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WEBVTT

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[[background talking, in crowded area]]

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[[audience member 1]] Mr Baldwin, do you advocate a third party? And if so, do you have any in mind?

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<i>James Baldwin</i>: I'm sorry, the question is do I advocate a third party and if so, do I have any in mind.

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I beg your pardon. I'm sorry the question was: do I advocate a third party and if so, do I have any in mind.

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I know the honest answer I can give to that, is to say, that it's a question which much occupies my mind.

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I have not thought my way through on it, I certainly don't have any existing party in mind, no.

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I have thought of-- and I still think of-- the possibility of a fusion party, that's the word I want.

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Because there are so many elements of the Republican and Democratic Parties, which are unusable and um, and menacing.

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As long as [[??]] is in the Democratic Party, I have a certain amount of trouble becoming very enthusiastic about the Democratic Party.

[[clapping]]

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[[audience member 2]] Mr. Baldwin, as you interpret the American scene, how do you accommodate,

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in your apparent philosophy, the apparent intent of major civil rights organizations to neither agitate nor demonstrate

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until President Johnson's reelection, we can congratulate?

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[[laughter, clapping]]

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<i>James Baldwin</i>: Well, since I am not, myself, nor a major civil rights organization.

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[[laughter, clapping]]

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I don't understand the strategy. I



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