

Paul: [00:00](#) Angry Americans around the country and around the world and our amazing live studio audience here at the Manhattan Classic Car Club in New York, welcome to a very special recording of Angry Americans, Episode 45 with Meghan McCain.

Audience: [00:13](#) (applause and whistles)

Meghan McCain: [00:17](#) Thank you. Thank you. Okay, thank you.

Paul: [00:24](#) That's a really-

Meghan McCain: [00:25](#) Thank you so much. Thank you.

Paul: [00:27](#) I told them whoever claps the loudest gets a free Ferrari.

Meghan McCain: [00:30](#) (laughs)

Paul: [00:30](#) So they are very, very happy to have-

Meghan McCain: [00:32](#) It's like this gentleman right here.

Paul: [00:34](#) Huh, look at that. You didn't know you were going to come a win a car, did you, sir?

Speaker 1: [00:37](#) No, I didn't.

Paul: [00:38](#) Well, I am so happy that you could join us. Um, how are you?

Meghan McCain: [00:43](#) I'm good. I'm good. Thank you. I just taped The View and shot down the left-side highway, so I'm happy to be here, and, um, yeah, I'm really excited to do this. You've been getting so many amazing guests. I feel like, you know, it's just a little tier on how many cool people you've had.

Paul: [00:57](#) Oh, it's been fun. It's been fun. And, I think from, from... I think I told you I was kind of cooking this up a while ago, and, um, you know, your media career and shift has been an inspiration in part for me, but I'm also just happy you're in New York. And you and I were talking about-

Meghan McCain: [01:12](#) I've lived here since I was 18.

Paul: [01:13](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [01:14](#) So it's not new.

Paul: [01:15](#) So tell, what, so, but, what do you think-

Meghan McCain: [01:15](#) I went to college here.

Paul: [01:18](#) Thank you. Like, but tell, what do you think about New York? I mean, you go back and forth between New York and Arizona and other places, but how do you, how do you like living in New York?

Meghan McCain: [01:26](#) I mean, I think New York is very special, and it's the center of the universe as far as I'm concerned, and it's obviously where all media, it, I think, exists. Um, and it's beautiful and incredible. I personally have to leave this city, like, every few weeks or I start going really stir crazy. Um, I really... You know, I grew up in Arizona and, you know, on a ranch, so I really need nature and, like, guns and beer and to, like, you know, just be really outside. So I love this city, but I don't think I could be here forever ever because I'm, like, such a cowgirl at the end of the day, and it's, it's hard here sometimes. I think as everyone knows when you're just trying to get a cab or trying to go uptown or, you know, trying to get groceries. It's all a pain in the ass, so... But I do love New York and I have great respect and, um, gratitude for the fact that I get to live here.

Paul: [02:12](#) I have a lot of questions I want to ask you, but what, as, as someone who has, um, been around firearms quite a bit, one thing that people outside of New York don't understand is how hard it is to find somewhere to shoot here. So do you, do you ever-

Meghan McCain: [02:24](#) There's a place in Chelsea.

Paul: [02:25](#) Yeah, there's the one.

Meghan McCain: [02:25](#) Downtown, yeah.

Paul: [02:28](#) Everybody knows that one place.

Meghan McCain: [02:28](#) Yeah.

Paul: [02:28](#) And you can basically only fire pistols and 22s.

Meghan McCain: [02:29](#) And apparently if you're, if you're a, um, a part of the Italian-American Club, you can shoot in a tuxedo. I've never done that. I'm not Italian.

Paul: [02:38](#) Really.

Meghan McCain: [02:38](#) But I've heard you can, so-

Paul: [02:40](#) We might have to do a live show from there.

Meghan McCain: [02:41](#) ... if someone wants to invite me, I'd be happy to go, um, but, uh, yeah, apparently there's a dress code, and it's... But I've been told this. I mean, look it up. I don't know, but I've never done it.

Paul: [02:50](#) We're both wearing black-

Meghan McCain: [02:51](#) Yeah.

Paul: [02:51](#) ... maybe we could go there afterwards-

Meghan McCain: [02:54](#) (laughs)

Paul: [02:54](#) ... and, and, and, and shoot some rounds off. So-

Meghan McCain: [02:55](#) It's kind of crazy. It must be like underground, or I don't know, but, yeah.

Paul: [02:58](#) The one in Chelsea is, is, is underground and you can only shoot pistols and 22s, uh, and they used to do a thing where you could do, like, steak and pistols. You go and get a steak, and then you can shoot some, some 22s for a little while. And then there's the NYPD, uh, firearms place in... I guess there's a range in, like, somewhere in the 20s. But I think for people who, who live outside of New York, I don't think they realize, like, it's incredibly hard. You have drive a pretty long way if you want to even shoot a rifle.

Meghan McCain: [03:22](#) I tend to do it in, like, Arizona, Virginia. Uh, my husband and I go to Montana and Wyoming on vacations. For the most part, I really, I really like being in nature and, like, being quiet. And I find shooting very meditative because you have to control your breathing, and you have to really focus. And it's just like me and the rifle and the target, and there's such a, there's like a very simplistic satisfaction to pulling the trigger and having it hit. And I'm better than my husband at a lot of guns, which is really fun.

Paul: [03:49](#) Really.

Meghan McCain: [03:52](#) Yes.

Paul: [03:52](#) Really.

Meghan McCain: [03:53](#) So, yes. I'm better with rifles, and he's better with pistols, but, um, yeah. And I just find it incredibly relaxing and incredibly meditative, and I think, um, you know, it's, it's... I don't know. I'm from Arizona. I always say, like, it's... Gun culture's, like, such a big part of where I came from, and I love it. It's my favorite sport. It's my favorite recreation. It's the only thing I've really ever been good at other than talking about politics, so...

Paul: [04:14](#) And, and, and, and you have been great at that in the last couple of weeks. But before we get... Another thing that relaxes folks that you need to relieve stress sometimes is a drink.

Meghan McCain: [04:23](#) Yes.

Paul: [04:23](#) And a ques-, a ques-, a question we ask of all guests, and we ask this of you, is, is what is your favorite beverage of choice? We have a, a version of it here, but what is your, what is your favorite drink or adult beverage of choice?

Meghan McCain: [04:35](#) Jack and coke, super simple, and I, I just, I drink it all the time. Yeah, it's, it's, like, kind of redneck, but it's okay.

Paul: [04:42](#) No, it's delicious.

Meghan McCain: [04:43](#) And I drink Bud Light. I'm, like, a really easy. I'm, like, a cheap date. It's really easy.

Paul: [04:46](#) Do you put your Bud... You ever put your Bud Light in the freezer?

Meghan McCain: [04:51](#) No. Should I do that?

Paul: [04:52](#) Yeah, so I learned this. If you take Coors Light or a Bud Light and put it in the freezer for a little while, like just for, like, five minutes, then it's really good.

Meghan McCain: [04:59](#) Okay.

Paul: [04:59](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [04:59](#) I'll try it.

Paul: [05:00](#) I probably drink more Bud Light than you do for sure.

Meghan McCain: [05:03](#) Probably.

Paul: [05:03](#) And probably more Jack as well.

Meghan McCain: [05:05](#) I really... I don't know. I just, I don't find... I don't really like wine that much. I'm not really into champagne, and I'm, um, I, when I was dating, I remember men would, like, take me to really nice restaurants and be like, "This is the, you know, the Chardonnay whatever, whatever." I don't know wine at all. And I'd be like, "You're wasting this on the wrong chick because I don't care at all, and it's not what I want." And I'd feel bad because apparently there's a woman out there that's going to be really impressed by this, and I just want a Jack Daniels, so.

Paul: [05:30](#) I, I love that choice. I love that choice. We've had all different kinds of-

Meghan McCain: [05:34](#) It's so confu-, it's confusing, and it's complicated, and I don't like the way it tastes, so, you know, there you go.

Paul: [05:39](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [05:39](#) So.

Paul: [05:39](#) Well, I'm, I have a Jack and coke. I think you just have a coke per your request.

Meghan McCain: [05:44](#) I can't drink during the week anymore. This is what makes... I'm 35, and as I've gotten older because my call time is so early in the morning, if I have, like, a Jack and coke right now... First of all, I have a hard time just having one. I'll have, like, two or three, and then I'll be socializing with you and then I can't, like, prep and then I can't get up early because I have really bad hangovers now. So as cool as I sound that I like Jack Daniels, I can only drink on the weekends now, so I'm sorry. And it is, you know, two o'clock in the afternoon. (laughs)

Paul: [06:11](#) (laughs) It gets harder, Meghan. After I hit 40, hangovers were devastating, and hangovers are even more devastating when you have a two year old, like, jumping on your face or something like that. But hangovers I, I wish I could tell is going to get easier. I think it's going to get, going to get tougher.

Meghan McCain: [06:26](#) I used to be, like, a champ, and now, like over New Year's, I was, like, just down, like put down on the ground, like, I was just out. We had... I went to Barcelona with my husband, and we were supposed to, like, go to museums the next day, and I was like, "I

have to stay in bed because I'm just a total pansy now, I guess." But I can't drink the way I used to. It sucks getting older.

Paul: [06:43](#) It does, but you also have, have wisdom now, and you, you've been on this amazing journey. But I want to ask you another question we ask of all our guests. When you were growing up in Arizona, Meghan McCain, what was your first car?

Meghan McCain: [06:55](#) Yeah, this is so embarrassing. I had a VW Beetle, and it was green. I know. It's like, and I totaled it at some point. I don't remember when, um, and then that was it for cars. I haven't owned a car si-... No, I'm sorry. I owned a car when I lived in LA briefly, um, or leased one. Uh, but, yeah, that was my car. And I'm still a terrible driver.

Paul: [07:13](#) What kind of green was it?

Meghan McCain: [07:15](#) Like lime green, like hideous.

Paul: [07:16](#) Really?

Meghan McCain: [07:16](#) Yeah, when I was 17 or 18, whenever I had it, it was, like, the coolest car. Like, it was in the Mandy Moore music video, Candy, and, like, it was so cool. And now, I'm like, "This is the most hideous car ever, and it's not cool at all."

Paul: [07:30](#) How did you wreck it?

Meghan McCain: [07:33](#) Um, I, like, did it in Sedona, and I think I just, like... I don't remember. I, like, turned and, like, it just... I had smashed the side of it on the mountain, and it was, it was bad, but I was fine and no one got hurt. Thank God. Um, but I was, like, scared from driving ever since then. I'm a really bad driver. I, I tend not to drive if I don't have to.

Paul: [07:50](#) Uh, but that's in par with first cars. I think I smashed my first car like four times. There was one point where the bumper was so in-, like, indented that my father and my brother and I had to get a come-along. You know what a come-along is? It's kind of a winch. We wrapped it around a tree and, like, pulled out the bumper just so that it wouldn't scrape the, the wheels and, and could be drivable. But I think I smashed that thing all the time.

Meghan McCain: [08:12](#) So funny.

Paul: [08:13](#) Yeah.

- Meghan McCain: [08:13](#) I mean, not if it had been dangerous, but, yeah.
- Paul: [08:16](#) So speaking of dangerous and speaking of, of, of, of crashed and wrecked up, here we sit after the debacle that was the Iowa caucuses.
- Meghan McCain: [08:26](#) I was so bummed out last night. I went home. My, my husband and I were watching, and I, he said returns are going to start coming in at nine, and we'll have an answer, and it's like the beginning of everything, and we're going to finally know, at least get some, like, idea of who the nominee will be, and they'll be momentum. And it was like 9 o'clock, 10 o'clock, 11 o'clock, and I was like, "What the hell is going on?" And they just kept saying, you know, the, the, the returns weren't coming in. There were all these problems. And I got more and more progressively angry, so I just went to bed at, like, midnight, and I was, like, "Forget this." And I woke up in the morning, and they were like, "Yeah, still no, no idea who it's going to be." And it's just really disappointing.
- Meghan McCain: [09:01](#) I think of all the campaigns and the people and the money they've spent and the time and energy, and people leave their families to go work on campaigns, and people spend real, real time and real sacrifices, and what a waste for all the candidates and their families and the people that did it. And if Iowa can't pull their shit together, they don't deserve to have the responsibility of the first in the nation caucus, and they should just become part of the primary system as far as I'm concerned next election cycle because we're at such high stakes right now. I don't think this country can deal with human error, whatever errors happening. I don't completely understand what's going wrong right now. I know there's, like, an app issue, um, and I think, like, it's very serious, and these candidates deserve... I believe, uh, from what I've seen, Bernie may have one and then Mayor Pete. And ma-, Bernie and Mayor Peter if they won deserve to have the momentum coming out of Iowa into New Hampshire, and now they've been robbed of that. And I think that's bullshit.
- Audience: [09:53](#) (applause)
- Paul: [09:54](#) Yeah, and I think... Yeah, thank you, folks. And, so, I think-
- Paul: [09:58](#) ... that's one of the reasons why-

Meghan McCain: [09:59](#) It's probably personal because I spent so much of my youth on campaigns, and I really know what it looks like and what it takes.

Paul: [10:04](#) Yeah, that, that's one reason I was excited to talk to you now because I think that, you know, people in the public eye can be viewed as, you know, um, as, as one thing, but they forget that there's a personal side to them. And you grew up around this. You grew up in campaigns, and that gives you, you know, a, a viewpoint as a strategist, right? You and I were talking before we came out here, just thinking about the fact that Klobu-, uh, Klobuchar came out first. I, I tweeted it last night. I said, "Look, whoever jumps up in front of that camera first, has, has got the best advertising they could ever ask for." And, and Klobuchar jumped on the mic, and then, uh, Bernie came out and Warren came out and Biden came out, and Buttigieg didn't come out until after, I think, midnight. But there was this moment where they were all kind of strategizing, and you have always called bullshit, which I think is part of why people respect you and part of why people get annoyed. I can relate to that.

Meghan McCain: [10:52](#) People really hate me too.

Paul: [10:53](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [10:53](#) It's ying or yang depending on what environment I'm in.

Paul: [10:55](#) But you also say you don't know, and, and part of the struggle of last night was I felt like we were watching the media cover a hurricane in that they... No one knew what the hell was going to happen, and they were talking to a bunch of people who didn't know what the hell was going to happen. They all just kind of swirled it around. Like, half the time, I was trying not to put it on pause and go watch Cheer on Netflix.

Meghan McCain: [11:12](#) Yeah.

Paul: [11:13](#) Like, it... But at the end of the day, you're in this world of punditry, Meghan, right, where people don't say they don't-

Meghan McCain: [11:20](#) No, I, like, hate the word pundit.

Paul: [11:21](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [11:21](#) I mean, even if that is what I am just because it has such a negative connotation. It's like assholes on TV that just, like, you know, are sitting there, talking, pontificating about nothing,

and, you know, if you get thing wrong in punditry, there's, like, kind of no ramifications. Like, I know a lot of people who got 2016 really wrong, and they still have amazing jobs on TV, and I think there should be, like, more responsibility for the media's, like, lack of awareness of the country that we live in.

Paul: [11:44](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [11:45](#) That's just why I hate the word pundit, so I'm-

Paul: [11:47](#) No, I think that's right. I, I haven't used it. Like, I, I consider myself an activist.

Meghan McCain: [11:50](#) Yeah.

Paul: [11:50](#) Or an advocate. And you're an activist and an advocate for, for many causes. But can you, can you go, even independent of your personal experience if you can, you know, what is it like for families right now. Like, almost all the candidates have families. Um, you know, you know other political families. You've been open about how many of these folks you know personally, but can you talk about the human side of this that maybe gets lost. Like, I was watching, uh, Bernie last night, and I don't know if it was his grandson or somebody was standing there, and I honestly didn't know who the kid was. I was like, "There's a kid up there." And he's, like, maybe 10. I mean, you were... There's one point where you were that kid.

Meghan McCain: [12:27](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: [12:27](#) So what is it like for those families, and now what is it like for you to be on the outside looking at them?

Meghan McCain: [12:32](#) I have, like, a really semi-charmed experience. Like, the happiest moments of my life as a child and an adolescent were somehow related to my dad's campaigns and in politics. So I, but I tend to be like a unicorn. I know a lot of politicians' children who have really negative experiences, really negative memories, and, like, had to go to therapy to deal with, like, everything that happened. But my dad was always so different in so many different ways. And I think he always treated me like I was a real person with a real voice and a real opinion he should listen to even far before I earned the right to have that.

Meghan McCain: [13:04](#) And I always, I was, I worshiped him. I think everybody knows that. And, um, I really enjoyed being on the road with him and watching him and observing and seeing everything that goes

into campaigns, the, you know, nationally and locally in Arizona. And I, it taught me everything I know, and I just have a really positive, happy... Even when he lost, I just have, like, beautiful memories of everything and memories that have really, like... I, like, really hold very dear now that he's gone because it's never going to be that way again.

Meghan McCain: [13:36](#) He also had, like, really unique campaigns. Like, he had the Straight Talk Express, which was his bus that he would... It was all on the record, and journalists could come in and hang out and talk, and he didn't care. It was all on the record. That would never happen now, ever, under any circumstances. And, so, I think my, my situation was particularly unique. Um, but my heart goes out to their families. Like, that's, like, I think that's why I'm so angry about Iowa because you know how many families have, like, gone out and campaigned, and I was... I, I don't like AOC and I don't like Bernie Sanders, and I vehemently disagree with them. But AOC was out just hustling for him really hard and campaigning with him the last few weeks. And what's the point of her taking time away from Congress and going to do this if your, if there's going to be no... And I'm very angry. This is one thing I'm an Angry American about today is that we fucked up the caucus.

Paul: [14:22](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [14:23](#) But it's like, what's the point of everyone putting all this energy and effort in if there's going to be no answer and there's no... We're not going to have results. And I pray it doesn't happen again in any primary.

Paul: [14:34](#) And I think every, um, you know, there's a new reason to be angry, right? And folks, at the beginning when we started the show, like, Angry Americans, you know, who's an Angry American? Like, every week, there's a new reason for a lot of people... There's a lot of angry people in Iowa. There's a lot of people, angry people outside of Iowa. And we say, you know, if you're not angry, you're not paying attention.

Meghan McCain: [14:51](#) Yeah.

Paul: [14:51](#) And, and I think it can be actually a uniting force and hopefully can drive change. The fact that Iowa is 91% white and, you know, much older than any other state in the Union is, is ridiculous in my view in determining the trajectory of our national election for either party.

- Meghan McCain: [15:08](#) One of my co-hosts said that this morning that because it's so white, it's not reflective of the Democratic Coalition, and that's why she was against it being first caucus.
- Paul: [15:16](#) And it was also kind of crazy. Like, like if you... I flipped over to CSPAN a few times, which I recommend everybody do often, and you could see... There was one part where, where two guys were choosing, and they flipped a coin, like, you know.
- Meghan McCain: [15:26](#) Yeah, it's ridiculous. It's [crosstalk 00:15:27].
- Paul: [15:27](#) And it's not anonymous. So you have to actually go out and stand up in front of your friends, in front of your, in front of your neighbors and say, "I'm going to move for this person," and you have to eventually usually change for someone else. But the fact that it's public and not anonymous, I think is deeply undemocratic. Um, but I want to go back to, to your dad because I don't know if you know this. The first campaign event I ever went to in my life was an event for your dad. And-
- Meghan McCain: [15:49](#) Where and what?
- Paul: [15:50](#) ... it was on Wall Street when I was working on Wall Street, and they came around and said, "Hey, John McCain's doing an event. He's running for president. He hadn't, you know, was in the primaries." And I was like, "I like John McCain." I read his book. He was an inspiration to me, and I remember, you know, I was, uh, an independent. And at that point, I was looking at John McCain as a person who had integrity, who was a leader, who was a patriot, and I was a dude standing on the steps, and they handed me a card and I stood there, and I was like, "Oh, shit. I'm going to get to see John McCain." And I was, like, maybe, you know, 50 feet away from him. But I think you felt that sense of unity. You felt, you felt that sense of, uh, leadership and integrity, which, you know, defined his career and has defined his legacy. But when you look back on it now, Meghan, if your dad was getting out of the Navy and getting into politics, a lot of our folks are independent or unaffiliated. Do you think he would be a Republican?
- Meghan McCain: [16:43](#) Yeah. Yeah, I think so. I think... Because Trump was, uh, elected when he was still alive, and he remained in the party. I believe so at least. I mean, I have a hard time pontificating on what he would do now because he was extremely unpredictable in his career, so it's hard. I could never say. People have been asking me a lot about impeachment, and I'm, like, "I, I can't... I don't know." You know, I don't know what he would have done one

way or another, um, but he always did what he thought was right. And the times that he didn't, it, like, haunted him forever. So, um, I think... I mean, I think he would remain a Republican. I, but it's hard for me to... It's really hard for me to guess.

Paul: [17:14](#) For folks that, uh, uh, we, we have made a huge part of the focus of this show on the unaffiliated and the independents, the 40% and growing that don't want either party. So asked this of everybody-

Meghan McCain: [17:25](#) The silent majority in the country, yeah.

Paul: [17:26](#) Yeah, and, and increasingly less silent, right? And maybe Bloomberg kind of represents some of that. There are other candidates that want to represent some of that independent spirit. Trump does on, on some levels. People who put their country ahead of their party. Um, but when you think about this Republican Party, you've been one of the voices that, if they were smart, would be part of the next generation, but you're fighting against this other thing now, this morph, this borg that's become the Republican Party. How do you, how do you make a case for being a Republican? And I could make the same argument about Democrats. That's why I'm neither. But why are you a Republican, and, and if someone is contemplating it, um, how can they get behind a party that looks like this now?

Meghan McCain: [18:07](#) Well, everyone has to make their own personal decision, obviously. I think, um, you like the way the Iowa caucus was handled and you like the way government runs things and you think that's a great way to do things, then, yeah, you should be a Democrat, if you think the answer to everything is big government 100%. I am a... I call myself a Conservative. I mean, I still vote Republican. I'm a registered Republican, but I feel much more like a Conservative than a Republican in the sense that Republicanism has been co-opted my Trumpism so much, and obviously I'm not a Trumper and I never have been, but I feel like if people like me just leave the party, then what happens. Like, who is really left. And I think that's really scary, and I also think that politics is really cyclical, and this is a season that will pass because one way or the other, even if Trump's re-elected, he won't be in office past four years, I mean, you know, I mean, unless he appoints himself king, which I don't think that will happen.

Audience: [18:59](#) (laughs)

Meghan McCain: [18:59](#) Um, but, uh, yeah, I just think for me it's more interesting to try and create change and be a thorn in Trumpism's side right now than leave. I don't have a ton of respect for pundits and commentators and activists who pretend to be Republicans, but never fight for anything conservative whatsoever because being a Republican isn't all about Trump. You know, for me, it's about the military, it's about freedom, it's about guns, it's about God, it's about the right to life, um, a lot of just tenants of who I am and the prism in which I view the world. So I, I get very angry when I see people on TV that still claim to be Republicans, but it's clearly, you know, they're, you know, pro-choice, but, you know, voting for all these tenants that just... What's the point of saying you're a Republican then. And I get frustrated at that, and I never want to not represent, um, the people that I think I represent on TV, um, effectively. I try. I don't know if I do it every day, but there are definitely some people... Like, Bill Crystal recently came out saying he's a Democrat, and I was like, "No shit, Sherlock. Like, you know, you left the party a long time ago." And that's fine. I get it. I don't like... I hate Trump.

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Meghan McCain: [20:03](#) You know, you left the party a long time ago, and that's fine. I get it. I don't like- I hate Trump. I get it, but some of us are still trying to change something and fight for something here.

Paul: [20:08](#) Hmm. And Meghan, I f- I feel like there's an opening right now, like i- if there was a legacy of- if there was a McCain Party, right? If, like, what your dad stood for, it was something that wasn't Republican, it wasn't Democrat, it would have huge support, right? And I think that sometime-

Meghan McCain: [20:23](#) But what's interesting is when he was alive-

Paul: [20:25](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [20:25](#) Like when he ran for President... You've gotta get in your time machine, but, like, he was accused of being like George Wallace when he was-

Paul: [20:31](#) Right.

Meghan McCain: [20:31](#) Running by, like, a pretty famous Congressman, and he was called, like, you know, horrific things that I don't remember, and sometimes it's hard for me because I have Democrats coming up to me, I mean, on that- on the minute, uh, now in New York saying, "I love your dad. I love your dad. He was amazing. I

should have appreciated when- him when he was here," and in the angry American vein, I'm like, "Yeah, you should have."

Paul: [20:51](#)

Mm.

Meghan McCain: [20:51](#)

You should have appreciated what you had when he was here, and the problem right now is there's nobody I- I see that's left in the party that's, like, going to take an independent strain, and Mitt Romney doesn't count. He doesn't do it for me, and he's a weather vane for me that will do anything at any point-

Paul: [21:04](#)

Mm.

Meghan McCain: [21:04](#)

To placate anyone, and I get- and get angry sometimes when I'm like, "Yeah, like, he was the real deal, and he really cared, and really cared about bipartisanship, and he really was trying to bring people together versus tearing them apart," and I felt like it was... Not underappreciated, but not appreciated. It's sad that he has to die to have h- to have it be appreciated in the way that it is now.

Paul: [21:23](#)

Mm. I appreciated it, and I appreciated-

Meghan McCain: [21:27](#)

And a lot of people did.

Paul: [21:27](#)

No, but I want you to know-

Meghan McCain: [21:28](#)

Yeah.

Paul: [21:28](#)

That I appreciated it in part because I fought with your dad, right?

Meghan McCain: [21:32](#)

Yeah, yeah.

Paul: [21:32](#)

And- and- and there were- when we were working through the GI Bill, a couple of times there were issues- there were sticking points about transferability and other things, and it was years later, but I remember one time when your dad called me to make a case after Phoenix when they were trying to figure out-

Meghan McCain: [21:46](#)

Yeah.

Paul: [21:46](#)

What to do with the future of the VA. We were on different sides of the privatization issue, and your dad and I had a really spirited discussion. He spoke during most of it, and I was incredibly differential, but at the end, there was kind of a feeling

like a handshake afterward in- in a respectful way, like in- when you're in a boxing match, afterward you touch gloves, and your dad always did that it- whether you were on his side or you were on a different side. And there was also a very warm side to him. Like I always say as an infantry guy from Army, he always kinda felt like that fighter pilot, that guy who was joking around, who- who didn't take himself too seriously, and that's a side of him that I don't think most people saw, but I saw it when I was a young activist and he treated me and so many other young veterans working on the Hill with respect, but he also taught us how to fight.

Meghan McCain: [22:29](#) That's awesome.

Paul: [22:29](#) Which I think was really important. Fight hard, fight for what you believe in, but also fight fair.

Meghan McCain: [22:34](#) Yeah.

Paul: [22:34](#) And- and that the long-term relationships are more important than those short-term fights, so I don't think- I think you're right. I don't think people appreciate him, in part because I don't think they understand the process.

Meghan McCain: [22:43](#) I think-

Paul: [22:43](#) You know?

Meghan McCain: [22:43](#) They appreciate him now. I mean, he's beloved by everyone - I mean, he was when he was alive, but there's something about him passing in the time that he did and how he died that has made people, like, really, really, really appreciate him, and that's good, but I always think that, like, you know, had he become President, would they- you appreciate? I don't- I don't know. I- but I'm also, like, terribly protective of him and his legacy, and I'm very territorial and very, like... Obviously, I'm his daughter, so, um, you know, I just hope that if there is a Republican who comes up and is sort of free-thinking in the way that he was, I hope it's appreciated in the same way.

Paul: [23:18](#) Hmm. Well-

Meghan McCain: [23:19](#) 'Cause we're so tribal on both sides.

Paul: [23:21](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [23:21](#) You know? On both sides just wants to stay in their corners and be as radical as possible, and they're applauded for it, and I don't like that.

Paul: [23:27](#) Mm. There- there's a piece of his legacy, too, that I think is underappreciated, but not underappreciated by veterans. He was almost, you know, elected President. If he had been, he would've been the only Vietnam veteran elected President.

Meghan McCain: [23:39](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: [23:39](#) And John Kerry lost-

Meghan McCain: [23:40](#) It's kinda crazy.

Paul: [23:40](#) It is, but if you think back now, that- that window's closed. There will never be a Vietnam-

Meghan McCain: [23:44](#) Yeah.

Paul: [23:44](#) Veteran who is President of the United States. There was a point where three of them were Cabinet members when Shenseki, Hagel, and Kerry, I think, were all in the Cabinet, and your father got close and Kerry got close, but that window's gone. This'll be maybe, you know, one- one of the only s- uh, large generations of veterans that never has anybody in the White House. So I think that's something that we thought about, and part of what galvanized support behind him was the fact that they trusted his integrity and they knew his service spanned beyond politics.

Paul: [24:11](#) But now, you know, you represent a lot of things. You have a huge following. When you look at the landscape, you're not gonna vote for Trump. Who do you think people like you will go for now? This is a d- dynamic situation. Iowa's happening. State of the Union's this week.

Meghan McCain: [24:25](#) Like to vote for?

Paul: [24:26](#) Yeah. Where do you think people like you are gonna fall out in this mess? Like, I criticize them a lot, the Democrats are eating their own constantly, and they're now gonna go in New Hampshire and eat their own, and that's just kinda their bag while Republicans get together in line and kinda defend whatever the- the- the-

Meghan McCain: [24:41](#) They do, yeah.

Paul: [24:41](#) Plan is, right? Um, but Democrats consistently eat their own. Given this landscape, where do you think people like you are right now, Meghan?

Meghan McCain: [24:50](#) I mean, without a home, I think, um, but I've written in the past, like, three elections, so this wouldn't be new to write in again. Um, I'll probably end up writing in if it's, you know, if it's Bernie, then, like, for-

Meghan McCain: [25:02](#) I mean, yeah. That exactly, my response.

Paul: [25:05](#) Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Meghan McCain: [25:05](#) (laughs) Um-

Paul: [25:05](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [25:06](#) I- I mean, it's just- there's "Do not pass Go, do not, like, collect \$200," um-

Paul: [25:10](#) So if it's Bernie, would you vote for Trump, or you would just write someone else in?

Meghan McCain: [25:12](#) No, no. I (laughs)... No.

Paul: [25:12](#) No? Never?

Meghan McCain: [25:12](#) No. No. No. Not-

Paul: [25:12](#) Okay.

Meghan McCain: [25:12](#) No. No. No.

Paul: [25:17](#) But you wouldn't vote for Bernie either?

Meghan McCain: [25:18](#) No.

Paul: [25:19](#) So you'd write in-

Meghan McCain: [25:20](#) So I'd just write in someone.

Paul: [25:21](#) Who would you write in?

Meghan McCain: [25:23](#) I don't- I don't know. Paul Ryan? I don't know. I don't know. Just not one that's running. I don't know. Uh, it's terribly disappointing. I don't not vote. Like, I always vote, especially 'cause I think it's important to vote down ballot.

Paul: [25:31](#) Right.

Meghan McCain: [25:31](#) Um, but I- I don't like any of... I mean, I really love Joe Biden as a person. I think he's, like, a truly decent man. Um, his campaign is, like, not going exactly how I thought it would. I thought he would be really, like, at the front of the pack and pushing forward, and there's time. I mean, after South Carolina, I wanna see what happens, 'cause he probably will win by a large margin. Um, but it should be... I think for Democrats, it should be easier, because Trump is a pretty easy target, and he has terribly flawed person, and this shouldn't be this hard, so I think that's what's scaring a lot of people, 'cause I think people are waking up to it right now, but if the option is socialism or Trump, I think it's a hard call for a lot of people. Well, uh, I think actually, I don't think it's a hard call for Republicans. Um, I don't know if they'll vote for Trump. Probably, actually. Most probably will.

Paul: [26:19](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [26:20](#) Not me, though. I can't.

Paul: [26:20](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [26:21](#) I could never.

Paul: [26:22](#) When you, um... Last night you had a quote that I thought was great about- about Buttigieg, so Buttigieg is getting a lot of f, uh, flak this week for essentially declaring victory last night, and- and in many ways, he was doing well. Whether he wins or not, he will have done-

Meghan McCain: [26:36](#) I think he- if-

Paul: [26:36](#) He will-

Meghan McCain: [26:36](#) If it's accurate, he came in second, which is obviously very noble.

Paul: [26:40](#) Right, right. But he said- he basically had given the impression that he had won.

Meghan McCain: [26:43](#) Yeah.

Paul: [26:44](#) And you had a tweet about it. Do you mind sharing what you said about it? 'Cause I thought it was insightful.

Meghan McCain: [26:47](#) I- I said, uh, "The most millennial thing about Mayor Pete is that he was declaring victory when no returns came in," and it was h- the tweets he sent out last night were just so dramatic and over-the-top. It was like, "We came..." - and I'm paraphrasing. I don't remember what exactly it said, but it was like, "I came in with a- a hope and a dream, and tonight we- we shattered that dream," or something like that, and I was like, "You didn't win, and nothing is declared," and it just seemed really weird to take... I hate when people take unearned victory laps, and I know he - I'm sure he did great and whatever, but I don't think he'll be President, and that's fine. He's- again, ran amazing campaign. He's coming on The View on Thursday. Like, a- I'm- he's a really interesting politician, but he- he did not win last night, and it just seemed weird to, like, be high-fiving and like, "We- we made it. It's over." Just-

Paul: [27:38](#) It was like- it was like-

Meghan McCain: [27:38](#) Very millennial.

Paul: [27:40](#) Yeah, it was like he had- he had drafted the tweets at 9:00-

Meghan McCain: [27:43](#) Yeah.

Paul: [27:43](#) And then he just sent the same tweet without editing it.

Meghan McCain: [27:45](#) There's like-

Paul: [27:46](#) Right?

Meghan McCain: [27:46](#) There's like five tweets.

Paul: [27:48](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [27:48](#) Read it. It's-

Paul: [27:48](#) Yeah-

Meghan McCain: [27:48](#) And again, it's very over-the-top.

Paul: [27:50](#) Yeah, it w- it was definitely spiking the ball before you got across the goal line, right? It- it-

Meghan McCain: [27:53](#) Yes.

Paul: [27:54](#) And- and, uh, now he's gonna walk it back, but he- he- he was on this show and he was very compelling, um, and- and I think if- if there is an outcome out of Iowa, you know, that moment that they would've had last night, whoever it was, this week is gone, right? 'Cause State of the Union happens now-

Meghan McCain: [28:10](#) Yeah.

Paul: [28:11](#) And- and then they go into impeachment this week, and then at the end of the week is another debate for New Hampshire. So you know New Hampshire. You've spent time in New Hampshire. You covered New Hampshire. What do you think-

Meghan McCain: [28:20](#) I love New Hampshire.

Paul: [28:21](#) People need to know about New Hampshire that they might not know unless they-

Meghan McCain: [28:24](#) It's not Mayor Pete's town, man.

Paul: [28:25](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [28:25](#) It's just not, and he's not gonna do well. Uh, it's a very independent, um... I- I think arguably the most independent-thinking, uh, state in the Union, and their motto is "Live Free or Die," which is my personal Twitter bio just 'cause I love it.

Paul: [28:38](#) Right.

Meghan McCain: [28:38](#) "Live Free or Die" sounds so, like, you know, I think it's, like, the ethos of what I believe in. Um, it's- I love New Hampshire. It's such an incredible place, just beautiful, and then the citizens of the state take their vote so seriously that they go to, like... You know, I think the average is three to five town halls per individual to see each candidate, and they take it so seriously, and whomever wins in New Hampshire will get a lot of momentum. Um, but, you know, I- I don't know. I just think that it's... I- I love New Hampshire and I love the New Hampshire primary. I'm glad it's finally here, 'cause I think we're all kind of sick of the debates (laughs) and-

Paul: [29:10](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [29:11](#) Sick of all the, you know, there's so many candidates this cycle. Um, I don't know where it's going other than I really, truly love New Hampshire, and I have beautiful memories from my time there.

Paul: [29:19](#) You love Arizona. You write-

Meghan McCain: [29:21](#) I love Arizona.

Paul: [29:21](#) About Arizona. You talk about Arizona. Um, I have been extremely critical of the senator who now holds your father's seat, Martha McSally, who I think, um, has been weak, has lacked integrity, has put partisanship ahead of patriotism, um, and I think most of all has kind of disrespected your father's Senate seat in the way she carries herself. There's this famous now video of her turning to the CNN, uh, Manu Raju guy. He says to him, you know, "You're just a liberal hack," and it was kind of a- a nasty way and- and just felt below-

Meghan McCain: [29:56](#) By the way, there are liberal hacks that are-

Paul: [29:57](#) Abso-

Meghan McCain: [29:57](#) Journalists. It is not Manu Raju.

Paul: [30:00](#) Right.

Meghan McCain: [30:00](#) He's, like, a really great Congressional correspondence who's been, like, doing it for a really long time and is just hustling on the Hill. It was the weirdest person to pick to say "liberal hack" for me. I was like, "Manu Raju is not the-"

Paul: [30:12](#) Right.

Meghan McCain: [30:13](#) Like, Jim Acosta, we can talk, but, like-

Paul: [30:14](#) Right.

Meghan McCain: [30:14](#) Manu Raju? Like, I- he just works really hard on Capitol Hill. It made me sad.

Paul: [30:18](#) But the way she- she has carried herself, I keep looking, especially in the era of Trump, of- of leaders that our kids could look up to, right? Like I wanna be able to point to the screen,

say to my- my sons, "Be like that man. Be like that woman," and we have the opposite of that with Trump. So can you expand? You've been pretty critical of McSally, I think rightfully so. I think everybody has. You know, what are your thoughts on her right now? And she's up against, uh, Kelly, who was an astronaut-

Meghan McCain: [30:43](#) Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Paul: [30:43](#) Who is kind of a- a moderate guy relative to the Democratic Party now. Can you talk about your thoughts on what's happening there? And would you ever run for Senate back home?

Meghan McCain: [30:53](#) I am not running for Senate. Nowhere near it. I think you should live in your home state and be an active participant in... And all politics is local, as everyone knows. I mean, you have to be so active in the local Republican Party, and I obviously am not and haven't been for a long time.

Meghan McCain: [31:06](#) Um, in regards to McSally, um, I- she, uh, i- infamously also didn't, um, say my dad's name when Trump came to Arizona, I believe, and they were signing the bill named after him, the veterans' bill, and neither she nor Trump said my dad's name, and the bill is named after him, and it was, like, very close to when he passed, I think 10 days before, and I was very, very emotional, as everyone can understand, and I was just like, "Are you kidding me with this? Are y- like-" and I tweeted something. Um, I don't remember what I tweeted exactly, but it was very critical of her doing that, and for me it's just not that hard to have a little bit of integrity, uh, in tough situations and around Trump. It's just- it's just not that hard. It's not that hard to be like, "And John McCain is, you know, this- whom this bill's named after. We honor you," or whatever. I- anything, but not saying his name at all was very, very hurtful for me and for my family.

Meghan McCain: [32:03](#) And so I just- it- I- it's not fair that so much of my perspective on a lot of people is personal, but I can't help it, and I don't pretend like I'm completely objective, um, but I just haven't been a fan since then, and then the Manu Raju moment, um, it played really well with the base. I mean, she was, like, on Sean Hannity and, um, she was, you know, really milking it. I think she sold T-shirts that said-

Paul: [32:25](#) Yep.

Meghan McCain: [32:25](#) "Liberal Hack." Um, it's just not my kind of politics, and it's not my kind of leadership, and I think it'll work really well in this moment and then as soon as this moment's passed, it's- it's not gonna work well anymore. And Astronaut, uh, Mark Kelly is a really formidable candidate, and I have a lovely relationship with him. Even though he's a Democrat, it is possible, and, um, he's been very, very kind to me, him and his wife, for a long time. Um, and I think she's- she- I know she has a really, really tight race right now. Arizona could be a total blue state. It's crazy.

Paul: [32:54](#) Yeah. And I- I've been honored to know M- Mark Kelly and meet him. I think, you know, he is a person who's been through a lot, um, I mean, in so many different-

Meghan McCain: [33:03](#) Yeah.

Paul: [33:03](#) Phases of his life, and I think the, you know, the integrity contrast of Martha McSally, who is now devolved, in my view, to a hack. Manu Raju's not a hack. I think that she's become a hack for Trump versus an astronaut who is, um... I- I-

Meghan McCain: [33:17](#) And Gabby Gifford's husband.

Paul: [33:18](#) And Gabby Gifford's husband, and the- the power that they could bring, if only to elevate the interests of Arizona, right? Like, if you have a rockstar senator like that, to elevate the interests of the people back home would be, I think, pretty significant, so-

Meghan McCain: [33:31](#) Yeah, Arizona is a really interesting state. it's, like, kinda like Nevada. It's very, um, sort of fringy and independent, and it's kinda hard to poll because there's just so many free-thinking people, and, um, I think people like cinema, and I- I think he just likes to be called Mr. Mark Kelly, but I always call him Astronaut Kelly.

Paul: [33:50](#) Right (laughs).

Meghan McCain: [33:50](#) Um, 'cause if you're an astronaut-

Paul: [33:55](#) You get to use that forever.

Meghan McCain: [33:55](#) Yeah.

Paul: [33:55](#) It's like being ambassador.

Meghan McCain: [33:55](#) Sounds so-

Paul: [33:55](#) You get to be called ambassa-

Meghan McCain: [33:55](#) Special and-

Paul: [33:55](#) "Astronaut" forever.

Meghan McCain: [33:55](#) "Astronaut Kelly" (laughs).

Paul: [33:56](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [33:56](#) Um, but you know, I think that if he plays his cards right and he doesn't go, you know, hard left, he could definitely win, but I like having a state- being from a state where the senators are really, you know, independent, free thinkers that don't kowtow to pressure from their parties, so, um, I won't be surprised if he wins, um, because again, I think... But the Trump, red meat, "you're a liberal hack" stuff works to a point, but I would argue she already has that audience and she already has that- that fan base of whatever voters, and, um, what do you- what- what- you don't- you don't get the independents. You don't get anything else, so I didn't understand it when she did it. I didn't really get it, and it seemed, like, kinda planned. Like, to me.

Paul: [34:38](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [34:38](#) I mean, I've been on TV a long time. It seemed like it wasn't exactly off the cuff, so, um, you know, but w- we'll see. We'll see. We'll see. But Trump, um, only won Arizona, I think, by four points in 2016, so it's not full Trump country everywhere.

Paul: [34:52](#) Yeah. So-

Meghan McCain: [34:52](#) A huge Hispanic population in Arizona, obviously.

Paul: [34:55](#) Yeah, and Trump kinda wakes up every morning and gives us new reason to be angry, um, but it's unique for you, because, you know, you never know when your name or your family's name is gonna come out of his mouth or- or up on Twitter, and I- I think that that's something that, um, those of us who admire your father and admire your family, you know, take a- as an issue we feel like we need to stand up on. I feel like it- it's- it's the utmost of disrespect where he insulted him, but then it continued with the Khan family and so many other issues. Are

you surprised that it didn't hurt him more? And especially with conservatives, that he-

Meghan McCain: [35:34](#) Well-

Paul: [35:34](#) Was able to not just attack your father but consistently attack people in uniform? And n- now it's expanded into the generals who've turned on him and others, but there's been a consistent attack on the military. He used to say "my generals," but now he's flipped, but it started with the attacks on your dad.

Meghan McCain: [35:49](#) It's actually statistically the only thing that makes his base turn on him, is the attacks on the Khan family and the attacks on my dad and any attack on the military. It's statistically the only thing if- and several pollsters have confirmed it for me, and I have had the privilege of meeting Mr. Khan, Khizr Khan's father. He actually came on The View a bit ago to talk about his son and talk about President Trump attacking veterans. Um, look. It's disgusting, um, but I'm not in bed crying about it every night because I'm secure in who I am and who my family- well, how- who we are and who my dad was, and you know, again, I can- whether it's genuine or not, I cannot get a bagel in this city without someone saying something wonderful about my dad, and that's everywhere in- all around the country, people that recognize me or recognize my name on my credit card or whatever, um, it's always beautiful and positive Democrats. Like, "I'm a Democrat, but I love your dad. I'm Republican. I love your... I'm a independent. I blah-" you know, "He was the man."

Meghan McCain: [36:44](#) I would assume Ivanka Trump doesn't have a similar experience that I do (laughs) walking around the city.

Paul: [36:50](#) Right.

Meghan McCain: [36:51](#) So for me, it's, like, the- it's- this all speaks for itself. I don't- I don't- I sleep very well at night. I've got no problems. Like, people aren't kicking me out of spin class, like, you're like, 'cause of who my dad is, and, you know, I think there- there are consequences for trafficking in this kind of rhetoric, and maybe they don't like what they see, but there's- they will- one way or another, their- I think the- the pied piper will come one way or another. Um, and it's o- it's sort- it's not okay for me that it's not right now, but I think one way or another, we're gonna all pay for this, and meaning us, Republicans. Like, this won't go unanswered. It won't right now because he's in power, but when he's not in power... M- I'm good friends with a- a c- a CNN commentator named S.E. Cupp, and she always- we say the

same thing all the time, like, at a certain point, we're- we'll pay for this.

Paul: [37:37](#)

Mm.

Meghan McCain: [37:37](#)

And I just feel very comfortable in who my dad was and what he represents versus what the Trumps represent.

Paul: [37:43](#)

Mm.

Meghan McCain: [37:43](#)

It's- it's pretty straightforward and black-and-white for me.

Paul: [37:46](#)

It is. It is, and- and so I wanna pivot into asking you a question, Meghan, that I do ask of everyone, because y- there is plenty of reason to be, I think, understandably angry. It's, you know, it can range for folks from school shootings to the situation with Iran to coronavirus. Pick an issue, something new, but Meghan McCain, what makes you angry?

Meghan McCain: [38:08](#)

Um, I mean, e- every day there's something different that will make me angry (laughs). It's a hard question. Today's Iowa caucus, clearly. Um, uh, what makes me angry? I think what makes me angry right now is just, um, how polarized we are, and it makes me upset and it makes me sad, because it shouldn't be so uncommon for people of, you know, I'm sure we disagree on many things, to come together and meet in the middle and ultimately, we're all Americans, and it makes me so sad that we're so divided that people don't wanna socialize with each other, people don't wanna, like, go home to their family over the holidays, and I think seeing how divided we are as a country makes me the most angry.

Paul: [38:46](#)

Mm.

Meghan McCain: [38:46](#)

And upset-

Paul: [38:47](#)

Mm.

Meghan McCain: [38:47](#)

At the same time.

Paul: [38:48](#)

But like, um, you know, your family spirit, you- you know, you turn that into positive impact. That's something we've talked about, George Washington being the original angry American, right?

Meghan McCain: [38:58](#)

Yeah.

Paul: [38:58](#) And all the way through, generations of activists. Um, and you also do a lot of charitable work. You give back. You're involved in the community. That seems to be part of the family ethos. When- I think the first time you came to an event to support us, you came with Clay Aiken, and-

Meghan McCain: [39:11](#) One of my- the closest friends, yes.

Paul: [39:12](#) Yeah, which was amazing because you helped bring over to veterans' issues, right?

Meghan McCain: [39:17](#) It's really easy for people to support veterans' issues. That's another issue that, like, again, it doesn't matter where you stand. You could bring the most, you know, intense socialist Democrat in here and the most hard right, and that is always something people will come- I've found will come together on, and if you don't, you're a sociopath, if you can't support (laughs) veterans' issues.

Paul: [39:38](#) I love that.

Meghan McCain: [39:38](#) But I've never met anyone that doesn't, so I'm sure it exists someplace, but that's crazy.

Paul: [39:41](#) Yeah, except for Trump lately. I mean, like, you know, we- we say a lot of times in politics it's about babies, puppies, and vets. they're, like, the three things-

Meghan McCain: [39:48](#) Yes.

Paul: [39:49](#) That you have to always get right, babies, puppies, and vets, and if you screw it up, it's devastating for you politically, but somehow, Trump has defied at- at least the last one, you know? And he's been able to, in my view, attack veterans in a very public way, um, with minim-

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Paul: [40:03](#) In my view, attack veterans in a very public way, um, with minimal backlash. But I do think it, it's coming later. Um, [crosstalk 00:40:08]-

Meghan McCain: [40:07](#) Yeah, I, I think it's coming. I mean, I think there has been backlash, but people are seduced by power and I think people are also, at least Republicans I know, are scared at the alternative. Like, they, they hate Trump and they disagree with

his character, but the idea of like 70% in taxes in Medicare for all petrifies them. And the left, I implore them to present something that's rational. And if they can't, I do-, I don't understand this like Bernie year bust and a-again it won't be nothing new. Bernie supporters are s-, terrible to me on social media. The Bernie bros just like, it's like a f-, gazelle among a herd of lions. They're always attacking me. But, I really don't understand that this, this paradigm shift to the other side. Um, I wish that ... You know, I'm so old-school, I want like a normal, rational, calm, character-driven leader. I don't care if they're boring.

Paul: [40:56](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Meghan McCain: [40:56](#) You know, I just want like a normal person that makes me feel safe.

Paul: [40:59](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative). Well, you know, Hillary recently caught a ton of shit because she said that, you know, Bernie didn't get that much done and nobody really liked him in the Senate. But that's true.

Meghan McCain: [41:07](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: [41:08](#) You know, I worked in the, in the, in the Senate, worked on the Senate Veteran Affairs Committee, worked on issues with Bernie, and part of the uns-, untold s-side of this is his ideology and his, his rigor, which many respect because he's so ideologically-driven, stopped him from getting things done. In that, veterans' bills would be omnibus bills. You had to vote for everything, and he didn't want to carve them up, and it had to be all in or nothing. And, and for a long time, on the Senate Veteran Affairs Committee, um, he didn't get things done. And, and it was seen through a prism of attacks on socialized medicine, rather than recognizing that the VA sometimes is just fucked up. And [crosstalk 00:41:42] he became a apologist for the VA in a way that I think has not yet been called out appropriately.

Paul: [41:47](#) When Amy Klobuchar, Klobuchar was on the stage and said, "You know, and, and these are the reasons why we should love these candidates on the stage." She said, "And Bernie passed that great veterans bill." Bernie actually lost that veterans bill. A, a senior center Republican told me, who was not the ranking member of the Senate V-Veteran Affairs Committee. I, I asked him, I said, "Why weren't ... Why wasn't the, the minority leader in that room with Bernie Sanders? Why was it John McCain?"

And they said, "Because they're afraid of M- ... Because he's afraid of McCain and McCain will win." If they sat McCain in a room against Bernie Sanders, they knew McCain would win. And on that big Veterans Choice Bills, McCain did win. But, y-your father got a carve out that was an opening for Choice that later became Choice, which in many ways was like Bernie selling the farm.

Paul: [42:26](#) He, he opened up the door to privatization, which is the opposite of socialized medicine at the VA in a way that I don't think socialists understand, democratic socialists don't understand. Bernie gave that up. So in that moment when the real negotiation happened, he lost. And I don't, I don't think people know that part of the history and I had to share it now, because you can't rewrite it. But he was difficult in the Senate and he was hard to deal with. And if Democrats think all of a sudden he's just going to work with everybody, they're forgetting his past. I mean, he, he could very much be the spoiler for, for everybody. Um, so-

Meghan McCain: [42:56](#) Look, when you were in middle school and you're ... If you've ever ran for office in middle school and you said, "I'm going to give free pizza every day and root beer," you would probably win.

Paul: [43:05](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [43:05](#) I mean, it's ... People love free shit.

Paul: [43:07](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [43:08](#) It's just not, you know, what's it going to cost and where is it going to come from? But my husband always reminds me, Bernie is the most popular politician statistically in America by far, and he has a huge following. I don't underestimate him at all. I think he very well could be the nominee, very well could be it. And, you know, then the ... Then we're really going to see the DNC and the democratic party probably implode, at least at the convention. Um, but, I, I agree with everything you said.

Paul: [43:31](#) Free shit's good politics. Andrew Yang, you know, has promised -

Meghan McCain: [43:32](#) Free shit.

Paul: [43:32](#) ... dividend.

Meghan McCain: [43:33](#) Free.

Paul: [43:34](#) Yeah. But even-

Meghan McCain: [43:35](#) (Laughs).

Paul: [43:35](#) This is a part of George Bush's, um, genius that I think is forgotten, is after he got elected, everyone got a, a check.

Meghan McCain: [43:42](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: [43:42](#) We got ... Right after George Bush was elected in his first term there was a tax rebate. Essentially, it was like a \$300 check. I remember getting the check and it was signed by George Bush in the corner and I was like, "Shit, I just got 300 bucks. That was pretty good."

Meghan McCain: [43:53](#) (Laughs).

Paul: [43:53](#) No President's ever given me a check before. I mean, it is a road to populism, right? [crosstalk 00:43:58] I, I mean, especially in this environment where if you can [crosstalk 00:44:01]-

Meghan McCain: [44:00](#) And he was ... George Bush wasn't that fiscally conservative. Lest we forget-

Paul: [44:04](#) Right.

Meghan McCain: [44:04](#) He was a huge spender.

Paul: [44:04](#) Right. So, um, Meghan, when you, when you take a step back from all of the politics, um, you, you still have been able to maintain a tenacity and I think a focus that really in-inspires people, especially the folks that really do-

Meghan McCain: [44:20](#) Thank you.

Paul: [44:21](#) And in the midst ... Like, I got to tell you, of what is disgustingly ferocious attacks. I mean, there are some people that I know personally and professionally, and I'm an interesting barometer, because if I mention them in my Twitter feed, or they mention me, I get to see like an onslaught, right? And it was like ... Like Rachel Maddow, not that much interestingly. Chris Cuomo, intensity. Like, the-

Meghan McCain: [44:42](#) Of negativity?

Paul: [44:43](#) Of negativity. Unbelievable shit they say about Chris Cuomo and you. Like, any, even you're mentioned or any kind of a reference, um-

Meghan McCain: [44:51](#) The easiest way to get someone to click on something, or get angry is just put my name in anything.

Paul: [44:55](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [44:56](#) And then people will freak out and start talking about how I'm the worst woman in the world and blah, blah, blah, blah.

Paul: [45:00](#) (Laughs). Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [45:02](#) Still have a job, still talking.

Paul: [45:03](#) But, but I don't think anybody, I don't think most people, unless they're in your, in your orbit, appreciate the nastiness of it. So, how do you stay positive? They want, you know, a lot of folks just want you to go away, right?

Meghan McCain: [45:13](#) Yeah.

Paul: [45:13](#) I know that as an activist, they just want you to go away, shut up, drive you underground and make you g-, leave Twitter. But you still stay in the mix.

Meghan McCain: [45:19](#) The New York Times editorial board wrote a whole op-ed a few weeks ago saying, um, "The View has a Meghan McCain problem," and then went to link to a change.org petition to get me fired. This is the New York Times.

Paul: [45:30](#) Right.

Meghan McCain: [45:30](#) And then, did a whole, uh, essay, or whatever, piece talking about why I'm the worst, I'm the devil, I'm Satan, I'm the worst, and pro-life women shouldn't have a platform, and blah, blah, blah, blah. You know, and it's, it was very ... It was like a hate piece a girl in high school would've written about me. It was like so beneath editorial standards that I believe the New York Times should be, but I guess they just don't care anymore. But it's all the time. It's not just like blogs and Twitter. It's like mainstream people have a ... I threaten people in a way that I don't understand. There's something about like a strong conservative woman who doesn't give a shit that just threatens certain people in a certain way and I think those people, maybe

need to check like what inside them is so threatened by me that they feel the need to like write op-eds and do all these things.

Meghan McCain: [46:15](#) But, ABC has been incredibly supportive of me and the President of the news division, James, has been incredibly supportive and they understand that, you know, if I'm not on that shows, there's no c-, there's not a conservative and there's ... You know, I love my co-hosts, but to say that they're like, you know, left is putting it very nice. And this ... We have to be reflective of the country. It's called, The View, so we have to reflect the views of the country. So, um, I don't know, I don't ... I never thought, um, when I started my career I would be this controversial and I would have this much hate directed at me. And honestly, it bothers my mom, and my family, and my husband a lot more than it bothers me. Um, I'm sort of at the point now where I'm like, at least people are still talking. I'm not boring you.

Paul: [46:57](#) (Laughs).

Meghan McCain: [46:58](#) I know a lot of people that are trying to hustle on TV that are boring the shit out of you and can't get anywhere and are not saying anything interesting, and I just go out every day and try and speak the truth and try and be, um, you know, just try and have the integrity of what I believe and I don't ... I'm not trying to spin anyone, I'm not trying to get invited to any cocktail parties here in the city. I've been to every fucking party in the world, I don't need to go to anymore parties.

Paul: [47:19](#) (Laughs).

Meghan McCain: [47:19](#) Um, I don't need to be in any magazines. I don't need to be like celebrated. I just want to speak the truth about what I believe in politics, because I feel like I've been lied to a lot and that the media continues to lie to people and I don't want to lie to anyone about ... Trump could very well get reelected. Right now, if I had to bet today, I would say he is.

Paul: [47:35](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [47:35](#) We'll see how Democrats, you know, they try and like actually be strategic and smart about it. But it's a long-winded answer, other than I've just gotten very used to being controversial and people are very unkind too. I mean, it comes with the territory. I try not to complain, but people like yell at me on the street and like, you know, crap like that too.

Paul: [47:50](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [47:52](#) Which I've just gotten used to.

Paul: [47:54](#) Part, part of what I think people have to respect is your willingness to go into the fray, and your willingness to be outnumbered, right? Like, there's nobody on MSNBC that is the equivalent of you, right? There's nobody who's battling three people who are on, uh, political oppo-, opposite sides in the way you are. I can't think of it, right? The days, those days are gone. Like, there are a couple of sacrificial lambs on Fox, but they're not every day trying to hold their ground. And I think that's something that the country needs, right? We need to have a real discussion. There are too many, you know, circular conversations where everyone's in heated agreement. I mean, MSNBC is pretty much the worst. And Fox actually pierces it a little more than others.

Meghan McCain: [48:33](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: [48:33](#) You rarely see a very conservative person on MSNBC. Almost never. Like, Steve Schmidt is as good as it gets, right? So I, I think people have to respect your willingness to go into the fight and fight for what you believe in and do it in that kind of environment. But when you look across the republican landscape, who are the stars? For you, for S.E. Cupp, for others, you know, the republican party would be a whole lot better if you and S.E. Cupp were in front, than Kellyanne Conway and the people they have now. But who do you think represents the future of this party? We had JT Lewis on here, a young guy from Connecticut. We've had David Bellavia, other republicans. But who represents the future that you want to see in the republican party?

Meghan McCain: [49:10](#) Um, you know, there's like local people running, I ... Speaking of veterans, a friend of mine, Earl Granville, who is running for Congress in Pennsylvania. He's a veteran, lost his leg in Iraq. Um, he's running for Congress and I adore him. And I think there's a lot of like inspiring people coming up locally right now. Um, I really like Dan Crenshaw. Um, I really love Steve Scalise. Um, I really love, um ... You know, it's a ... The people that I really like think of is like Tom Coburn and people that aren't really in power anymore. But I always think just because like it's not here right this second, doesn't mean it won't come. You know, Obama wasn't even ... No one knew who he was until he got elected to the Senate and then, you know, immediately ran for President. He had like a very small name ID, so people come

out of nowhere. But I don't feel terribly inspired by like what I see in front of me right now. I don't know if you do?

Paul: [50:00](#) No, I, I, I think Crenshaw's one to watch. I mean, Crenshaw is the closest thing that the right has to AOC. I mean, he's been a master of social media. He was on Saturday Night Live. He's been able to crossover and he has a personal story and an ability to drive his narrative and capture attention in a way that's very unique. I mean, he is the kind of guy that if Trump got rid of Pence, you know, he would consider replacing him with. He's got such a captivating story. He's kind of this mythical superhero guy with an eye patch and the whole thing, right? But he's also very good at media and very, very good at-

Meghan McCain: [50:30](#) Very good at media.

Paul: [50:30](#) ... new media in a way that someone like AOC is. So I think Crenshaw is, is one to watch. Regardless of how you feel about his individual politics, he's a rocket ship. And, and if it continues, he could, he could definitely be the new face of the republican party, especially with that military national security background.

Meghan McCain: [50:46](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: [50:46](#) Um-

Meghan McCain: [50:46](#) Oh yeah, definitely.

Paul: [50:47](#) But so, I-last question I want to ask you, Meghan. Beyond all the politics, you stay grounded. You care very deeply about your family. You give back to the community. Meghan McCain, what makes you happy?

Meghan McCain: [51:00](#) Um, you know, I mean, I ... There's this quote that I have taped to my mirror that says, "Live fast, because it's, it won't last." And I just feel like, this all fades and I have such a feeling of my mortality and time since my dad died and since he was diagnosed with cancer and watching him die, I ... It totally changed my worldview and I feel like I just really appreciate every day and every moment and I know that, you know, being on The View is fleeting. I mean, how much longer could I possibly be on? They go through hosts very quickly, you know. (Laughs). I'm sure I'll be fired at some point. Um, but, uh, you know, I just try and like enjoy it while I can, um, and enjoy the responsibility of having this platform. But my family makes me happy. Um, hanging out with people like you makes me happy. Like, like-minded, cool, chill people.

Meghan McCain: [51:48](#) Veterans (laughs) make me happy. Like, it's very familiar to me, because I grew up totally ... All the men in my family are in the military, and like it just feels, it feels very familiar and very like ... Every time we have a veteran in the audience, we like, I make sure that we like make them stand up and then we'll like call them out on the show. Um, I don't know, just being with my family makes me happy. Um, it's, it's ... You know, my family feels different now since my dad died, but, um, I just try and stay grounded as much as possible because TV is bullshit, and fame is bullshit, and it doesn't mean anything really. It doesn't make me ... That does not make me happy, it doesn't make me feel like comforted at night in any way, and I just try and live in the moment and, you know, know that this, none of it, everything is temporary.

Meghan McCain: [52:32](#) And it sounds very, it sounds a little pessimistic too, but it's also like the gift I received after my dad died, is that I just am so much more present, and in the moment, and grateful for my health in a way that I've never been before, and grateful for my friends, and people that love me, and having this incredible job. I mean, I get to talk for a living. It's pretty cool.

Paul: [52:52](#) (Laughs).

Meghan McCain: [52:52](#) And every time I like come in in the morning and I'm like, "Oh my God, we have to do like another topic where I'm just going to get the living shit beat out of me." I'm like, I think of my brother being like, " I was in Iraq- "

Paul: [53:01](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [53:01](#) "Like digging ditches and (laughs) shooting terrorists. Do you want to try, talk about like life differences? Like, go and get your makeup done and shut up." So it's like (laughs), so that's how I feel.

Paul: [53:11](#) Well, I, I, I kn-, I know you won't shut up and I hope you won't shut up, but if, if, you know, whatever happens with The View. They would be stupid to get rid of you, especially given the ratings bonanza. But, what about doing a show with your brother? You used to have your own radio show-

Meghan McCain: [53:23](#) I did.

Paul: [53:24](#) I used to be-

Meghan McCain: [53:24](#) Yeah.

Paul: [53:24](#) A guest on your radio show.

Meghan McCain: [53:25](#) I loved radio.

Paul: [53:26](#) Yeah, you were, you were great [crosstalk 00:53:27]-

Meghan McCain: [53:27](#) It's ... Because you can have real conversations.

Paul: [53:28](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [53:29](#) It's long. Um, at some point, I mean, I'm very inspired by like things like this, like I just have ... I know so many people that are doing such incredible work in like the podcast space and radio space. Um, I don't know. I don't ... I mean, it's so hard to even think in the future. Honestly, like whatever happens, like I'm going to end up in like Arizona, or Texas, or Montana with like a bunch of shotguns, and horses, and dogs. And like out never having to put (laughs) makeup on again. I don't know when that is, but like I, I was ... It was so funny, I was telling my executive producer today. He was like, "You know, do you love this city?" And I was like, "I want to be outside (laughs) like in a creek and like- "

Paul: [54:04](#) It's true.

Meghan McCain: [54:04](#) You know, I love the city, but like at some point this is ... I will be like ... Elisabeth Hasselbeck actually, who, uh, you know, created the seat I'm in. She lives in Tennessee, kind of like in the woods, and I feel like my future is also where she's at. I just love like, you know, I love being outside. I'm like a, like a kid, like I just love getting dirty and being outside. Do you?

Paul: [54:24](#) 100%, 100%.

Meghan McCain: [54:25](#) Yeah.

Paul: [54:25](#) My, my wife-

Meghan McCain: [54:26](#) (Laughs).

Paul: [54:26](#) ... hears it all the time and she's here and she's nodding her head. I mean, I'm trying to drag my boys into the mud all the time.

Meghan McCain: [54:31](#) Yeah.

Paul: [54:31](#) Yeah. And, and I think you need-

Meghan McCain: [54:32](#) I feel like I'm just like a-

Paul: [54:33](#) ... it to stay grounded. And, and growing up, I was lucky enough that my father was from the Bronx, but he took us camping and he took us outside-

Meghan McCain: [54:39](#) Yeah.

Paul: [54:39](#) And we wanted to be connected to the Earth and to the water, because it was so important to my essence, right?

Meghan McCain: [54:44](#) Yeah.

Paul: [54:45](#) And I, I think that that also can be, you know, a common area for us to, to unite as Americans, right?

Meghan McCain: [54:50](#) Yeah.

Paul: [54:50](#) Like the appreciation for this amazing country we have. I mean, even ... Whether it's the Hudson River or the Colorado, it's fricking extraordinary.

Meghan McCain: [54:57](#) Oh yeah.

Paul: [54:57](#) And the closer we can get to it, I think the better off we'll be.

Meghan McCain: [55:00](#) I always try and go on vacation, like in the middle of the country, because A, I just find it very like beautiful and healing. But this country is so gorgeous and there's just so, so much beauty everywhere. And I went to Yellowstone last summer and I like cried when I first saw it. I was like, "Oh my God, this is incredible. It looks like a painting in the Snake River." And, I don't know. But that's like the side of me that's like never going to go away. No matter how much time I spend in New York and what I do, I just always want to be like fishing and shooting something and like have like, like smoke and dust on me and then cooking meat. Like, I don't know. I'm like, I'm like a dude-

Paul: [55:34](#) This is going to be a good show. This will be much more-

Meghan McCain: [55:35](#) ... a little bit.

Paul: [55:37](#) I, you know, I watch The View occasionally. My mother-in-law-

Meghan McCain: [55:39](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: [55:39](#) Is, is a regular watcher. She would have so many questions for you. But I would w-watch that hunting and fishing show every day.

Meghan McCain: [55:46](#) You would?

Paul: [55:46](#) Yeah.

Meghan McCain: [55:48](#) Well, if someone wants to do a hunting show with me, I'm down 100%.

Paul: [55:49](#) All right. We'll talk about that. Righteous Media's got-

Meghan McCain: [55:51](#) That'll be my-

Paul: [55:51](#) Some projects in development, so-

Meghan McCain: [55:52](#) (Laughs).

Paul: [55:52](#) Maybe we can talk about -

Meghan McCain: [55:53](#) That'll be my next phase.

Paul: [55:54](#) But we are incredibly grateful for you, Meghan. I am grateful for you-

Meghan McCain: [55:58](#) I'm grateful for you. You do incredible-

Paul: [55:59](#) ... For your friendship-

Meghan McCain: [55:59](#) ... work and all the work you've done for veterans. And you're such a good friend to so many people and like, everybody loves you. [crosstalk 00:56:05] Look at your roster of guests, you're kicking ass. And congratulations.

Paul: [56:08](#) Thank you.

Meghan McCain: [56:08](#) It's wonderful.

Paul: [56:08](#) Thank you.

Meghan McCain: [56:08](#) Yeah. Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: [56:08](#) It's been-

Meghan McCain: [56:08](#) And it's cool to see cool people doing cool things. Like, so many people I know, and again, they're not friends of mine. But people I know are doing like the dumbest projects and the dumbest work and I'm like, "That's so boring." And you're doing really cool shit with cool people-

Paul: [56:24](#) Oh.

Meghan McCain: [56:24](#) ... and trying to make a difference and it's awesome.

Paul: [56:26](#) I'm really grateful-

Meghan McCain: [56:26](#) So I'm ... It's a privilege for me to be here.

Paul: [56:28](#) Thank you. It-

Meghan McCain: [56:28](#) And your wife is so cool. I love ... Yeah.

Paul: [56:31](#) My wife is so cool. And-

Meghan McCain: [56:33](#) A love fest right now-

Paul: [56:33](#) ... we now come to the point where we want to express our-

Meghan McCain: [56:35](#) Yeah.

Paul: [56:35](#) ... gratitude to you, so we have-

Meghan McCain: [56:37](#) Oh my God.

Paul: [56:37](#) ... gifts.

Meghan McCain: [56:37](#) Thank you.

Paul: [56:38](#) Now, I can hold your-

Meghan McCain: [56:38](#) Let me see.

Paul: [56:38](#) ... your mic if you want me to do that.

Meghan McCain: [56:40](#) Okay.

Paul: [56:40](#) We have, we have Angry Americans merchandise.

Meghan McCain: [56:43](#) Do you think that this t-shirt will fit me?

Paul: [56:43](#) I, I have multiple-

Meghan McCain: [56:43](#) This is a child-

Paul: [56:45](#) No, I have all kinds of sizes. I have all kinds of sizes.

Meghan McCain: [56:48](#) (Laughs).

Paul: [56:49](#) I gave multiple , I gave multiple sizes.

Meghan McCain: [56:52](#) Thank you.

Paul: [56:52](#) Because I actually-

Meghan McCain: [56:52](#) Oh my gosh. Okay.

Paul: [56:53](#) ... wanted you to be able to give them away to friends-

Meghan McCain: [56:55](#) That's so ... Yeah, okay.

Paul: [56:55](#) ... or whoever you want.

Meghan McCain: [56:56](#) That's very cool. I love the ... I was actually going to ask you, who did your logo? It's awesome.

Paul: [56:59](#) And, and they're made by veterans.

Meghan McCain: [57:01](#) Oh, amazing.

Paul: [57:01](#) Because everybody loves veterans and if you don't like-

Meghan McCain: [57:03](#) Yes, they do. Because you're a sociopath if you don't.

Paul: [57:04](#) Yes.

Meghan McCain: [57:04](#) (Laughs).

Paul: [57:05](#) You're a socio- ... So buy Oscar Mike gear or you're a sociopath.

Meghan McCain: [57:08](#) Ah, amazing.

Paul: [57:09](#) And then, we pick a, I pick a whiskey each show-

Meghan McCain: [57:11](#) Okay. Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: [57:12](#) ... that I think speaks to the guest and represents. It's always American-made. Now, this is made by High West. Do you know High West?

Meghan McCain: [57:19](#) Uh-uh (negative).

Paul: [57:19](#) They're in Utah. And High West is, created this special Barreled Manhattan that's the, called the 36th Vote. Because Utah was the 36th vote to end prohibition.

Meghan McCain: [57:31](#) Okay.

Paul: [57:31](#) The reason I picked it is because you're out west and you're in Manhattan.

Meghan McCain: [57:35](#) Yeah.

Paul: [57:35](#) So to bring together ... I couldn't find Arizona, but Utah and Manhattan mixed together. You don't have to mix it, it's just there. And it's also just really awesome. I thought that would be a perfect one to give you as an expression of our gratitude.

Meghan McCain: [57:48](#) Thank you. I love it.

Paul: [57:50](#) Made in America, for you.

Meghan McCain: [57:50](#) Thank you so much.

Paul: [57:50](#) Um, and then-

Meghan McCain: [57:50](#) And then p-

Paul: [57:52](#) ... lastly, this is the, the great Rorschach test/gift.

Meghan McCain: [57:55](#) I love peeps.

Paul: [57:56](#) All right. This-

Meghan McCain: [57:56](#) They're delicious.

Paul: [57:57](#) You're going to love this part.

Meghan McCain: [57:57](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative). Okay.

Paul: [57:58](#) So we ask every single guest, since the beginning of the show if-

Meghan McCain: [58:01](#) Do you want me to hold them?

Paul: [58:02](#) I can hold them.

Meghan McCain: [58:03](#) Okay.

Paul: [58:03](#) You, this will be ... I'm already asking you to hold way too much.

Meghan McCain: [58:05](#) Okay.

Paul: [58:05](#) Uh, three colors, yellow, pink, and blue. Which color would you pic-, pick, Meghan McCain, and why?

Meghan McCain: [58:11](#) Oh, man. Uh, maybe blue, and I don't know why. Uh, because it's in the flag, I don't know.

Paul: [58:18](#) There you go.

Meghan McCain: [58:18](#) Because I'm really-

Paul: [58:18](#) That's a good reason.

Meghan McCain: [58:20](#) I'm not a pink girl and I'm not a yellow girl, so blue.

Paul: [58:23](#) That's a good reason.

Meghan McCain: [58:23](#) (Laughs).

Paul: [58:24](#) Um, before we wrap-

Meghan McCain: [58:27](#) Thank you so much.

Paul: [58:27](#) ... Oscars are this weekend.

Meghan McCain: [58:28](#) Yeah.

Paul: [58:29](#) And you ... I asked you -

Meghan McCain: [58:29](#) ... give me shit. I try so much to care, these movies and the virtue signaling that happens at award ceremonies-

Paul: [58:35](#) (Laughs).

Meghan McCain: [58:35](#) I can't take it. I'm like, but I loved, um, Uncut Gems.

Paul: [58:39](#) Yes.

Meghan McCain: [58:39](#) And Adam Sandler's in it and it's amazing and I was really pissed he didn't, he wasn't nominated for like all the things and, you know. I, I find award ceremonies like, again, like long-

Paul: [58:48](#) 100%.

Meghan McCain: [58:49](#) Tiresome.

Paul: [58:51](#) Have you had Adam Sandler on The View?

Meghan McCain: [58:51](#) No, but I would love for him to come on The View.

Paul: [58:53](#) Maybe you can get him-

Meghan McCain: [58:53](#) Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Paul: [58:54](#) ... to go on The View and-

Meghan McCain: [58:54](#) Yeah.

Paul: [58:54](#) ... Angry Americans at the same time.

Meghan McCain: [58:56](#) I'll have ... He should come on here first.

Paul: [58:57](#) Okay.

Meghan McCain: [58:57](#) Because he can talk longer (laughs).

Paul: [59:01](#) Well, he ... You are amazing, Meghan.

Meghan McCain: [59:02](#) Thank you.

Paul: [59:02](#) And I'm so grateful for your friendship and for joining us on the show and for all that you do and for all that your family does.

Meghan McCain: [59:08](#) Thank you.

Paul: [59:08](#) It's, it's a team effort for me. This work is a team effort, I know for you it is as well. So I want to thank you for all that you and your family do for this country and for joining us-

Meghan McCain: [59:17](#) Thank you.

Paul: [59:17](#) ... and for being a friend.

Meghan McCain: [59:18](#) And thank you and thank you for your service.

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Paul: [59:20](#) Thank you.

Meghan McCain: [59:20](#) All of us.

Paul: [59:21](#) Ladies and gentlemen, a huge round of applause for Meghan McCain.

Meghan McCain: [59:24](#) Thank you. Thank you all for coming today too.

Paul: [59:26](#) And-

Meghan McCain: [59:27](#) Thank you.

Paul: [59:27](#) My thanks to the live studio audience here.

Meghan McCain: [59:30](#) They're so active and engaged.

Paul: [59:33](#) It's not, it's not Oprah, but Ferrari's for everybody.

Meghan McCain: [59:36](#) (Laughs).

Paul: [59:37](#) There you go. All right. Thank you.

Meghan McCain: [59:39](#) Thank you.

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