



JD: If I had to ask the president one question about labor, about working people. I would ask him how can he help protect the rights of the working men and women of this country? How can he help working men and women maintain the dignity and respect that they deserve? And how can they enjoy a piece of the American dream and be able to have free association with people that they want to associate with?

And then, if I was asked to have a follow-up question, I would ask him this: How would he ensure us having a level playing field? Because you already know that the American worker can outwork anybody in this world. And we're all in favor of the employer making a profit. But all we want is our fair share of it. I'd love to be able to ask him that question.

Q: I'd paraphrase what they said to Joe McCarthy: "Have you no decency? Have you no soul?" You know, Mitt Romney's father, the governor of Michigan? He wasn't the greatest labor guy in the world, but he understood the labor movement. He had respect for the labor movement. How far has his son come? He made his money off the misery of people. He didn't build something, he didn't create something. He made his money off of people's misery. I believe he doesn't care about working people.

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But, if we don't come together, business and labor, as equal partners, for the betterment of our community, we're going to lose a whole generation of people. A whole generation. And all that will be left here are the very poor and the very rich. And that would be an absolute disaster.

I worry about our community. It's a real concern. But, at the same time, I think we have a unique opportunity to change this place for the better and make it wonderful. Because we have so many brilliant people and great natural resources, and a really smart workforce. But we need to harness that for the good of the people.

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