Jared Kushner /  
an interview  

[Text: Jared Kushner agrees to a two-part interview with political reporter Jonathan Swan. First at home - then at work]  

[Text: Kushner Residence  
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JARED KUSHNER: Hi.  

JONATHAN SWAN: Hey Jared, nice to see you.  

JARED KUSHNER: Welcome. Good to see you. Come on in. Welcome.  

JONATHAN SWAN: Thanks for having me. Appreciate it.  

JARED KUSHNER: Good. Come, sit down.  

JONATHAN SWAN: Sure, thank you.  

JONATHAN SWAN: So the way we were thinking about this was um two parts. So today we want to talk more about personal. You're one of the most interesting people in American politics and people haven't really heard you, you know, or seen you that much and tomorrow um you know we want to delve more into the policy and more of the things that you've been working on in the White House. So that's kind of how we were thinking about it. Is that good?  

JARED KUSHNER: Shoot away.  

JONATHAN SWAN: So I wanted to start by asking and it's very clear to me you hate doing this.  

JARED KUSHNER: It's not my natural thing, but it's uh...  

JONATHAN SWAN: No, you hate it. You were like the person who was in your office sort of behind the scenes but not really doing any interviews. Why the decision to change?  

JARED KUSHNER: Well, the first couple of years, politics was uh a newer thing for me. Uh we I got involved in the campaign. The president asked me to get involved. I uh took an increasingly large role as that went on and getting involved in the transition and coming to Washington was also uh a new experience and for me a big part of it was just focused on doing the work and moving forward.  

JONATHAN SWAN: Obviously I’m Jewish, you’re Jewish. To what extent does your Judaism inform, you know, how you live your life?
JARED KUSHNER: Well I think the, the religion that I have in Judaism is is probably similar to what a lot of other religions uh give to people which is a code of values, where uh you have to be judging yourself to make sure that what you're doing always is the right thing and, and you feel good about it.

JONATHAN SWAN: Has your father-in-law ever challenged your values?

JARED KUSHNER: Um, in what regard?

JONATHAN SWAN: Well I mean when you were on the campaign you had Access Hollywood? There's been other things you've had to deal with since then. I mean, like, it's a sensitive question, but I mean it in the sense of you're a son-in-law, you're a husband, you're a senior advisor. Does it make it sometimes harder to, to tell him the truth?

JARED KUSHNER: No, I think he, he respects people who are willing to be honest with him. When I do disagree, you'll never read about it in the press and I won't say it publicly but I will say there's a lot more things I agree with him on than disagree.

JONATHAN SWAN: So you agree with him on economics and foreign policy. Where do you stand on abortion?

JARED KUSHNER: Again, I was not uh the person who was elected.

JONATHAN SWAN: So you agree with the president's position?

JARED KUSHNER: I'm here to enforce his positions. His position is the one that as a staffer in the White House will work to push.

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JONATHAN SWAN: Did you ever think about serving in the military when you were younger?

JARED KUSHNER: It was not something that occurred to me. I did work at Manhattan District Attorney's Office and I felt that uh the public service maybe I'd go into would be as a prosecutor and then obviously I had a family situation and decided that wasn't the best path for me to go down.

JONATHAN SWAN: That family situation, I want to understand how that was for you? That situation, you were a young man. You were 23. You had to read in the newspapers that your father was going to prison. That he had set his brother-in-law up with a prostitute. Did you know that the family feud had gotten to that level?

JARED KUSHNER: So my father and I have always been very close. We're still very close. Uh I think my father is uh uh he was an amazing businessman. He was an amazing father. Things
turned in a, in a direction that was unfortunate and uh I have a lot of respect for how my father handled himself after. He acted I think in a in a very respectful manner. We all became better from the experience.

JONATHAN SWAN: You’re one of the most powerful people in the country. To what extent do you think that that was merit or nepotism?

JARED KUSHNER: The president wouldn't have been able to get me to work on his campaign had it not been for familial relations and I guess because I'm related to him, people will make that accusation one way or the other. I do think that I've got a good track record in all the things I've done of uh focusing on producing results.

JONATHAN SWAN: Do you ever think about what you would've become if you had a different upbringing? You know if you didn't have some of the advantages that you had?

JARED KUSHNER: Um, uh no. I mean I think that I've, I've definitely uh feel blessed to have had a great you know great parents, great, great life, great opportunities. This is an amazing country. You know my grandparents came here as refugees and they were able to build a great life for themselves. You know my father worked hard and was able to be successful.

JONATHAN SWAN: How has that experience changed the way you think about things? Have they shared what it was like being a refugee?

JARED KUSHNER: It was more they would share what it was like being persecuted. I mean my, my grandparents survived the Nazis and my grandfather came here on a Tuesday, he got a job on a Thursday, and he, he just you know worked very, very hard and he was able to create the American dream. When I came to Washington, the only thing I brought to my office was a picture of them. It’s a great reminder of how great this country is where you know my grandparents could be on the, on the precipice of life or death and then come to this country and you know 70 years later, you know, their, their grandson's working in the White House.

JONATHAN SWAN: It's true. I mean the flip side is that picture is also a reminder of you know, you guys have dramatically reduced the number of refugees, intake into this country. I think the lowest level in 40 years.

JARED KUSHNER: Yeah, I think look the world right now is in uh we inherited a, a crazy world. I think what we had done is last year we gave...

JONATHAN SWAN: But isn't it always a crazy world, isn't it?

JARED KUSHNER: Right, I think right now you've got 65 million refugees in the world. You can't have all of them come into your country.

JONATHAN SWAN: No, I know but, but what's the rationale for cutting so dramatically?
JARED KUSHNER: Yeah, I think that the amount of money you can spend to help refugees resettle in their countries and deal with aid is very impactful, so we’re trying to-

JONATHAN SWAN: So you agreed with the policy of cutting it to that level?

JARED KUSHNER: It doesn’t make a difference one way or the other the number. It’s, it’s...

JONATHAN SWAN: Well I think it does. It means people are either living here or they’re not.

JARED KUSHNER: Yeah but in the scheme of the magnitude of the problem we have, I think that we’re doing our best to try to make as much impact to allow refugees to be able to go back to their places, end conflicts in places like Syria and find ways to make sure that you're funding these situations so that the people who are immediately becoming refugees can have as much care as possible, but we have a lot of tragedies all over the world and that again one of the reasons why as Americans we're very lucky to be where we are.

JONATHAN SWAN: Is there a universe in which you run for office?

JARED KUSHNER: uh, me?

JONATHAN SWAN: Yeah.

JARED KUSHNER: No, it's not something that, that I would ever think about doing.

JONATHAN SWAN: Thanks for having us. Thank you. And we're looking forward to tomorrow.

JARED KUSHNER: Great. Thank you.

JONATHAN SWAN: Yeah. Thanks Jared.

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JARED KUSHNER: Hey. How you doing? Good to see you again. Good morning. How are you?

JONATHAN SWAN: Hey. How are you Jared? Nice to see you.

JONATHAN SWAN: I want to set aside the Israeli-Palestinian peace deal for a moment. I’ll come to particulars about that later. I want you ask you about what you, Jared Kushner believe. Do you believe the Jewish people have a God-given right to what the Israeli government calls Judea and Samaria and what others call the West Bank?
JARED KUSHNER: So, what I believe is that, all human beings have the right to live in a way that gives them the opportunity to live in peace and to live harmoniously with each other. When I first got involved I saw that there was a big difference between the older...

JONATHAN SWAN: I understand. Sorry, just to pin you on that though, Judea and Samaria is a set piece of land. Do you think that the Jewish people have a right to that land? A God-given right.

JARED KUSHNER: Well, so, in my job it's not about what I believe. It's about what the president wants to push for and what you can get both sides to, to agree to, that will be, in a way that will allow them to live better lives.

JONATHAN SWAN: I understand. Do you believe that the Palestinians are capable of governing themselves without Israeli interference?

JARED KUSHNER: I think that's a very good question. I think that's one that we'll have to see. The hope is, is that they over time can become capable of governing.

JONATHAN SWAN: They being, the Palestinian Authority?

JARED KUSHNER: The Palestinians. I think that there are some things that the, the current Palestinian government has done well and there's some things that uh are lacking. And, and I do think that in order for the area to be investable, for investors to come in and want to invest in different industry and infrastructure and create jobs, uh you do need to have a fair judicial system. You need to have freedom of press, freedom of expression, tolerance for all religions. And so...

JONATHAN SWAN: Can they have freedom from any Israeli government or military interference?

JARED KUSHNER: I, I think that it's a, it’s a high bar. I think what you need to figure out is, uh what is a way that you could have both people live in peace. Look, the the peaceful situation there is beneficial to the Israelis. It’s beneficial to the Palestinians. And if you don't have a proper governance structure and proper security uh when people are living in fear of terror, that hurts Palestinians. That hurts Israelis just the same.

JONATHAN SWAN: Do you believe the Palestinian people deserve, their own independent sovereign state with the capital in East Jerusalem?

JARED KUSHNER: There's a difference between the technocrats and there's a difference between the people. The technocrats are focused on very technocratic things and when I speak to Palestinian people, what they want is they want the opportunity to live a better life. They want the opportunity to pay their mortgage.

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JONATHAN SWAN: You don't think they want their own state? Free from Israeli government?

JARED KUSHNER: I think that they they want an opportunity. Look they've been promised a lot of things for a lot of years. And uh they've been lied to, I think that they've been misled. And I think that a lot of the things that people have held out for them uh have just not come through for one way or the other. You can blame all different types of things, but I do think that they should have self-determination. I'm gonna leave the details until we come out with the actual plan, but I think that what's most important is that they have the opportunity to better their lives, live in peace with their neighbors and have the same opportunities that Israelis have.

JONATHAN SWAN: Well that's sovereignty.

JARED KUSHNER: Well, we're talking about the people, not about the actual technical terms.

JONATHAN SWAN: Well, here's what I want to know. How do you know what the Palestinian people want? Like, I've heard you say that in interviews before. I mean, you're not exactly walking on the streets of Ramallah every day. I mean, like, you're sort of representing sort of what the Palestinian people want. I mean, how, how do you frankly know?

JARED KUSHNER: So, we've been talking with a lot of people privately for two years now. I've spoken with a lot of people from the region. I've spoken to a lot of people from the Israeli side. A lot of people from, who've been involved with this in the past.

JONATHAN SWAN: It seems like mostly Gulf people. Have you really spoken to that many Palestinians?

JARED KUSHNER: Again, Jonathan. One thing about the way I've conducted myself is not a lot of people know who I've been talking to and what I've been talking about and that protects people. I mean, the Palestinian people do live under a fairly authoritative regime today. And a lot of people are afraid to step out.

JONATHAN SWAN: Do you understand why the Palestinians don't trust you?

JARED KUSHNER: Um, uh look, I'm not here to be trusted. I'm here to...

JONATHAN SWAN: Well you are frankly. I mean to look at it from their point of view and you're a businessman, you always look at things from their view. You've got three Orthodox Jews on the negotiating team. Two of you have at different points funded settlements; Jewish settlements in the West Bank. You've got the actions you've taken so far, moving the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. You've cut all aid to the Palestinians, including hospitals in East Jerusalem. And you've shut down the Palestinian diplomatic office in Washington. I mean, can you not see why they might not want to talk to you and that they might not trust you?
JARED KUSHNER: Alright, so there's a difference between the Palestinian leadership and the Palestinian people. Ok. I -

JONATHAN SWAN: And you think the Palestinian people would be ok with all those things that you guys have done?

JARED KUSHNER: The actions we’ve taken were because America's aid is not entitlement. Right, if we make certain decisions which we’re allowed to as a sovereign nation to respect the rights of another sovereign nation and we get criticized by that government, the response of this president is not to say, “Oh, let me give you more aid.” So, again, that was a result of the decisions taken by the Palestinian leadership. With regards to the Palestinian people, uh I do believe that they want to have a better life. And I do think that, uh. They’re not gonna judge -

JONATHAN SWAN: They don't mind the aid being cut?

JARED KUSHNER: Well they're not gonna judge anything based on trusting me, or trusting anyone else. They're gonna judge it based on the facts and then make a determination. Do they think this will allow them to have a pathway to a better life or not?

JONATHAN SWAN: I want to ask you about your close and influential relationship with the Saudi crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman. He orders the murder of a Washington Post journalist. He locks up women's rights activists who say they've been tortured. He kidnaps the Lebanese prime minister. He indiscriminately bombs civilians in Yemen. The question that people are asking is, is what do you see in this guy?

JARED KUSHNER: Over the last two years, when we first did our Saudi trip, uh when we started the relationship with Saudi Arabia it was about identifying what are America's interests in the Middle East and what can we do to further those interests. The number one threat to America and Israel was Iran. And what we've done is we've worked very closely with the Saudi government to try to figure out how do we try to contain Iran and their aggression of the region. The number two issue was really ISIS-

JONATHAN SWAN: Sorry to interrupt you, cause I've heard you say this before. I understand, I totally understand what you’re saying about the practicality of countering Iran. You went to Riyadh, that was your orchestration. I completely understand that. The strategic importance of Saudi Arabia, but I’m just asking you about Mohammed bin Salman as an individual. I mean you've hosted him here. You guys have held him up as a great reformer. I mean, were you not… Does this not make you question that judgement? I mean you put a lot into this guy.

JARED KUSHNER: Again, they have been a long-term ally of our country. Uh when there are things that they don’t do that we do not approve of, we we talk about that with them privately, but we feel like we're in a position now where there’s a lot of interest that we have that are shared with them. And our goal is to pursue those interests.
JONATHAN SWAN: How many conversations have you had with Mohammed bin Salman about the murder of Jamal Khashoggi?

JARED KUSHNER: Yeah, again, the discussions I have, with whether it's you know individual Palestinians or with world leaders or with other people, I keep those discussions to myself. The people who need to know about them in our government um that are, that it’s related to the jobs that they're doing, they know about those discussions, but again those discussions stay private...

JONATHAN SWAN: The CIA...

JARED KUSHNER: And that's how people have trust to deal with our government.

JONATHAN SWAN: Did the CIA interview you about those conversations?

JARED KUSHNER: I'm not going to go into any of my discussions with the CIA and I'm not going to go into any discussions I've had with foreign leaders.

JONATHAN SWAN: Saudi Arabia has admitted that Saudi agents strangled and dismembered Khashoggi. Islam, Judaism and Christianity value burying the dead. Will you join Khashoggi's fiancé in calling on the Saudi government to release his body to his family or identify where they've put the body parts so his loved ones might give him if not a timely burial, at least a burial.

JARED KUSHNER: Look, it's a horrific thing that happened, uh and what we've done is we've called for full transparency. We're working on an investigation to get to the bottom of what happened.

JONATHAN SWAN: Should they return the body?

JARED KUSHNER: Once we have all the facts then we'll make a policy determinations, but that would be up to the secretary of state to kind of push on our policy and we'll do everything we can to try to bring transparency and accountability for what happened.

JONATHAN SWAN: I mean, with respect, the Senate has unanimously said that Mohammed bin Salman ordered it, the CIA briefed members of the Senate who voted that way. I don't know what the administration is waiting for in terms of accountability?

JARED KUSHNER: I believe that there's a report that they're working on. They've been doing an investigation and when they have the facts of the investigation, then it'll be up to the president to make a determination on what he wants to do.

JONATHAN SWAN: The New York Times reported that in the summer of 2016 Deutsche Bank, their software flagged a series of transactions involving your company. Uh Ms. McFadden, she's
a longtime anti-money laundering specialist, she's said she's reviewed the transactions and found that money had moved from Kushner Companies to Russian individuals. Do you know what transactions she's talking about?

JARED KUSHNER: No, and I'll just I'll just tell you this, that's probably the 20th story between the Washington Post and the New York Times where they've accused uh my companies or me of something that's been been very salacious. Nothing that they've accused us of has panned out in any way. Look I would not have come into government had there been anything salacious and nefarious that I was worried about. At this point I have been fully vetted and I think people see this way. And I do think this is a terrible thing because you want people who've been successful in this country, who have taken advantage of the greatness of the opportunity that America provides to go into government and to serve their country. When they get harassed and when they have their companies looked at and they're employees have to deal with this nonsense uh because people want to push a narrative, uh I think that that's a terrible thing.

JONATHAN SWAN: Well, let's talk about one thing that you did do. On June the 8th, 2016, you were sent an email with an offer of help for the Trump campaign from the Russian government.

JARED KUSHNER: I'm sorry, which email are you talking about?

JONATHAN SWAN: Ah, the email from uh Rob Goldstone.

JARED KUSHNER: Look Jonathan.

JONATHAN SWAN: No no no no no, my question to you, my question to you, is why didn't you pick up the phone and call the FBI? It was an email that said Russia. That said the Russian government was trying to help, like why didn’t you do that?

JARED KUSHNER: Jonathan, we're in a place now where people are playing Monday morning quarterback and they're being so self-righteous. Let me put you in my shoes at that time. Ok, I'm running three companies, I'm helping run the campaign. I get an email that says show up at 4 instead of 3 to a meeting that I had been told about earlier that I didn't know what the hell it was about. Ok, I show up at the meeting. I stay for 15 minutes. It's a, it's a clown show. One second. Let me finish this. I text my assistant and say can give me a call and get me the hell out of here. This is a waste of time. I leave. I never would have thought about that meeting again. Ok. Had there been something that actually was nefarious at that meeting that came up, maybe we would have done something different. But the reality is, is that the meeting was a total waste of time.

JONATHAN SWAN: I need to stop you there. This is we're talking about Russia here. They are a long-term adversary of the United States. Decades of hostility, including spying. Does it not set off at least some alarm bell when you see an email saying that the Russian government wants to help the campaign?
JARED KUSHNER: Like I said, the email that I got on my iPhone at the time basically said show up at 4. I didn't scroll down, I never would've thought about that email.

JONATHAN SWAN: It had Russia in the subject line.

JARED KUSHNER: Again, I would get about 250 emails a day and so I literally saw show up at 4. I showed up at 4.

JONATHAN SWAN: Would you call the FBI if it happened again?

JARED KUSHNER: I don't know. It's hard to do hypotheticals, but the reality is, is that we were not given anything that was salacious.

JONATHAN SWAN: I'm not gonna go through, I saw one of your interviews that was meeting after meeting that they went through. I only want to talk about two meetings that you've taken during your time in the White House. You've met with Joshua Harris, the founder of private equity firm at Apollo Global Management. The New York Times reported that during those meetings you discussed infrastructure policy and a possible White House job for Mr. Harris. In 2017, November, his company lent $184 million to your family's real estate firm, Kushner Companies. How did that happen?

JARED KUSHNER: Yeah so first of all, I never met with uh Mr. Harris individually. I was in a big meeting on infrastructure, with a bunch of other people and he happened to be in the meeting. I never discussed a White House job with Mr. Harris. Uh with regards to uh his business with Kushner Companies, I was out of the company. I was recused. I had no information of what was going on. I had no knowledge they were talking to him. I didn't know about the loan even until I read about it in the newspaper.

JONATHAN SWAN: The second one I want to ask you about Citigroup's chief executive Michael Corbat. He met with you around the spring of 2017. Shortly thereafter, Citigroup lent $325 million to your family company.

JARED KUSHNER: Yea, so again -

JONATHAN SWAN: I mean that sounds. You could see the appearance of a conflict of interest there.

JARED KUSHNER: No look, I understand the appearance. Again, I didn't know they were discussing business with our company I was meeting with a lot of executives when we got here.

JONATHAN SWAN: I mean they were a lender beforehand –
JARED KUSHNER: Let me finish, again they were our lender for a long time but so was a lot of other people -

JONATHAN SWAN: So wouldn't that be more a reason? Would that be more reason?

JARED KUSHNER: But I didn't know there was ongoing discussion but we met with a lot of people. Look again the CEOs of the banks have a lot of insight into what the consumer habits are what the different regulation policies and when we got here a big thing what we were doing is figuring out what should be the policies we should put in place to stimulate the economy. We met with uh dozens of CEOs on a regular basis.

JARED KUSHNER: When I came into government I gave my extensive financial holdings. Look I I was successful as a businessperson. I gave them to the office of government ethics, uh and I said look can I-

JONATHAN SWAN: I've heard you say that.

JARED KUSHNER: But let me say this again, can I do this, right? They went through each of my entities, they said sell these you can keep these and operate in this way.

JONATHAN SWAN: Right. Right. Right.

JARED KUSHNER: Then I got an ethics agreement. I followed everything to the T ok and there's been no complaints anywhere internally that I haven't done that. So, again, if people want to try to you know make insinuations on things that –

JONATHAN SWAN: Well I'm asking about meetings that happened and money that they lent to your company. I mean those are two things and it's a fair question but let me just, let me move on. Let me ask you, Let me ask you just one yes or no answer: Did you discuss your security clearance with the president?

JARED KUSHNER: Uh I'm not going to go into security clearance related issues uh what I do know again is that at this point after two years I've probably been more vetted than anybody-

JONATHAN SWAN: I understand, but your wife, Ivanka, said no. Can you say no?

JARED KUSHNER: Yeah, I have not discussed it with him.

JONATHAN SWAN: You haven't?

JARED KUSHNER: No.

JONATHAN SWAN: Categorically?
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JARED KUSHNER: Yes.

JONATHAN SWAN: You never discussed it?

JARED KUSHNER: I have not discussed it.

JONATHAN SWAN: Ok.

JONATHAN SWAN: Alexandria Ocasio Cortez

JARED KUSHNER: mhm.

JONATHAN SWAN: uh she calls she has called President Trump a racist. Have you ever seen him say or do anything that you would describe as racist or bigoted?

JARED KUSHNER: So the answer is uh no, absolutely not. Uh you can't not be a racist for 69 years and then run for president and be a racist and what I'll say is that when a lot of the democrats call the president a racist, I think they're doing a a disservice to people who suffer because of real racism in this country.

JONATHAN SWAN: Was birtherism racist?

JARED KUSHNER: Um look I wasn't really involved in that.

JONATHAN SWAN: I know you weren't.

JARED KUSHNER: mhm.

JONATHAN SWAN: Was it racist?

JARED KUSHNER: Like I said, I wasn’t involved in that.

JONATHAN SWAN: I know you weren’t.

JARED KUSHNER: mhm.

JONATHAN SWAN: Was it racist?

JARED KUSHNER: Look, I know who the president is and I have not seen anything in him that is racist. So again, I was not involved in that.

JONATHAN SWAN: Did you wish he didn't do that?

JARED KUSHNER: Uh like I said I was not involved in that. That was a long time ago.

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JONATHAN SWAN: The other issue that often gets brought up in this conversation is that he campaigned on banning Muslims. Would you describe that as religiously bigoted?

JARED KUSHNER: Look I think that the president did his campaign the way he did his campaign and I -

JONATHAN SWAN: He did. But do you wish he didn't, do you wish he didn't make that speech?

JARED KUSHNER: Uh I think he's here today and I think he's doing a lot of great things for the country and that's what I'm proud of.

JONATHAN SWAN: Every president is known for one or two things, you know ultimately. FDR was known for the, for the New Deal. Reagan was known for defeating the Soviet Union. What do you think Donald Trump will be known for in 50 or 100 years’ time?

JARED KUSHNER: Uh I'd say, can I say two things?

JONATHAN SWAN: You can say two things.

JARED KUSHNER: Ok. I think the first thing is, is changing the type of people who are in Washington. What this president did is he represented an outsider who came in uh brought in a ton of people who never would've been in Washington before who were not “qualified” by conventional standards and he's brought in a ton of people that have brought great results to this country both economically and from a national security point of view.

JARED KUSHNER: Uh the second big shift is, I think the president’s really changed uh how we think about America’s place in the world. If you look at uh the thinking of what we did after the Second World War, we basically said America's place is to protect everybody and to give asymmetric access to our markets in order to help these other countries uh build up. What the president’s focused on now is how do we rebalance a lot of these relationships both from a trade point of view and from a burden sharing point of view. We've helped build up all these prosperous nations and so if we want to have a world order that's sustainable, uh America can't shoulder that burden itself.

JONATHAN SWAN: This is going to outlive Donald Trump.

JARED KUSHNER: mhm.

JONATHAN SWAN: This new direction in terms of how America is placed in the world. This is Donald Trump setting America on a new direction.

JARED KUSHNER: Yeah I look if you think about when, when he came in and I give him credit for sticking to his guns, he had uh positions on trade that were really not in the mainstream and uh
instead of saying ok well let me make my life easier by trying to just do what people in Washington did he said look I've been talking about these things for thirty years I believe these things. I campaigned on these things. The people elected me on these things. I'm going to do these things. You may not like the way he says it and you may not like his solution for it but these things are broken and they need debate and they need people trying to solve these problems and this president is working every day to try and solve these problems.

JONATHAN SWAN: Well we thank you. Thank you so much Jared, I really appreciate it.

JARED KUSHNER: Thank you Jonathan.

[TEXT: Jared Kushner is the most influential family member to serve a president since Robert Kennedy]