



## **Foreign Entanglements: Full Transcript**

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[01:00:10:00] DAVID: Hi, I'm David Milchard, and in case you didn't know... I'm Canadian! Now, up in Canada we love the whole world, and the whole world loves us -- from our adorable moose to our hunky Prime Minister -- but word on the street is, down here in the US, You guys don't feel the same way...

CROWD: USA! USA!

DAVID: In fact, in a recent poll, 70% of Americans said the next President should focus on Domestic Policy rather than Foreign Policy... 70%, Is that right? Really. Well, let's go find out.

[01:00:48:00] DAVID: Excuse me sir do you have time to talk to a Canadian?

DAVID: When you're done locking up your bike may I ask you some questions?

DAVID: Can I ask you some questions Elmo?

DAVID: Guys! Someone's finally going to talk to me. Where are you from?

BLONDE: I'm from Minnesota

WALLSTREETER: I live in Jersey City

COUPLE: I'm from Nebraska

DAVID: I'm Canadian

MAN WITH NECKLACE: OK. How is the bacon over there?

DAVID: Oh buddy...

DAVID: Hey, the election's coming up.

WASHINGTON SQUARE PERFORMER: I agree, I'm a big political voter. I vote every year.

DAVID Yes! High five! Whoa!

[01:01:12:00] DAVID: What are some issues that might influence your vote?

UPPER WEST SIDE LADY: The economy.

YOUNG TANK TOP GIRL: Terrorism.

YOUNG GUY GLASSES: Climate change.

TIMES SQUARE GOATEE GUY: The economy in this country is going to hell.

BLUE SHIRT: Foreign Policy is definitely up there.

ARTHUR GINSBURG: Bringing back a lot of the jobs.

FLOWER BLOUSE: Jobs.

LADY GREEN HAT: More job opportunities.

WOMAN AT CAFE TABLE: Violence against African Americans.

DAVID: Three important issues... that are going to help you when you vote.

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DAVID: So we're hearing a little about "Foreign Policy" but it seems most people are concerned with Economy and jobs... which, is in line with our polls.

[01:01:43:00] DAVID (V.O.): In 2016 the issues that matter most to voters, such as JOBS, THE ECONOMY and TERRORISM blow FOREIGN POLICY out of the water... even "OTHER" outranks FOREIGN POLICY. In fact, in each of the last 50 years a majority of Americans have agreed that the US should concentrate on their own national problems, and not think so much in international terms...

[01:02:03:00] DAVID: Now, I'm just a Canadian so I don't know much about "JOBS", the "ECONOMY" or "OTHER," But I don't see how you can separate TERRORISM from FOREIGN POLICY. You know, maybe people just don't understand what foreign policy is...

[01:02:18:00] DAVID: Could you define Foreign Policy?

PURPLE SHIRT: Um, not right off, not right off hand but, you know...

YANKEE SHIRT: I guess...

YOUNG BLONDE GIRL: Foreign policy, well, I'm not very familiar with that term.

MAN WITH BIG GLASSES: Foreign policy to me is like stay out of war, foreign entanglements...It's like George Washington said.

TIME WARNER CENTER LADY GREEN HAT: To tell you the truth, I haven't really done any research on foreign anything.

MESSY HAIR GUY: I mean, how it exists, or like...

[01:02:45:00] PROF. JEFF TOGMAN: Well basically US Foreign Policy is the policies of the US Government toward the outside world.

DAVID: Well, that sounds like it's great for governments, how does it affect the individuals?

PROF. JEFF TOGMAN: A lot of things that we think of as Domestic Policy that voters really care about actually have a very important foreign policy component.

[01:03:04:00] (V.O): Look at the economy. In 1980, 70% of clothes bought in the US were made in the US, now it's closer to 2%. Those jeans you're wearing are made from cotton grown in India, woven in Mexico, assembled in Vietnam, and held up by a zipper manufactured by a Japanese conglomerate. So International trade deals are something you interact with every day whether you know it or not. And we don't JUST consume. The US is the second largest exporter of goods in the world, souring international trade agreements could cost us up to two trillion dollars and millions of jobs.

[01:03:39:00] (V.O): Or, take the environment, an important issue to younger voters, and with good reason. Americans are seeing more effects of climate change every year. But 95% of the world's population lives outside our borders, alone we can only do so much. It's going to take international cooperation to solve the problem. And the list goes on. The idea that anything is contained by national borders in this entangled world is outdated.

[01:04:05:00] DAVID: Hey wait a second, how do you know so much about foreign policy?

PROF. JEFF TOGMAN: I have a PhD in Political Science.

DAVID: Ah, lucky I ran into you.

[01:04:13:00] DAVID: Do you think Foreign Policy is connected to Domestic Policy in the sense of like Economy?

NEBRASKA COUPLE MAN: To an extent yes.

TANK TOP GIRL: I haven't really thought about, so...

DAVID: Would it surprise you that economy and jobs and all of that falls underneath Foreign Policy?

PURPLE BACKPACK: No.

WHITE SHIRT SUNGLASSES I mean what happens here, affects the world cause we are a global society.

DAVID: The United States is the second largest exporter in the world, globally, so...

YANKEE SHIRT: I believe that.

DAVID:...so a good foreign policy, what do you think? Does it make sense to have one?

FOX NEWS COUPLE: Yeah, oh yeah.

[01:04:44:00] DAVID: So, if all the issues Americans care about are tied to foreign policy... then Americans *do* care about Foreign Policy, they just don't realize it, unlike us Canadians. What? what? Really? Really? Oh. It seems that Canadians rank Foreign Policy even lower than Americans. If you'll excuse me, I have to get the word out.

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