

Episode 150-- The Importance of Conversation (and Pizza)

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JJ Janflone 00:08

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Kelly Sampson 00:38

And I'm Kelly.



JJ Janflone 00:39

And together, we're your co hosts here at Red Blue and Brady. And we're so happy to be here and happy that you're with us for drum roll. It's our 150th episode!



Kelly Sampson 00:52

Time has gone by so quickly!



JJ Janflone 00:53

Yes, we're not in the club, because it's COVID. But still, I cannot tell you though, like honest note, everybody, I'm going to get real here for a moment. I cannot tell you all how much doing this every week has meant to me, it's such an absolute privilege. I really do feel like I have the best job in the world. And that's so much because of all of you who listen in every week and who join us in this really hard fight against gun violence.

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Kelly Sampson 01:20

Yeah, totally agree, I feel so privileged to be able to take part in this with you, JJ, and also to be able to talk to all of our guests, whether it's the people who have turned unimaginable pain into a quest to protect others from feeling that same pain, or the researchers that we talked to who use their talents to make the world better for all of us, or the activists that we talked to who literally put their lives on the line, every day for this fight it is a huge honor to be able to be on this podcast.



JJ Janflone 01:52

And I'm so glad I get to do it with you to Kelly, whole heart moment. You know, speaking of this love fest, I can't think of a better guest for our 150th than two people who have also been really, I think, trying so so hard to bridge the gap between gun owners and non gun owners, you know, civil and unkind conversations, and who, in general, I just think are really great, funny people.

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Kelly Sampson 02:14

Yeah, this conversation, I think, was so indicative and sort of exemplified exactly why we have this podcast, because it was an opportunity for people who may not agree on everything, in fact, don't agree on everything, but who do agree that we have to do something to make our country safer. And part of that is just talking to people. So we have Chase Williams and Remmington Campbell, of the tactical American conversations podcast, which details among many other things, how we can all work together with those we don't necessarily agree with on all topics, to better ourselves, our communities, and ultimately the country.

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Chase Williams 02:53

Well, my name is Chase, as you've just heard, and I am one of the hosts of the tactical American conversations podcast, basically just been a long time communicator, everything from medical sales, to water softener in home sales, all sorts of things, communications, and you know, I like guns. So I decided to start a podcast to help other people who like guns communicate better, because, you know, some of us can use some help.

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Remmington Campbell 03:18

So my name is Remmington, I'm from Alaska originally, which is kind of a land of the wild, you know, some of the stories that we could tell would just be like, what that doesn't happen, you know, like, my buddy kicked a bear in the face that was eating his dog food and stuff like that. And so firearms have been kind of a key part of my life growing up, right. But anyways, along with Chase, I love talking, I mean, I could sit and talk your ear off forever and ever. And that's always been the case. I also work in the medical field, which is high stakes, and there's a lot of communication problems in the medical field. And so part of what I do, and part of what Chase does, is working through those different issues and, and helping those things. So anyway, we, we were working together for a while before we started the podcast, and we're actually working in the company and we're like, you know what, this isn't really us. Let's do something that's a little more, something, we can back a little more, you know, and we decided we wanted to talk, we wanted to open up the door to conversation with everybody and start talking about things that matter, instead of just having one side or the other. And anyway, so that's where we are. And that's, that's where we come from. And it's great to be here. Thank you so much for having us on.

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Kelly Sampson 04:28

You both kind of mentioned that part of why you started the podcast is because you love to communicate. And you also are a firearms enthusiast. And so you kind of want to help that community communicate better, and have these honest conversations and I'm wondering, What has that experience been like?

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Chase Williams 04:44

Okay I was gonna say for me, it's been really good and really interesting at the same time. Like one of the things that really led us to do what we're doing is you see a huge divide like Grand Canyon divide in our culture right now where it's almost like you got two different cultures just screaming at each other as if there's no middle ground. So it's funny talking to to firearm enthusiasts who are like, no, they're all trying to take our guns. It's like, you know, some of them are some of them aren't some things they're doing are really, really good some of the things you may not agree with. But come on let's, let's calm it down a bit. And then you've got people on the other side who are like no, if you don't take all the guns away, you want children to die. And it's like, No, no, they don't want children to die. None of the people that I've talked to do at least I mean, maybe there are some who do, but I've never met any. So can we calm that down too? So it's been really interesting to talk to people like on both sides who are like screaming about what the other side is saying. And it's like, well, but maybe they're not actually saying that.

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Remmington Campbell 05:40

Yeah, so you guys have all used Facebook, right? That wonderful place where everybody's nice to each other? Well, I used to occasionally jump on Facebook and ask questions, you know, and you get all kinds of conversations, oh, I don't want to call them conversations, you get all kinds of responses. And what I would do is I would say, Hey, here's this question I have, you know, like, I don't understand why these people are doing this thing. But I want to, I don't want to have a conversation on Facebook. I'm not going to read your replies. But if you will give me a call, I will talk with you as long as it takes for me to understand. And I started getting calls, you know, and people started talking to me, like, Hey, you know, and walking through these different things that I didn't understand, or they understood differently or whatever. And just that has been what our podcast has been, I mean, it's basically been like, okay, we're gonna just step away from this clashing, this head butting, right? And then we're gonna talk and anybody who wants to join us can come on over. And it's been really cool, because we've there's just so many people across the political spectrum, both for like gun things and non gun things, just across the political spectrum, across the religious spectrum. We're like, yeah, we want to step away and talk about things too. And so it's been really cool, because people have told us about conversations they've had, they've had conversations with us. And it's just been like, let's, let's forget all this craziness that's happening. And let's work on something together, like people, you know, like, sit down, eat dinner and talk about things, you know, normal life, right.



JJ Janflone 07:09

And one of the things that I think that your podcast does really well is I think you've, you both have done a really good job of like, there's a sense of community there. So there's a website that folks can go to, there's actually like a moderated forum and everything. So you're kind of eliminating the Facebook yelling. But it's interesting, because I think the podcast that we do here RBB, started kind of out of a very similar thing that just, you know, if we could get people to have conversations with one another, they would realize that there's a lot more common ground and a lot of information that folks are missing, just because groups aren't speaking to each other. But I would love if you could tell to our listeners a little bit about what you've put together with your podcast, you know, some of the topics that y'all have dug into,

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Chase Williams 07:49

We've done all sorts of different things we we've talked about, we mostly try to keep our conversations focused around either communication or self defense. And it's not just self defense in the form of firearms, we talk about martial arts, we talk about use of knives and other things. But we talked about self defense when it's warranted, when it's not warranted what place is there for pacifists even in war. And we talk about all those different things in ways that we try to be as non biased as we can while still expressing our opinions, right? But we also, we also have these book episodes where we go over. So far, it's been communications books and try to help people here are distinct skills you can use to learn to communicate better direct from the best sources, because we, we do our best to give you good information. But the best sources or the best sources, right? You got you got books that have been around for 100 years doing this for a reason. And so we try to go over those books in depth and give people examples of, Hey, if you're having a conversation about some hot topic that's going on right now, here's how this rule applies to this conversation.

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Remmington Campbell 08:54

Yeah, so actually speaking to that, the I was talking with my buddy, and he was probably just being extra nice, because it was my birthday. But he said, he was like, Oh, I want to listen to your podcasts. Tell me how to listen to it. So I pointed him to the YouTube. And he was scrolling through. He's like, oh, there's quite a lot of variety here. I mean, I don't know what he was expecting how we'd have like 40 episodes, talking about the same thing over and over again. But the things that we talk about, really boil down to let's talk about being good people. And we'll center it around the gun control, you know, gun control in general, or that that topic, right? And it's just amazing, like people that you meet and the different perspectives that you have, and just how similar everybody is and how it's actually quite easy for people to come together. When you're not trying to win something. You know what I mean?

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Chase Williams 09:39

Yeah, we rail on social media all the time, because like Remington said earlier, I don't want to call these conversations, they're comments. And the comments usually aren't so nice to people who they feel like they disagree with or just by like, had some sort of nuance of something they said that maybe hinted that they're on the wrong side, so I better attack, I better attack. That's what people get into on social media. So we rail on Social Media Communications all the time. And it's so rare to have a positive social media conversation, usually the way you have to do it is you have to, like, go over and above, to use all the rules from all the good communications materials to just like say, Hey, I'm not in this to fight, I just want to hear what you have to say. So please talk to me like a friend, because we are friends.

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Kelly Sampson 10:22

I think that's so needed in this area. Because I know one of the things that JJ and I have talked about, and prior guests I've talked about too, is when we're talking about firearms and safety in general, you're also getting at some of the heart of people's biggest, most precious concerns, like their family and their safety. And so the emotion is even more heightened in this area. So I think what you're doing is really helpful for that.

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Remmington Campbell 10:45

And likewise, I mean, because I feel like you guys are doing pretty much the same thing that we are, right? You're

And likewise, I mean, because I feel like you guys are doing pretty much the same thing that we are, right? You're trying to have these conversations, and you're inviting people on and talking with them. I mean, the fact that you're having us on here, you know, it's fantastic. Our, our guests have, we had JJ and Kris Brown from Brady over on our show just a couple weeks ago. But it's just so interesting how little people have taken the time to just listen, and how much we've just made assumptions about each other, you know, and it's, it's incredible, because there's so much good that we can do if we stop fighting, and we start listening, and we start trying to figure out what we can do together and actually use that synergy. Instead of wasting all of our resources. Having back and forth, the bad guy, not the good guy, good guy back and forth is fantastic.



JJ Janflone 11:30

On sort of that end, Do y'all feel that you get judged in a similar way? By having a podcast that says, you know, hey, we're firearms owners? Who were fans of the Second Amendment in this particular way? Do you ever feel that you get judged as like having a particular type of character or a certain set of beliefs because of, you know, that part of your identity, or that part of the podcast identity.



Remmington Campbell 11:51

So I was actually somebody was talking to me about a conversation they had about me, the other person was like, oh, but I thought Remington was a conservative, and it's just like, they're, you know, to half of my friends, I'm a conservative, and to half of my friends, I'm a liberal. And a lot of times we just put together these package deals, and it's like, well, if you believe this thing, or you're, you're supporting this thing, then you must agree with everything else. That is part of like a party platform that I think is part of that, you know, and so yeah, it's been, I wouldn't say so much from strangers. But just as people have learned that I'm doing this, I think they're, they kind of assume like, oh, okay, like, he wants to do that, you know, or, oh, he supports all of these other things, too. And it's, it's been fun trying to get people knowing us, you know, and sorting through the way you want to call that the package deals, right? Like the the group, the, you know, everything together, right, and finding the nuance and, and each little thing, But, you know, Chase probably gets hurt more than I do.



Chase Williams 12:52

No, I actually haven't had too much trouble with people that I actually know. But when you get people online who don't know you and who don't actually take the time to listen to what you're trying to say, like you're a white supremacist like well, I grew up in Vegas, if I were a white supremacist, I would have been beaten pretty hard, pretty quick. I was a scrawny kid. So that that that's not true. But with people that I actually know, people on all areas of the spectrum on the second amendment debate, people who are pretty far progressive people who are very conservative, not people that I really know. I find most of the time if you can keep your interactions to real life or to the phone, you can get past a lot of those assumptions pretty quick. But online, it's one problem altogether.



Kelly Sampson 13:33

One question that that I know JJ and I are both really curious about in terms of assumptions and sort of crossing communities that people may think don't have anything in common at Brady, one of the things that we've been really, really intentional about is making sure that we're working with people who own firearms, to store those guns safely so that we can prevent suicide and prevent unintentional deaths. And I'm wondering how those conversations go with members of your community about you know, for example, storing your weapons safely or things you can do with your firearm to prevent suicide.

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Chase Williams 14:06

So they actually go fairly similar to the way they go for you guys. So we've had we've had people from walk the talk America on our podcast, and they are a they're a group who combines the mental health community, so physicians, mental health practitioners and firearms community and brings them together to talk about things very similar way. And they talk a lot about the same things that you guys do with your specifically the end family fire program that you guys have got going on, right? Not it doesn't 100% match up. There are some details that are different in this community versus the way you talk about it at Brady, but 90% of it is the same. The difference you'll get to is when you get to some of the more extreme examples of gun safety where it's alright, take your firearm and lock it in a safe over here, take your magazine and lock it in another safe over here. You'll have you'll have some pushback pretty quick from the second ammendment community on that. Because it's just, if you end up in a scenario that's actually dangerous to your life, it's really hard to get to your firearm quick enough. And that's that situation, it's going to be hard to convince people otherwise. But if you're coming at it with a hate when you put your gun in your safe, start putting things on there that will prevent you from committing suicide, when that's going to happen. Put things that show people you love images of people you love, if you're a Christian, put an image of Christ on the front of your safe. So you have to get through all of your moral and societal duties in your mind to get to the state where we're going to be doing something harmful to yourself or to others. And so you will have, you'll have that conversation in the second on the community pretty, pretty often, as far as what we've had on our podcast.

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Remington Campbell 15:47

Yeah, I would say that about probably a fifth of the content that we talk about is our responsibility to each other to ourselves into our communities, to help prevent things like suicide, and homicide, and in a way that's within our individual capacity to do, if that makes sense. So everybody, it's, it's unfortunate, it's sad to say, but I think that everybody or just about everybody in our country has been affected by suicide in some way or another. Now, at the risk of letting it get a little heavy Chase, and I have both had people very close to us commit suicide with firearms, and it does impact our families, it does impact us as individuals. And what we try to do about that, is we try to talk about what can be done, not what someone else can do, to us, or for us, but what we can do for ourselves. If we know like, Hey, you know what, I, I, maybe I have bouts of depression. And, you know, and I know that and maybe I can anticipate kind of, or notice when things are starting to go south and I can do something about that make a change. Or someone else we recognize, Hey, you know what this person is going through some rough stuff. What can I do? You know, and the thing is, and we talked about this, actually, with Kris and JJ on their episode, but the thing is, a lot of times people are afraid, because they're like, Oh, I'm not qualified to deal with this person's trouble. But the thing is, everybody has really great power. And that is mostly made manifest in their words. And if we can just act, in spite of being afraid, we can save lives. Because sometimes it's just a matter of like, Hey, you know what, hey, I see that you're having some trouble. And I don't want anybody do anything or taking stuff from you or anything. But look, if you need me to hang on to your firearms for you for a week, or two, or a month, or a year, or whatever, I will do that for you. Or, hey, if you need something from me, I'm there. Or sometimes it's just a matter of like, man, like you're talking some really dark stuff right now, are you? Have you been thinking about hurting yourself? And you'll be surprised how often somebody will just say, Yeah, man, I can't, I can't stop thinking about it. I just, I'm just trudging through every moment. And I just can't stop thinking about it. And that's an opportunity right there. It's an opportunity to do something, say, hey, what can we do together? Let's work on this. Let's first make you safe. And I think that there's a lot of things that we can do. And that's the point of like, like JJ was saying community, right? It's, it matters so much. You know, we live in this wonderful country, and we talk about individualism, and we talk about collectivism. But really the important thing is that we recognize like, each person is unique. But we're all in this together. And as we do that, I think that we can really make a difference. And the thing is the conversations outside of the podcast, right? With just people and families and everything. Most people aren't talking about the guns that much, to be honest. It's more like, Okay, well, what led up to this type of thing. But guns are tools. And if we have a

tool that makes a job easier to do, well, then it might be more likely that the job is easier to do. And so it's important that we talk about it. And so like Chase was saying, with walk the talk America, that's what they do. They're all about that. It's like nobody's gonna we're not gonna pass the bill anymore. It's, we're gonna figure out what to do about this, and take personal action to do what we can within our circles.



JJ Janflone 19:19

I cite him all the time, because he's much smarter than me. But Dr. Ted Bonar, who runs our family fire initiative, he always has a thing about when folks are in crisis, it's our inclination to want to fix it for them. And if we can't fix it, then we panic. I think just as you pointed out, Remmington like, I'm not qualified, so we just kind of like withdraw or I think even as Chase as you pointed out, like we don't know how to have the conversation so we just skip it.



Chase Williams 19:44

Just kind of continue. Oh, you guys are saying sometimes, you don't have to start the conversation. If you see someone in a dark place. You don't have to start the conversation with a "Hey, you all right?" You can start with I'll go with Remmington's favorite "Hey, I got a pizza. I want to bring it over to your house. Can we just hang out, Can we have some good times." And when people are in a dark place, a lot of times, they don't feel like they matter to those around them, or they feel like they're a burden. And really, a lot of times, all it really will take is you going there, enjoying time with them, letting them enjoy time with you, remind them of good times by doing that. And make sure that you verbally out loud, express your appreciation to them as a person, for what they've done for you. Or for the fun time you had, make sure that you're you're sincere and just be like, people see that you can have conversations, you can disagree in places, but you can have good conversation. And we can make good things happen when we work together. So just that's all it takes sometimes is to really let people know that, hey, you matter, there are people who care about you and love you and you are not a burden to us. We like you here. So you don't have to say it that way. Of course, that might make things a little bit tougher, but just try to make try to make people feel appreciated. It goes a long way.



Kelly Sampson 20:58

Yeah, I was gonna say the whole, "I have a pizza" is so accessible. And it's so I mean, and you can obviously tailor that to coffee, whatever the person that you love, likes, but I love that you gave us something that's so accessible and so easy, because it can be really intimidating to know how to help but everyone likes to eat. That's, that's super helpful, I'm definitely gonna file that away. And kind of to this point about, you know, we can have these conversations and we can talk to people with different viewpoints. I'm wondering and your experiences with the podcast, outside of the podcast? What do you think people get wrong, or do poorly, whether intentionally or not, when they're having hard conversations, and especially when it comes to non gun owners speaking to gun owners.



Remmington Campbell 21:45

So I think that inauthenticity is one of the biggest problems that we face to kind of the pizza example, right? You know, and showing this honest sincerity, you know, it's almost like we're having to two different sides, right? It's like, we have the people who who are happy go lucky, and their life is so great. And we have the suicidal people. You know, it's like, man, have I been on every side of the spectrum there? Do you know what I mean? And being able to say that means something, because nothing makes somebody feel isolated, so much as feeling special in a bad way. If somebody thinks that they're the only one who feels a certain way, or thinks a certain way, man, good luck seeing them in 10 years, as we start to open up, and we start to say, Hey, you know what, like, being honest about, about

struggles that we've been through, you know, or different things like that, where it's like, you know, when you don't have to do it in such like, a weird way that makes them uncomfortable. Like, wait, what are you trying to do, you know, whatever. But just being more honest about our own problems about our own successes about everything can be so good, you know, we have this Instagram culture, right? Like, oh, I gotta, I gotta have my hair perfect. And I gotta have my like, my bikini wax perfect. And I got to make sure nobody thinks I have any mental health issues. And then that's what they get to see, right? Oh, that person is just so perfect. And my life is so terrible. But the thing is, we're all so complex, you know, and I think as we acknowledge that more, it helps a ton. And the thing is, like, if I invite somebody over for pizza, and maybe I think they're having a hard time, and I'm like, hey, let's get some pizza. I'll probably tell them, and in a very honest way, dude, I was having a terrible day. You I'm so glad you came over because you just brighten my whole day. You know, I mean, I can show gratitude. And I can show like, Hey, you matter here, not in a weird like, by the way, you matter. So don't kill yourself. But like, dude, my life is not always like rainbows and unicorns. And I really appreciate you being there to pick me up when I'm not at my best. And when you when you put that when you put that power in someone else's hands, and you let them know like, Hey, man, it was a little thing. Like you were here today. Just maybe not word. It's easily like that. But it can really it can really make a difference.



JJ Janflone 23:57

I think you can say it like that. I think that's sweet.



Chase Williams 24:03

Yeah, I mean, when so when people are talking to each other, I feel like they make several easy mistakes, especially especially when they've been watching YouTube videos of "Ben Shapiro destroys leftist progressive Nazi," it's like no, well you usually watch those and it's like nothing of the sort actually ever happens. Especially when they see those, they think the conversations are supposed to be really butting heads argumentative, like that. So they come into the conversation ready to be super defensive. I think both sides do this pretty heavily. They come into a conversation and go, alright, I need to go in here. And I need to defend what I believe and I need to not listen to what they have to say because they're they're liars. They're wrong. Thinking about their opinion, the other side's opinion in most topics before you ever enter a conversation you've you've got a pretty good bearing of what a lot of people think on different things right? Especially if you've been looking into it. If you tried to put yourself in the other party shoes during before after a conversation. And after a conversation that's gone badly, it's probably the least happy scenario we end up in, but before during, after put yourself in their shoes and go, Okay, what have they gone through that would have led them to this series of beliefs? How would a reasonable rational human being end up with this set of beliefs? Okay, you know, that person went through, went through some suicide in their family that was that was rough, I can, I can see how they would end up not wanting to have firearms in their home anywhere near them, and, and not let any of their loved ones have one. Or, man, that person was at a concert, and there was a there was a mass shooting at that concert, that that would terrify me, I can see how they would be hit, right? And you can see even they don't even have to have been there, they have to have seen it and been afraid of it right? You go Okay, well, I can understand how they have their opinion. And if you can get at least to that position, where you go I understand how they have their opinion, you don't have to agree. But as long as you can understand how they got there, you can have much more civil discussion. It's simply a matter of treating the other party like a human being and understanding that they've probably thought at least some amount about the opinion that they're so passionate about, and what put them there. Just think about it, you'll be alright. It'll be right to disagree.



Remmington Campbell 26:12

And I think that as we've done this podcast and gotten to know people, like you guys, more and more, that we've

noticed that this is really on both sides. So whether it's non gun, people getting to know gun owners, or vice versa, is that we're all people, you know, we're all just normal people, we're your neighbors, we're your, like plumbers, we're your doctors, like, we're everybody. You know, I think that a lot of people would actually be surprised by how many people are actually carrying a weapon that they don't know about. But the thing is, and I think that gun owners in particular, feel a very strong sense of like, I will step up and defend you if something goes down. And I think that oftentimes one of the one of the put offs, if you will, that gun owners feel is like, I'm trying to help you Why are you trying to take things away from me? Do you know what I mean, and so it's like, and maybe that's not what's actually happening, but there's a, I think there's a very strong sense of like, you know, I want to defend you, I want to defend the community, I want to make sure that we're all safe. And I was talking with a friend of mine from New Zealand. And, you know, I mentioned we, because she was asking me about the podcast, and I mentioned, you know, gun stuff. And she was like, Well, I'm very against gun violence. And I just looked at her. And she's like, Oh, yeah, yeah, you're probably really against gun violence as well. It's like, that's, that's the whole thing, right? We're all against violence. You know, we're all like, for peace and happy communities. And, you know, I don't know any pro gun person who's like, everybody should have a gun in their hands. You know, it's more like, Hey, you know, what, if that's what you're wanting to do, and you're willing to do that, then power to you, you know, but it's not like you're either with us or against us. It's like, Hey, you know what, and we had an episode on this, I think was our fourth episode, maybe. We called it a place for pacifists. And we ended up talking about different pacifist scenarios and stuff. And the consensus we came to is that, you know, everybody has a place in a community. And I think that just recognizing that we are a community is one of the biggest things.

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Chase Williams 28:33

We're not unidimensional, right? Like we we may have firearms, but that's, that's not all we are, right? So I play a lot of disc golf. I mean, I get like, every day, I play disc golf. And so I get to meet lots of people, all different kinds of positions on things I, you know, I meet my fair share of people who are smoking marijuana every day, and I'm definitely not, you know, part of that. But you get to know people and understand that, like, you know, that guy down the street that you like, you think is a pretty nice guy, but you don't know much about him. If you get to know him, you might know that, well, he's a he's a plumber, he likes to, he likes to run on the weekends, he plays softball, he's got, you know, two kids, and he also has a firearm on his hip all the time. But that's not all that he is that that last piece is just one piece of the puzzle. There's a lot of a lot of aspects to people and just one aspect that you do or don't agree with doesn't make or break the person. Generally. Now, if it's something like this person is a rapist, then Okay, that that'll make or break it for me. For the most part, most of the things that we see people talk about that one topic is going to make or break my opinion of a person.

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Kelly Sampson 29:43

Yeah. And just to kind of echo on what you said, I think, or what everyone was saying, I just think it's so important to because gun owners aren't a monolith to have voices like yours that are also speaking out and sort of challenging some of the the standard tropes that I at least hear. So this conversation for me, it's been personally challenging even hearing you say, you know, some people are thinking about wanting to protect people. Like when I hear that I'm like, Oh, I'm uncomfortable with that, because that's not something that I've heard. And so I have to go Think about it. So thank you.



JJ Janflone 30:15

And seriously, Chase, Remmington. I feel like I've learned so much, not just by talking to you, but by listening to your podcast. So non shameless plug because I'm doing it everyone go check them out there at tactical American conversations, they'll be linked to in the description of this episode, as well as how to find them, you know, via their

website, and all sorts of other places. But seriously, all thank you so so much for for coming on. And now now I want pizza. So not to get all schmaltzy on our 150th. But I have to be really honest, I loved recording this one. Like I don't know about you, Kelly. But sometimes we finish these episodes and I'm like, I need to go shout from the rooftops how awesome it is. But I know it's not going to maybe come out right away. And it drives me crazy, because I want to share it.

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Kelly Sampson 31:01

I would love to hear what your neighbors would say if you did shout from the rooftops. But I also want to say I think it's totally okay to get schmaltzy. Because this episode I think shows exactly why this podcast is so important, and why we are doing things that people can really take into their communities and save lives.



JJ Janflone 31:19

We I think things you know, initiatives aren't super expensive, right? Now buying a friend a pizza or showing up with a pizza or like a bagel or sandwich. It doesn't have to be pizza. It doesn't seem like this revolutionary thing. But it really really I think can be for someone who's in pain or someone who's suffering.

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Kelly Sampson 31:34

Yeah, I mean, this is the sort of thing that can save someone's life today.



JJ Janflone 31:39

Yeah, especially to when you think about like the credible messengering on like safe storage, too, just all things that are super helpful. And I get really excited personally, when folks are like, Look, we're probably not going to agree on everything. But you know, why should that keep us from talking to one another? Why only talk to people who agree with you. And when we talk to folks who we know that we have some points of contention with like we still might find something we share

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Kelly Sampson 32:05

or a mutual love of pizza. Well, yes.



JJ Janflone 32:09

You know, to be schmaltzy again, like this really honest, I think human feeling of you know, I want the people I love to be safe. Right?

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Kelly Sampson 32:17

Yeah. And I mean, as we talked about to wanting people you don't even know to be safe too. And that's kind of what RBB is all about.



JJ Janflone 32:27

Such a love fest on this 150th episode. So as you all know, we love to sort of end our episodes on, you know, something we want to go do out in the world that we something we've learned, if you will. So I think what I'm going to do is I'm going to do exactly what Chase and Remington suggested, I'm going to make sure that this week, I'm out there with my pizza, you know, real or metaphorical, you know, and I also, I'm going to try to have one hard conversation, though per Remington and Chase just not on Facebook. How about you?



Kelly Sampson 32:59

Yeah, I mean, the literal slash metaphorical pizza tip is definitely my big takeaway. I can often feel like, I don't know what to do when in in the face of sort of immense suffering or immense pain. And that is something that I actually absolutely can do. So that is going to be my takeaway this week is to show up for people around me who need a friend with some pizza, or a text or a gift or something just to let them know that they matter.



JJ Janflone 33:26

And folks out there RBB you know, you matter to us too. We would give you all pizza if we could. But please send us a little message let us know like what your pizza real or you know, theoretical what that pizza is this week, who are you reaching out to? Because I would love I would love to hear your stories. Hey, want to share with the podcast? Listeners can now get in touch with us here at Red, Blue, and Brady via phone or text message! Simply call or text us at (480) 744-3452 with your thoughts, questions, concerns, ideas, whatever! Kelly and I are standing by.



Kelly Sampson 34:01

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