighting and pushing against it pushing back against racism and discrimination. What it is, is a war, and you know right now the orange one has the power to fight back and fight back hard and fight unfairly, and that is what he's doing.

Yes, yes. And then of course there's the other, The other major issue is that Supreme Court nomination. Because even if he were to get voted out. You know that that is such an egregious egregious abuse of power. Right. Because the same arguments that were used to block the nomination Obama wanted don't seem to hold any sway now that it is someone that the orange one wants, and we already know what the agenda is. Oh you know we're going all the way back to The Handmaid's Tale that's what we're doing. Okay. That seems to be, that seems to be the agenda, right no black people and women controlled. Right. Yeah. So, I don't know, it's it's quite sad. It's quite worrying.

you know, on another note then you know he went and contracted the virus, maybe. Yeah, right.

I still don't know

did he pretend to have it so that he could show himself to have got over it without any problem, or did he really have it and is he just putting everybody at risk. Either is a possibility and we will probably never know because you cannot believe a word he says, No. are you a conspiracy theorist,

Of course of course I initially I initially thought there's no way that this is real. He had done, he had done very poorly in a debate. At the time, I believe, right. And as I oh so now he's just trying to sort of gather some sympathy points and you know whatever. That's what I thought it was at first, then I rethought him like, you know, it really would take a lot. It would be like putting on a Broadway production. It's the number of people that would have to keep that secret. If you know he really went to the hospital and if you really did that medical staff and the transportation people and all of all of that just so many people I'm like, is that realistic that all those people would keep that secret. Not sure. So, so I am somewhere in the middle. But like you said I basically believe nothing that comes out of his mouth, none unless it unless it is something utterly vile and ugly that comes out of his mouth no it's true because absolutely yes

Yes, right. Yes, exactly.

When he says the kinds of things he says about about women and disabled people, and about people of colour and when he called certain countries shithole countries that I believe, because that's what he. That's how he really thinks; that's when he's being truest to himself.

That is when he's being true to himself. Other than that I don't believe a word that he says,

I don't believe that he is friendly with the truth as we know it. And I just, I don't want to live in a world, or at the very least in a country where he is once again in power. I mean I've always been, I've always been as you know skating close to coming back to Barbados.

You're getting closer now.

yeah, it's not so good to live here. It's not good to live here.

No, I guess it just feels a little it just, it must feel very, very unsafe, in many ways, because of the prevailing mood.

it does. You're right. Yeah, it feels unsafe. And I wish I had more hope about the future I wish I were feeling more positive but people are not being smart. Too many people are not being smart shall I say, I feel like if those of us who are actually engaging our brains are in the minority.

Wow, that is a sad sad thing. It's a sad thing

you know it's like the election is in basically a few days, and we shall see.

So, let us just, you know, people, if you have not already voted. Please go and vote. Remember that this is your future, your children's future equity is at stake, women's rights are at stake. A good lifestyle is at stake, your health is at stake vote, vote, vote. Right, vote like your lives depend on it because they do,

because they do. Right, so this is not the time to sit idly by. You have to you have to get up and get out and vote. If you want this country and this world to be the way that it should be and that our forefathers dreamed that it could be.

And that our children will live in,

and that our children will live in so vote, vote. Darn it.

Sharon

I think we'll just wrap it up right there. Thank you for tuning in for this off topic, and we will catch you on the next episode. Bye guys.