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Natalie Stokes: Hello, Senator Naz, and thank you for being here today. How are you feeling about the most recent elections?

Nazbol909: The results were obviously not what I nor most other Democrats hoped for. Adith is a far-right fascistic President who is more likely to plunge America into nuclear war than do anything good for the American people. So, when he secured reelection I was deeply disappointed. It also saddened me to see the failure of Democrats in the Superior Senate race as someone with deep ties to the state party, especially because this loss came after GOP stooge President Dewey used his independent campaign for the seat only to attack and cripple our candidate. However, the Democrats must move on and focus on the future. We need to mobilize the Democratic base in these upcoming state elections, showing the American people that the Democratic Party is still able to win and deliver progressive change for our communities. This is part of why I've decided to run for Superior Governor, because I recognize that while these recent results do sting, we must never halt our fight for progressive change and a political revolution spearheaded by the Democratic Party.

Natalie Stokes: What makes you call Adith fascistic?

Nazbol909: I believe that he holds the militaristic, expansionist, and power-hungry tendencies of historical fascist leaders. The only god he bows to is the American military-industrial complex, and I worry every day that he will launch some new crusade of misguided American exceptionalism and imperialism abroad.

Natalie Stokes: In what ways has he bowed to the military-industrial complex?

Nazbol909: He has postured himself as an interventionist President throughout his time in office, continuing our unjust involvement in Afghanistan, and he supports gargantuan military spending even as countless Americans struggle with poverty, food insecurity, and financial hardship. <u>Last year he attempted</u>

to remove a universal child benefit as a feature of the Democrat's budget plan. This man hates the poor and children, yet he loves throwing money away so that American soldiers can kill foreigners and occupy countries. Let me say now that there was another man who loved killing foreigners and occupying other countries, and his first name was Adolf.

Natalie Stokes: In the President's most recent budget, he has called for the banning of cryptocurrency, calling them a venue for illegal use, and the shutdown of all crypto exchanges. Do you support such a stark stifling of the free market?

Nazbol909: Look, I'm going to be honest and say that I only view cryptocurrencies as mere speculative assets. They only hold the value which their buyers give to them, and they are prone to being the mediums for scams and fraud. People should be allowed to buy them if they wish to make that financial decision, but they should know the risks, and I would be interested in what regulations of the crypto industry can be implemented through the SEC.

Natalie Stokes: You would support more education and knowledge around these assets? How do you feel about Accredited Investors? They're required to have a certain amount of assets to prove they know what they're doing. Millions of Superians are blocked from other assets, why should crypto be different?

Nazbol909: I would support educational resources being provided, though I stress that this education be critical of cryptocurrencies. There are serious risks, and they are not secure assets, so any education on them, especially in schools, should make these risks known. Accredited Investors are an idea I'd be willing to support, especially with the high risks involved with cryptocurrencies.

Natalie Stokes: At what line do you say we should stop using Accredited Investors? There are many other financial options that are risky, besides crypto currency.

Nazbol909: I think cryptocurrencies are a uniquely risky asset. Every day countless lose their money in crypto scams, and a single cryptocurrency can vary wildly in value depending on the day. Unlike other assets, the only value cryptocurrencies hold is that which their investors give to them. There is no real utility to cryptocurrencies, they are only speculative assets which investors buy trusting that demand will hold or even grow for them. Crypto is not real estate, where actual property is being bought and sold. It is not like the stock market, where a company stock loses or gains value based on the performance of the relevant company. So, I would say that there are no other assets I am interested in applying a new

Accredited Investor requirement for beyond cryptocurrencies, unless the SEC were to make a contrary recommendation.

Natalie Stokes: On a different note, what's your favorite book?

Nazbol909: The first Dune book by Frank Herbert.

Natalie Stokes: What message do you believe that book gives to its readers that makes it worthy of being your favorite book?

Nazbol909: If there is one theme in Dune which is important to my campaign, I would say it's Herbert's focus on the power of the mind. Throughout the book, there is a heavy emphasis on how characters use their minds to control themselves and others or to gain an edge in the political scheming of the book. Be they Bene Gesserit commanding The Voice, Mentats using the vast stores of knowledge in their minds, or the Atreides working through "plans within plans within plans" to fight for their survival, Dune places an emphasis on the power of the mind, and how it is important to master one's mind over simple desires and in the face of danger. I believe that this is an important lesson for Superior. Because we as a state must learn to master our collective mind. We must work as one, with a common purpose to abolish poverty, combat Climate Change, and create an economy which works for all. We must rebuke the selfish, primal desires the Republicans play to when they stoke social anxiety or promise simple tax cuts as the solution to our problems. Just as the characters in Dune must use the power of the mind in their epic struggle, we as a state must learn to master our collective mind and work towards solving the big problems facing us.

Natalie Stokes: Moving on, the state of education across the US is abysmal. In 2019, only 37.8% of Illinois met or exceeded expectations for English and Language Arts. That means 62.2% of schoolchildren did not meet expectations. Assuming this is reflected across Superior do you believe this is an issue?

Nazbol909: Yes, I believe that education in Superior needs significantly increased investment from the state government. That's why one of my policy proposals is to abolish the charter school scam, reinvesting the funds currently committed to charter schools back into the public education system. Republicans have been playing this game for years, trying to defund public education through charter schools and "school choice". However, charter schools do not deliver for our children. This is because the companies managing charter schools have an incentive to find profit, not to meet the educational needs of our

students. We need to invest in our public school system, which despite years of neglect maintains countless hardworking teachers and staff dedicated to the success of Superior's students.

Natalie Stokes: What will you do about this if you become Governor?

Nazbol909: Well, I'll make Superior a shining state on the hill, a beacon for what progressive politics can do. We may have failed leadership inhabiting both the Governor's mansion and the White House, but if Superior replaces Governor Comped with a true progressive such as myself, our state will be able to take real action on poverty, housing scarcity, and Climate Change, showing America the true fortunes progressive, Democratic leadership can provide.

Natalie Stokes: The President has also called for the creation of an immigration centralization center where we can pick the best immigrants. Do you support this?

Nazbol909: No. America should be open to as many immigrants as possible, and such a centralized system would quickly become overburdened and overly bureaucratic. Immigrants would be trapped Adith's proposed process for even longer periods of time than they currently are, and I do not believe in grading Human beings for their utility and casting them aside if we deem them not worthy of entrance into our country. That is a psychopathic way to view other Humans, and I support streamlining and reforming our immigration system to welcome all who wish to come to the land of liberty, eventually pursuing open borders.

Natalie Stokes: Superior shares the largest land border with Canada of all the states in the Union. Do you have any plans to strengthen ties with our northernmost neighbor?

Nazbol909: I think fostering continued ties between Canada and Superior is a sound decision. While I will not supersede the responsibilities of the Federal Government to act in an official foreign policy role, I do hope to promote trade, economic cooperation, and cultural sharing between Canada and Superior. I also think that Superior may incentivize Canadians to move to our state during my Governorship. It is my firm belief that my policies will set off a golden age for the Superian economy, and as such Superior will be fertile ground for Canadian entrepreneurs, skilled professionals, and everyday people to come to our state as a land of opportunity and growth.

Natalie Stokes: That's all the time we have for the interview, thanks for being on here with us today!

Nazbol909: It was a pleasure being here.