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Speaker 1

Not yet. Okay.

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Speaker 1

You.

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Speaker 2

I stationed station into. He has this program every Sunday morning as US talk shows Hispanic mostly Chicano oriented talk shows. You sit here and watch the military covering the Chavez Chavez story.

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Speaker 3

Since well and we're covering the Chavez rally here this afternoon, this Sunday, October 28th. We're here with some young middle class working Chicano people. And they said that they talked to our camera and tell us so I could ask them a few questions and we'll start with this young man here.

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Speaker 4

Your name is Fernando Contreras.

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Speaker 3

Fernando, where are you from?

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Speaker 4

I was born in Mexico and grew up in L.A. And then about ten years ago, I moved up here to go to school. And I've been working in the area for the past few years.

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Speaker 3

I know what just what a show is being here mean to you?

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Speaker 4

Well, from what I understand, um, I read a flier and it said that they were demanding housing after the earthquake for all the victims that are in the camps. And I guess this, this UFW just this kind of organizing and trying to make a statement about it.

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Speaker 3

And how long how long have you been following Chavez?

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Speaker 4

Actually, it's there when I was when I remember as far back as I can remember, was 1971 in Los Angeles when they had the Chicano demonstrations. And I remember the UFW was very active in that. And that's when I really had first known about Chavez.

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Speaker 3

Do you support his actions?

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Speaker 4

Well, to a certain extent, a lot of ways there's I think there's a lot of other issues that they could unite with. Other unions, like, say, the cannery strike that they had here. He came and they they showed their

solidarity with with the strikers. But I think they could have done something else, like a work stoppage in the fields to help them win the strike.

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Speaker 4

So to a certain extent, I do support his his struggle for for the farmworkers and the conditions. Um, so I do I do support him to a certain extent. They do have some reservations.

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Speaker 3

Well, thanks a lot. It's been nice talking to you.

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Speaker 4

Nice talking to you, too.

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Speaker 3

We'll get to you again, okay?

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Speaker 4

All right. Thank you.

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Speaker 3

For young people and we're going to introduce to you. Mr..

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Speaker 5

My name's Antonio Gomez. Um.

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Speaker 3

Antonio, you're also from Watsonville?

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Speaker 5

No, actually, originally from San Jose, and I moved over to Watsonville about four years ago.

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Speaker 3

And what are you doing? Are you going to school or are you working also?

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Speaker 5

Oh, I'm a third grade bilingual teacher. I've been working with a district for about four years. So the struggles of the migrant workers and the working class people of Watsonville interests me quite a bit.

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Speaker 3

Uh, tell me a little bit about it. Do you think we're winning the struggle?

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Speaker 5

No, I don't think we're winning the struggle here. There's a lot of problems in Watsonville, and particularly this the problem that's been addressed here with regard to housing. It's become acute as a result of the earthquake. The problem was grave prior to the earthquake, and it's now we can say, has reached acute proportions.

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Speaker 3

We I know we have a tremendous amount of dropout Chicano dropouts in the school system here in this area and in a lot of areas in California. And you being an education, a teacher and uh, what do you think are some of the solutions to avoid this, this, this tremendous drop out of Chicano students in the state?

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Speaker 5

Well, actually, there's no commitment by the nation, by the state with regard to educating our youngsters. 70% dropout rate amongst migrant students, 50% dropout rate amongst minority students, not just Mexican, but black students, a high dropout rate even among some Vietnamese students. Um, there is no will by the administration or by the state administration to educate our young people.

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Speaker 3

But the fact remains that we've been here so long, and yet why don't we take the bull from the horn ourselves and institute some kind of a program to, uh, to keep our kids in school?

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Speaker 5

Well, that's the issue I guess we have to take. We have to take the initiative. But I don't see any leadership out there that's willing to take the bull by the horns. Um, for example, here with the UFW, I saw their guys with their, with, with their attempt to put out the, the word that homes, houses and need to be provided for, uh, for the working class people of Watsonville.

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Speaker 5

Um, I mean, it's something so obvious and nothing is being done about it is, uh, is, is not only an insult, but this is an insult on top of the fact that there's massive injury that has taken place as a result of the earthquake here.

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Speaker 3

Uh, well, certainly, uh, it's good to talk somebody from education on this.

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Speaker 5

Well, you know, the big thing about it, though, it's leadership. If there is leadership. I'm sure. I'm sure there are people willing to to follow follow the leaders who are who provide just solutions. Um.

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Speaker 3

But let me ask you this. I mean, we talk about leadership. How much leadership are you providing?

00:07:09:08 - 00:07:32:29

Speaker 5

Well, I mean, that's a that's a valid question. It's a valid question. Um, I come to the rallies. I work with my kids in the school. I go to my union meetings that, uh, at with our local 1936 here in, uh, in Watsonville, And I do my utmost to push the leaders to the left and to try to try to address not just education issues, but social issues.

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Speaker 5

You see today that there are many unions in Watsonville, and the only union that I know of here is the UFW. I don't know where our union leadership is. It's mostly middle class Anglo leadership. And they're really even though they might say so, they're really only concerned with their own agenda. And we know that that's not how unions formed.

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Speaker 3

Well, at least you're here. And whether they like it or not, you're part of their representation.

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Speaker 5

Sure thing.

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Speaker 3

So you can really take the message yourself.

00:07:59:24 - 00:08:00:29

Speaker 5

Okay, I will.

00:08:01:02 - 00:08:02:03

Speaker 3

Okay. Thank you very much.

00:08:02:04 - 00:08:32:08

Speaker 2

Sure Thing is, it may be going on with one of the, uh, service workers.

00:08:32:11 - 00:11:13:02

Unknown

You know, one I.

00:11:13:04 - 00:11:14:16

Speaker 1

Who are.

00:11:14:19 - 00:11:25:17

Speaker 7

They? Oh, yes. And the.

00:11:25:19 - 00:11:28:00

Speaker 1

Numbers are plentiful.

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Speaker 8

But, um, median border patrol from somebody has been pretty rough in Los Angeles, California. New York City, kind of minority, just about four and five years. And that's what they know. People pilot.

00:13:33:25 - 00:13:47:08

Speaker 1

I don't know. I think they're doing it. It's, uh.

00:13:47:11 - 00:13:56:13

Speaker 2

It's Watsonville High School stadium, High school stadium. Sunday, October the 28th.

00:13:56:16 - 00:14:28:15

Speaker 1

Now then they have to do what they did last time and then maybe you have to do that again.

00:14:28:17 - 00:14:37:06

Speaker 2

On the other end of the stadium, a rally being held by Cesar Chavez.

00:14:37:09 - 00:14:43:10

Speaker 1



The school.

00:14:43:13 - 00:15:01:16

Unknown

Well, they don't do that.

00:15:01:19 - 00:15:37:05

Speaker 8

I mean, it's important for the fans to the crystal from the entrance that's from the symbols cross ceremony. You're live in the Garden State. In the earlier in the last year, there's been a lot of these things. Ramos Town on the way to get home for the national road to Santa maria. You saw them. They were in Wisconsin.

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Speaker 8

Gloria Carrillo, for profit has grown like less, I guess, for my son.

00:15:41:00 - 00:16:08:04

Unknown

But for the the you know, he got enough.

00:16:08:07 - 00:16:12:06

Speaker 7

Job.

00:16:12:08 - 00:16:29:22

Unknown

He with the kind of job you.

00:16:29:24 - 00:16:33:25

Speaker 7

Order, you.

00:16:33:27 - 00:16:46:29

Unknown

You're you're really.

00:16:47:01 - 00:16:48:18

Speaker 1

I.

00:16:48:21 - 00:17:23:04

Unknown

I know you're going to have your. Oh, you are? Yeah. Oh, no, I'm gonna come for.

00:17:23:07 - 00:17:34:11

Speaker 7

More and you're gonna start talking, but it's not gonna do.

00:17:34:13 - 00:17:52:23

Unknown

You, Dolores. Oh, no more. Oh, and Manoogian. Oh, no, no, Mom.

00:17:52:26 - 00:18:16:22

Speaker 7

That's one of your gotten by. Come back to where they are. You got it on the job over here. Stand Wisconsin.

00:18:16:22 - 00:18:27:13

Unknown

You know, I got it all the more I, you know.

00:18:27:18 - 00:19:13:11

Speaker 7

And you know what? But I got to cut your head off.

00:19:13:13 - 00:19:32:13

Speaker 8

But our process is relevant. Partners. Our customers from Boca gave us from Pocatello dealers. He sells car dealers from interest. I'm being blown the heart of the center of the earth, telling us prevention is telling us pretty nasty on this economy.

00:19:32:18 - 00:19:36:27

Speaker 1

That got me.

00:19:36:29 - 00:19:53:20

Speaker 7

So I thought I'd love to talk to me some sometime over.

00:19:53:23 - 00:20:15:07

Unknown

My I love it no more than we.

00:20:15:10 - 00:20:23:01

Speaker 1

But we got to get going.

00:20:23:04 - 00:20:32:22

Speaker 9

Okay, come back in a minute. But most of my time to follow and get the truth.

00:20:32:24 - 00:21:15:09

Speaker 1

Caesar Leo McCarthy is the best. Yesterday he said it's about time to work on the running for office, and I'll be around. What is it that you want to watch? I've only said it three times. I've said it four times since 1990. We know that this is the last resort. People are going to be abandoned on permanent housing.

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Speaker 1

This is not doing it. There's no plan to turn them over. There's no plan that no matter was going to come from. We tell you this, we will work very hard with the community and that is, of course, I've been able to tell you there's almost no one here in cities today. Most people are affiliated one way or another.

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Speaker 1

Why is that good? You get pretty good. You know, just from talking to union members here, walking around, talking, if you've ever done it again, lots of people here.

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Speaker 9

Okay. Many members of assemblyman get out here in Buffalo. No. WOMAN No, no, that doesn't work. But I know the policy I with that working well that I was the. You comfortable with that person that was. Yes.

00:22:33:13 - 00:22:47:27

Speaker 1

That. Yeah.

00:22:47:29 - 00:24:02:04

Unknown

So you know every.

00:24:02:06 - 00:26:00:02

Speaker 1

Everybody me know on Yeah I know so I now dead you cold you it was never voted against you feel your story not.

00:26:00:05 - 00:28:33:14

Unknown

People people went over get out of it. And what I was asking was guys not but that you know you know oh okay. You know they great but that Oh oh ever look at that. Yep. Guy but never got back it ever got that.

00:28:33:17 - 00:28:50:09

Speaker 1

Yeah that is yep.

00:28:50:12 - 00:29:22:27

Unknown

Yep people out your. Oh yes.