

Episode 1: Talk Segment with professor Long

(Piano Riff) Hello everyone and welcome to the talk segment with Professor Long. My name is Christopher Long and I am a professor here at Tohoku Gakuin University in the English Department. Tohoku Gakuin University, the students of our university are bringing you this podcast. Our university is in Tohoku that is the northern region of Japan. Many people know this area because of the tragic earthquake and tsunami that struck in March of 2011. Sendai, yes, Sendai is the city from which we are broadcasting.

Okay, so this is the segment with Professor Long. Okay, so, uh, today's topic is going to be about, what else, but the recent election in the United States (Car horn). Yes, the presidential election. Okay, well, as all of you know now, uh, Trump, Donald Trump has been chosen by the American people to be the next, 45th, uh, president of the United States. Now, let me just say this. I am quite shocked, shocked, surprised. As I am sure you all know Mr. Trump has been very unique, very different compared with previous presidential candidates. How different? Well, for one, he has made many statements. He has said many things that are very shocking and very offensive to many people. He has made offensive comments, statements, about handicapped people, about women, about Hispanics, about Muslims. The idea that a man who has been so overtly negative (overtly means outwardly), so obviously negative towards so many different types of people is shocking. The idea that such a man could be elected to be president of the United States, a country that is made up of all different types of people, different religions, different races, different backgrounds is quite shocking and actually frightening for me.

So, anyway, that is my take on the presidential election (old phone ringing). Oh look, we've got a phone call. Who could it be? It is you, I hope. Yes, I want you to contact us. Well, not by telephone. You can send us an email. Go to our webpage on the Tohoku Gakuin University website and please send us your questions and comments. What do you think about Trump? What do you think about the recent election in the United States?

(Piano riff) Okay folks, that's all for now. Yes, we're done.

Class is out! Thank you very much. See you next time.