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JENNIFER WELCH: Okay, listener, we are in New York City with a guest and you know how we always start the podcast and Pumps and I have been going back and forth about it. When she acts like a eagle —

ANGIE SULLIVAN: Right

WELCH: — and says, “fuck off.” Sometimes we feel stupid about it. But you know what? It’s Trump’s America. Trump’s given blowjobs to Bubba. So here we go. Patriots, gatriots, theytriots, blacktriots, browntriots, and the people who try to marginalize those people can do what, Pumps?

SULLIVAN: Fuck off!

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WELCH: Joy Reid, what have you had it with?

JOY REID: Oh my god. Where do I begin? I mean, the — the first thing I have had it with, and I and I hate to always start with my own people, but I’ve had it with the Democrats caving. I’ve had it with the Democrats soft pedalling this autocracy. You know, I’ve been a Democrat since I was old enough to vote. The first person — I’ll age myself, my first vote was a primary vote for Jesse Jackson in 1988. I was so excited and then I had to vote for the guy with the [inaudible] helmet on his head. I had to do it, you know, whatever. Dukakis, right? So, that was my first presidential vote. I had no choice cuz that’s what I was —

WELCH: Geraldine Ferraro

REID: — and Gerald Dean Ferraro. That was the first presidential vote cuz I didn’t get Jackson. But my problem with the party has always been they have good intentions. They — they care about people, but they are afraid to use power.

SULLIVAN: Agree.

REID: And they seem to be allergic to using power. Whereas Republicans don’t care about anyone —

WELCH: No!

REID: — but they also understand power and they understand how to use it and leverage it. And it frustrates me to be on the side that refuses to fight in the way you need to in an autocracy, so I've had it with that. I want a Mandani-style Democratic Party.

SULLIVAN: Yes, agreed.

WELCH: Let me ask you both this. So, I read today that AOC and Zoran said that they don't think anybody should primary Hakeem because they don't think the party after these victories should have this type of infighting. And I'm a very — I'm not a very rigid person in my beliefs. I'm open-minded to how can we win? What's going to help us beat these fuckers, these fascists? I'm open-minded about all of that.

REID: Yep.

WELCH: So, I'm curious about both of your feedback on that because my thinking about Hakeem is that he hasn't been the most effective minority leader at all and the AIPAC situation is so blaring. What's your take on that?

REID: The AIPAC situation is, you know, I went to a meeting of CBC members and this was in — in — in Mississippi and I, you know, I didn't get any applause for it, but I told them from the stage, you all have to divorce yourself from a — you have to divorce AIPAC. Like, that divorce needs to happen now —

WELCH: Immediately.

SULLIVAN: Uh-huh.

REID: — because as long as AIPAC money is flowing into your coffers, you're never going to be truly free to tell the truth about our foreign policy. People, it's not going to ever be acceptable even to MAGA people to spend American tax dollars for a genocide.

WELCH: Right.

REID: It's just not acceptable —

WELCH: Right.

REID: — with Bibi Netanyahu there. So, the AIPAC thing is a big problem for me. I like Hakeem Jeffries as a person.

WELCH: I do too.

REID: He's definitely a more effective leader than Schumer.

SULLIVAN: That's what I was going to say.

WELCH: No question.

REID: By far, right?

WELCH: He whipped every — he can whip.

REID: He can keep his caucus together.

SULLIVAN: He can.

WELCH: He can whip. Schumer? Yeah.

REID: And I think unlike Schumer, he's actually — and I don't mean this in a condescending way, he's teachable. Like, I think you can work with him.

WELCH: Maybe.

REID: You get him to where he needs to be and the challenge with a House leader as opposed to a Senate leader. It's a little more complicated. It's why even when people were like we need to replace Pelosi with a younger person, I wasn't for it cuz I'm like, a House leader is somewhat different. You have to — it's a much bigger caucus.

WELCH: Right.

REID: It's very much dependent on your ability to fundraise for other people and to know everything about their lives in order to be able to know like who's got a grandkid coming and what do they need in order to get to where they need to be to whip those votes is something you couldn't just put a green new person —

WELCH: Right.

REID: — and have them be the speaker as much as we would like them. So, he's been set up for that position for so long that I feel like it would be very difficult to replace him with somebody who would be as effective.

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SULLIVAN: See, that's what my thought is.

REID: Okay.

SULLIVAN: I kind of want him to be primaried just because I want him to understand we are

serious about moving the message, moving off AIPAC.

REID: Yeah.

SULLIVAN: We mean it. Chuck Schumer, I would love for him to get an opponent and get beat, but it's different.

REID: Same, same.

SULLIVAN: You asked about Hakeem Jeffries.

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WELCH: Okay, we emailed with you prior to and one of your grievances I think is just something that ourselves and our audience will just sink their teeth in. It has to do with Scott Jennings.

SULLIVAN: Oh!

WELCH: Go off!

REID: Oooohsta! I just — you know, I had Abby Phillip on the podcast and — and I had to ask her about him because I think there's a disingenuousness to a lot of Republicanism. All of us who have been in this journalism game for a long time know for a fact that most of the Republicans who serve Donald Trump obediently and live on their knees hate him.

SULLIVAN: Right.

REID: We know they hate him. We know they don't respect him. We know that they don't — they don't believe anything coming out of their mouths. I believe that about Scott Jennings. I don't buy it. His MAGA act is so phony to me because I am old enough to remember when on January 7, 2021, he said Donald Trump was an outrageous, sort of outrage upon the dignity of the Constitution. He wrote that down and posted it on CNN. He told us what he thought of Trump then. But then he went on and he says, "I voted for him happily." But what kind of a man are you to understand this man trying to overthrow the government and you still live on your knees? There's nothing Donald Trump could do that he would say is too much for him.

SULLIVAN: Right! Disgusting!

WELCH: How does he claim to be this huge patriot and wear, you know, I'm so sick of these pundits that wear the flag pin on their suit.

REID: Over it. Over it.

WELCH: It doesn't make you a bigger patriot big boy.

REID: Correct, correct.

WELCH: It makes you look like a pussy first and foremost —

REID: Yep.

WELCH: — to me because if you were genuinely patriotic, you would be wildly concerned about a man who tried to overthrow the federal government —

REID: Come on.

WELCH: — if you're so concerned about anti-Semitism, this man pardoned a man at January 6 that had on a shirt that said Camp Auschwitz.

REID: Correct.

WELCH: You don't get to cherrypick when you care about these things. And I just think the Scott Jennings of the world have done such a disservice to Fox News viewers that think, "oh, I'm going to be liberal and watch CNN tonight."

SULLIVAN: Right.

REID: Right.

WELCH: And then they go over and they're served this jetstream of propaganda and bullshit and I just cannot imagine — as we sat here, we just criticized Hakeem Jeffries. We just criticized Chuck Schumer. What a puss boy you have to be that every night you sit down at a table and you speak for an audience of one.

SULLIVAN: Right.

REID: That's correct.

WELCH: You know?

REID: Because he wants to run for office. Let's just be clear. He has designs on political office. He knows he needs Donald Trump's — he knows he needs Donald Trump's support in order to do that to get the MAGA voters to vote for him. There's a rally, if you Google this rally, look it up on YouTube, y'all, where he is getting the attaboy from Donald Trump, patting him on his head like a puppy. That's why he does what he does every night.

WELCH: He's a little show pony.

REID: He's his show pony and it's, like, you wanna be Trump's bitch. That's what you decided is your brand. That is a gross and disgusting brand. I'm a Democrat. Look how easily and freely we were happy to criticize any Democrat.

SULLIVAN: Right.

WELCH: Right.

REID: Chuck Schumer, Hakeem Jeffries.

WELCH: Cory Booker.

REID: I criticized Barack Obama when he was there and I worked for his campaign.

WELCH: Yeah.

REID: I worked to get him elected. I didn't see my kids for 12 hours a day to get him elected and I still felt free to criticize him. We're not in a cult and the fact that he sits there night after night knowing I don't believe he believes half of what he says and he still is willing to do it in order to entertain Trump, it's disgusting. And I — that is one I've absolutely had it with. And the fact that he is giving the permission structure for other Republicans to pretend that that loving Trump the way he says he loves him is patriotism.

SULLIVAN: Right.

REID: To me, that is hurting the Republican Party. You know, that part — my father was a he was not a citizen but he was a whole Reaganite. the Republican Party he thought existed is dead because of people like Scott Jennings.

WELCH: Dead, yeah.

REID: If Trump is like a proto-fascist, which he is, and you're down with it, then you're essentially saying you're going to align the former party of Lincoln with fascism. Then, you know, there's no reason for me to respect you.

SULLIVAN: Well, and they call themselves patriots while they do that. That's one thing that goes all through me is, oh, I'm such a patriot. Patrick — or Sean — I always say Pat — Sean Duffy was like I'm worried about air traffic controllers being patriotic. I'm like, bitch, please. I'm worried about lives and do not tell me when you do not believe in the Constitution or the law that you're a patriot because that makes you an asshole, not a patriot.

REID: That's right.

SULLIVAN: So, that drives me crazy. But we talk about on this all the time that people get worse when they're in Donald Trump's orbit. So, you said you think Scott Jennings wants to run for office and he wants Trump's endorsement. Is that what corrupts these people, their moral collapse? Is it the proximity to power? Is it transactional? I mean, in your experience and from your bird's eye view, what — what does that look like?

REID: I mean, when I did my Trump book, I interviewed a lot of people around Donald Trump that have known him for and they said that he has this power to corrupt almost anyone in his presence — his solicitousness of you in person. You know, he tries to act like a tough guy, but in person, he's very solicitous of people. He — he flatters them and expects flatter in return. And I think that there's a combination — if you listen to people like Mitt Romney and then some people that I've spoken to about Trump, there's a combination of hope and fear. The hope is that Donald Trump can transfer the power he has, the cult-like hold on the base onto you. So, if I'm a Republican politician, I glom on to Trump hoping that — that — that cult-like following will vote for me and keep me in office. That's the hope part that you can get. And then also maybe some of the riches will fall on you. You know, they're all over there trading crypto.

WELCH: Oh, sure! Totally.

REID: They're all over there committing crimes. They stealing. I mean, stop the steal!

WELCH: Bubba!

SULLIVAN: I mean, stop the steal every day.

REID: They stealing. And so, they're like, "oh, we can rain some of this money down on me." The fear is, and a lot of politicians have said this on and off the record, the fear is that if you don't obey him, his cult will try to kill you. And there are a lot of people who claimed and told Mitt Romney this, and then Mitt Romney snitched on them and said people wanted to vote to impeach, but they were afraid that they'd be assassinated by Trump supporters because MAGA supporters are armed to the teeth.

SULLIVAN: Right.

REID: They are rabid in their support of him, and it's a religion.

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

WELCH: Yeah.

REID: And so, they will commit jihad for Trump.

WELCH: Yeah.

REID: And so, a lot of it is fear and the hope and the fear I think are what make people, you

know, debase themselves.

WELCH: Okay, let's talk about this because Pumps and I have been really studying this and we had professor Ruth Ben Ghat on the podcast to teach us about you know authoritarians, autocrats, dictators. So, they project the strength and they have to admit this toxic masculinity. When the dictator becomes frail, the cult falls apart. Let's just talk about kinks. We've got, you know, concealer on the hands because they're bruised out the wazoo. We've got kinkles as wide as the Mississippi. We've got — bragging about taking animal identification tests. He's blowing Bubba. He's trying to, you know, show pic — pictures of his wife holding hands. I mean, he is a shitshow. I don't know if you heard the audio of him blaring — this old queen blaring *Phantom of the Opera* from the White House. Did you see that?

REID: Listen. Listen, when it's not that, it's YMCA.

SULLIVAN: Right, yes.

REID: On you — or who are we talking about here?

WELCH: With the Scott Jennings just pining for his endorsement, I feel like and maybe I'm being an optimist and maybe this is so stupid of me to say this, but I feel like the worm is turning. I feel like there were fissures in the MAGA movement a couple months ago that have turned into fullblown cracks. And I think, at some point, Trump's endorsement, especially when you look at how we kicked every motherfucker's ass a couple weeks ago, is going to be your nail in your political coffin and what does a — what is your thoughts on that? And then what happens to a Scott Jennings career, a Moses — Mike "Grinder" Johnson's career when they are rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic with this mfer?

REID: It's — it's an — it's an excellent question because if you think about the dictator in decline, right? The same thing kind of is happening in Russia where there's all of these stories that Putin is physically declining —

WELCH: Yes!

REID: — that he's sick, that he's ill. And that's when you started to see a Navalny start to really take hold because that — those little fissures when you're not clear because there's no succession plan for a dictator. They intend to be in office forever, right? They don't intend to have anyone succeeded them, which is why Trump can't even say Vance is his successor. No one is his success —

WELCH: Right.

REID: — he's 2028, he's 2032, he's forever. But, you know, in the case of Putin, his physical decline is when there's a weakness that lets the wannabes start to come in and try to seize power. So, he has to constantly project strength because they all fear assassination. They all fear they're going to end up like Saddam Hussein. Saddam Hussein was strong until he was weak, right? And

once you start to physically decline or you lose your patrons or you lose your power, you end up usually, you know, the way Ceausescu ended up. So, they all are afraid. They're also constantly fearful when you're a dictator. So, Donald Trump could — I mean, the other day he said he wasn't sure what they MRI, right?

SULLIVAN: Yes, I thought that was fishy.

REID: Isn't that weird?

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

REID: Like, he doesn't seem to sometimes know where he is.

SULLIVAN: Right.

REID: Did y'all see the McDonald's speech? He's in front of McDonald's.

SULLIVAN: Oh my god!

WELCH: That was the biggest shitshow show I've ever seen in my life.

SULLIVAN: I don't understand how people watch that on TV like at Fox and are like, "oh yeah, he's —"

REID: Well, they edit it. See, that's the other thing is Fox sanewashes him. They will never — during the campaign, he did all these roundtables. Remember he did these round tables with a lot of black people at them. Those things were so — when you watch the raw footage you're like, "oh my god, he's incoherent." But they chop it up the way *60 Minutes* did with that interview with Norah, they chop it up and then they use voiceover stuff. The media is covering up one of the greatest scandals. Biden? He was old and feeble.

SULLIVAN: Right.

REID: Trump? My god! Mother is starting to get a touch of dementia. He seems to me to have a touch of something's happening up here.

WELCH: Yeah.

REID: Because he doesn't always seem to be fully coherent or where, you know, know where he is, and that is the opening. When the civil war —

WELCH: That's right.

REID: — which I think is already beginning —

WELCH: Right.

REID: — is going to escalate. Who gets to inherit MAGA? Is it JD Vance, the couch boy who's got the brown wife who's a Hindu?

WELCH: Whom he won't defend.

REID: MAGA is not going to want that.

WELCH: Right.

SULLIVAN: He will not defend his wife.

WELCH: Or is it —

REID: That's why.

WELCH: — or is it Marjorie Taylor Greene —

SULLIVAN: Or Tucker Carlson.

WELCH: — who's doing exactly what Trump did.

REID: Same page, oh my god.

WELCH: She is coming out, criticizing the status quo. She's criticizing other Republicans.

REID: Come on.

WELCH: She's talking about Israel.

REID: Yes.

WELCH: She's talking about America first. And she — if she is rebranding and it is real, we will know that if she doesn't throw one marginalized group under the bus, but I haven't heard her do that. She's still a cherry picker.

REID: That's right.

WELCH: But she is doing exactly what Trump did in 2015.

REID: That's right.

WELCH: She's coming out, beating up on Republicans, beating up on the status quo, saying, "you were lied to. You were conned. I got sucked into Q-Anon too." Her political savviness is off

the charts.

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REID: Vance has a problem in that the base of MAGA is fundamentally racist.

SULLIVAN: Yep.

REID: And I know people don't like it when you say it but it was — it's the emergence from the Tea Party to MAGA.

WELCH: Yeah.

REID: Tea Party — when you finally did the actual data, PRRI, and others, the thing that most motivated them was race and hatred of non-white immigrants.

WELCH: Mmhmm.

REID: What most migates [sic] — motivates MAGA? Hatred of non-white immigrants.

WELCH: Right.

REID: They're obsessed with non-white immigrants —

WELCH: Yeah.

REID: — and undocumented people. They use the term illegals, which is just the n-word for brown people.

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

WELCH: 100 percent.

REID: If you want to say the n-word and it's about brown people, you say illegals.

WELCH: Illegals.

REID: I'm sorry, I said it again. That is me saying the n-word about —

WELCH: Right.

REID: — that is what it is, right? And that's what motivates them. So, they can't have the

successor to MAGA be the guy with the brown, Hindu wife. They're also Christian nationalists. That ain't going to work. That's why he's throwing his wife under the bus. Poor Usha. Or she's in on it, — right — and she's wicked too.

WELCH: And she's playing slap and tickle with Erica Kirk. the weirdest shit I've ever seen.

REID: What's happening?

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

WELCH: It's — she's, like, in her Tammy Fay era.

REID: Okay. Holding on the back of his head and rubbing on his head.

WELCH: God, it's some weird shit.

REID: Baby, don't do that to Jason. I'm going start thinking something's going on. Why you holding the back of his head? I'm like, you — you not doing that right thing. You're supposed to be a widow. You in leather pants.

WELCH: It is —

REID: That's not widow wear.

WELCH: Could you imagine if —

REID: But wouldn't it be the most perfect fairy tale — MAGA fairy tale —

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

REID: — if he finally sees the light that he needs a white queen instead of this brown Hindu? I mean, I'm not saying that's happening.

WELCH: Right.

REID: Or maybe that Usha is not even in on it. Maybe she's — whatever. But that's — that's one entrants [sic].

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WELCH: Okay, hit it or had it, Bubbagate?

REID: I hit it, baby.

WELCH: My man!

SULLIVAN: So there.

REID: Baby, I wish it was Bill Clinton because this is the — this is the tea I need. I need to know who Bubba is. I want to know what's Trump on his knees. I want to know what's Trump with — did he — I mean, I want to know everything. Was he a spitter? I need to know because he did that thing with a microphone where he was filating it.

SULLIVAN: He acted like he knew what he was doing.

WELCH: He's talking about —

REID: He looked like an expert. He talked about that man's junk.

WELCH: — Arnold Palmer's cock.

REID: Yeah. How did he know what he looked like?

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

REID: I need to know who Trump is with, when he's with them, is Melania jealous or is she glad to not have to deal with it? Is she saying, go ahead Bubba, you take it cuz I don't want it. I hit it every day. I need it. I need to know who Bubba is. And if it's not Bill Clinton — if it's not Bill, is it Bill Clinton brother?

WELCH: You know, Ghisaline Maxwell's horse name was Bubba.

REID: This is all I want to talk about. I don't even want to talk about nothing else. Just this.

SULLIVAN: It's crazy.

REID: 24/7.

SULLIVAN: I want it so bad.

REID: So bad.

SULLIVAN: My daughter, who is, like, comes this weekend, she calls me and she goes, "mom, did Donald Trump give Bill Clinton a blowjob? It's all over Tik Tok." And I was like, "that kind of is the running theory." She's like, "and — and these Christians are all for it?" Like, apparently.

REID: How did he hold it with his little hands?

SULLIVAN: That's why he's probably so good at his mouth.

WELCH: Especially if —

SULLIVAN: The hands are so little.

WELCH: — especially if it was Ghislaine's horse. Those hands are so good.

REID: The horses are quite large. "Oh, Donald, you scamp."

WELCH: Oh my gosh. I love it. And you know, here's the thing. in any other world. You know, Mark Epstein came out and said, "hey, it wasn't Bill Clinton." But he didn't deny that any of it happened. He also didn't deny the part that Putin had evidence of it.

SULLIVAN: Right.

WELCH: So, all these national security Republicans for years, the nauseating Scott Jennings with the national security lapel and I believe in national security. Now it makes perfect sense. Helsinki, the bend over in Alaska because Putin — we all thought it was the pee tape. It's Kank's blowing Bubba.

SULLIVAN: Yeah.

REID: I mean he's — and then I also wonder what does Bibi have on him?

WELCH: Same thing.

SULLIVAN: Same thing, yeah.

REID: Right? Because if you think about it, Gilean Maxwell's father was Mossad related.

WELCH: Yep.

REID: And then you have Jeffrey Epstein who — a lot of those emails he's very also pro-Israel. He's also buddies with the — with Ahud Barack. So, it's like, there's all this Israel connection. There's connection to Kensington, to the crown and then there's connections to Russia. There could be multiple national security challenges with Trump that multiple countries have dirt on him — dirt on the president of the United States.

WELCH: Which is why we need the details.

SULLIVAN: That's right.

WELCH: Spitter or swallow?

SULLIVAN: Spitter or swallow?

REID: We need to know if he's spit or swallow.

SULLIVAN: Who is Bubba? Horse? Human?

REID: Horse or a human? Eww.

WELCH: All right, Joy. Last one. Had it or hid it. the United States of America.

REID: I mean, we're kind of like — we're like a ghetto vibe in a trench coat or what we are — we, like, are — we like — oh! No, we're like a — we're like a ghetto in a Gucci belt or something like that.

WELCH: Yeah.

REID: Is that what it is? It's something like that. America, in some ways, is kind of — it's — it's kind of like — my daughter just came back from Japan and they have, like, brand new, amazing infrastructure, and super fast trains and it's like, we're like a broken down like uncle — like, we're a old unc that needs, like, a — a rebrand.

WELCH: We're an aging porn star.

SULLIVAN: Right.

REID: We're an aging porn star.

WELCH: Yeah.

REID: And it's it's sad for me because I think the — my parents were immigrants. So, they came here with this real hope about America and they had this kind of rose-colored glasses view of what America was supposed to be. My mother very soon found out about the racism and she was like, ew, this is not what I expected.

WELCH: Right.

REID: I didn't know that was going to happen, but I think there was this old — America has the most possibility of any country. It's not built for a cast system which is a good thing. It's built to actually create an ecumenical multi-racial democracy but it isn't functioning. So, I — I'm still America. I'm still gonna say hit it. But it needs — it needs a reboot. It needs it needs an HGTV makeover.

WELCH: It needs a bikini trim, this porn star.

REID: It needs a whole bikini.

WELCH: It needs a Brazilian.

REID: Yeah, no. This puta is hairy and nasty and it needs to get fixed.

WELCH: Joy Reid, this was exceeded all expectations.

SULLIVAN: Exceeded!

WELCH: It was totally — we decided we had to do it in person. It exceeded all expectations. We love you. You're welcome on *I've Had It* anytime. Let's keep fighting the good fight.

REID: Let's do it.