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PAULA ZAHN, co-host:

From the back of an elephant in India to the arms of a president in Washington, the first lady has seen and done a lot. Now she'll be visiting with us.

Mrs. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON: I'm here as a mother, a wife, a daughter, a sister, a woman.

HARRY SMITH, co-host:

This morning on CBS, Hillary Clinton talks health care, women's rights and other issues near to her heart with us and our audience.

Mrs. CLINTON: I think you have to be true to yourself. You have to find your own voice.

MARK McEWEN (Meteorologist): Live from Broadway, America's theater capital, welcome to a special week of CBS THIS MORNING from the Ed Sullivan Theater, home of "Late Show With David Letterman." It's CBS THIS MORNING. I'm Mark McEwen, and now Harry Smith and Paula Zahn.

ZAHN: Good morning. Thank you.

SMITH: Before we move one more inch, Paula and I just want to say thanks to everybody who's shown up all week this week and to the folks who are here this morning. It has--it has really just been a terrific week. And I think this morning's going to be extra-special. So our thanks to you. And a special thanks to Hillary Rodham Clinton, who will be our special guest in just a couple of moments.

SMITH: Welcome back, of course, to the Ed Sullivan Theater. You would have to go back 50 years, we think, to Eleanor Roosevelt to find a president's wife as politically active and perhaps as controversial as Hillary Rodham Clinton. In her two years and four months on the job, Mrs. Clinton has found her own voice.

It was just a year and a half ago that Hillary Rodham Clinton was challenging the traditional role of first lady with an unprecedented campaign to overhaul the nation's health-care system.

Mrs. CLINTON: I'm here as a mother, a s. **CLINTON:** I'm here as a mother, a wife, a I'm here as an American citizen concerned about the health of her family and

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the health of her nation.

SMITH: But after health-care reform died a slow political death, Mrs. Clinton has changed her focus.

Mrs. CLINTON: It is important for women to earn their own income, even when they are married.

SMITH: Traveling on a goodwill tour of Asia this spring with daughter Chelsea, Mrs. Clinton toured schools, health clinics and orphanages, calling for better education for children and better health care and jobs for women.

And at home this month Mrs. Clinton is launching a nationwide mammography campaign, encouraging women to have regular breast exams.

Mrs. CLINTON: (From public service announcement) For many women, mammography is the key to early detection and treatment. For millions of other women, it offers peace of mind.

SMITH: It is an issue close to the hearts of both Mrs. Clinton and the president.

President BILL CLINTON: (From public service announcement) My mother died of breast cancer. That's why I want you to know about the importance of mammography. So make sure to get a mammogram. It's a picture that could save your life.

SMITH: Please welcome Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Mrs. CLINTON: Hi. How are you? Good to see you.

SMITH: Good morning.

Mrs. CLINTON: How are you?

PAULA ZAHN, co-host:

Thank you.

Mrs. CLINTON: Great audience. This is wonderful. Is your mom sitting next to my mom?

ZAHN: Yes, indeed.

SMITH: Have a seat.

Mrs. CLINTON: OK. Great.

SMITH: Climb on up. I want to follow up right where we left off, with the public service announcements. My mother is a breast cancer survivor, over 20 years now.

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Mrs. CLINTON: Good. Good.

SMITH: Virginia Kelley...

Mrs. CLINTON: Right.

SMITH: ...the president's mother, dies of breast cancer. Not even the president's mother, with all the medicine in the world--life can be saved by that. What message do women in America maybe still not understand yet?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, that breast cancer is a disease that affects women of all ages, but it is primarily a disease of aging. And so most breast cancers are found in women over 50 and more than half of all breast cancers are found in women over 65. So please, do your self-exam; please go to your physician and have an annual checkup, which includes a clinical breast exam. And please, especially if you're over 50 or over 65, have a mammogram. And particularly if you're over 65, Medicare--thank goodness--helps pay for mammograms. So there really is no reason not to do this for yourself.

ZAHN: I guess what is so confusing, though, for a lot of American women, you even have different branches of the government giving us different advice on when to have a baseline mammogram. Do you have any advice for women today? Because just a study came out last week that suggested to us that--that maybe we're overestimating our chances of getting breast cancer. We all sort of got used to the statistic that one in nine American women probably will contract breast cancer at some point in their life.

Mrs. CLINTON: The only confusion is for women under 50. And there is a debate about--for those of us in our 40s and for women even younger, how much mammography can really detect, because breast tissue in a woman under 50 is much denser. So with the techniques that we have available, it is not always possible to find what might be there. There is no confusion or debate about the usefulness of mammography once a woman turns 50. So I hope that--there has been this confusion--we can clear it up, because I just see so many women as I travel around the country who have a mistaken idea that breast cancer hits primarily women under 50, because a lot of the survivors who are publicized in the press are women under 50.

And I just want every woman over 50 to know that this is a technique that can save your life. And a lot of women who are older, I think, are concerned that finding breast cancer is like a death sentence. Well, you know, we lost my mother-in-law, but the fact is that most women are able now with early detection and the kind of treatment we have, to be more like Harry's mother and have healthy quality of life after their breast cancer.

ZAHN: And may I add that my mother is a breast cancer survivor, too.

Mrs. CLINTON: Oh, that's wonderful.

ZAHN: And thank God a mammogram caught it.

Mrs. CLINTON: That's wonderful.

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SMITH: Should we take a picture of your mom? Your mom is--is right down there.

ZAHN: Oh, she's going to be so embarrassed. She's going to hate you.

SMITH: Well, we have your mom and Mrs. Clinton's mom...

Mrs. CLINTON: That's right. Our moms are sitting together.

SMITH: ...right next to each other--right next to each other, down there. There's--there's--yes, on the left is Mrs.--Mrs. Rodham. As long as we have these moms here, what kind of a mom are you?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I try to be the best I can. I got really good training from my own mother. She was a great mother, I must say. And that's not just because she's sitting here in the front row. And I try to do as good a job in giving my daughter the sense of possibility and confidence that she gave me. It's the greatest gift, along with love and attention and discipline, that any mother can give her child.

SMITH: People would suggest that you must be doing a remarkable job because you have a teen-age daughter who apparently isn't even embarrassed to be seen with you in public, so...

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, you know, I have to set the record straight, because there was a period, and--but it was--it was earlier. It was like, you know, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2. And if I'd hold her hand or put my arm around her, she would go, 'Oh, Mom.' And then she turned like 13 1/2, she said, 'I'm over that now. You can do that.' So we--we got back to the same old relationship.

ZAHN: Unfortunately, in this country, though, a lot of women, and--and men have to relinquish control of parenting their kids because of their economic situation. What kind of a job overall do you think Americans are doing in--in raising their children?

Mrs. CLINTON: I think that all of us are doing the best we can under difficult circumstances. But I think there are some decisions we could all make that would help our children and help, perhaps, give us more confidence that the job we were doing was working well for us and our children. You know, I really think raising children today, in many ways, poses much more difficult challenges.

You know, I was thinking one day how I used to get on my bicycle in the morning with my friends, and my mother would say, 'Well, be back in time for dinner.' And we'd go to each other's house; we'd go to the park; we would just ride around. And nobody was concerned about us. They had told us the obvious things about, you know, stay away from strangers and the like. But people expected their children to be safe at the end of the day. And that is practically impossible in most parts of our country now. So there are many ways in which the country has changed that I think we, as parents--and I'd say particularly as mothers--have to band together to get those conditions back.

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It is not fair to children that they are put into this kind of a situation. And, you know, I think there are many, many ways that we organize our life that makes it especially difficult for parents to do the job they want with their children.

ZAHN: We can talk more about that after this short break. And at that point we'll allow our audience to chip in and—ask the first lady some questions. We'll be continuing live from the Ed Sullivan Theater.

(Commercial break)

ZAHN: And we are back now with the first lady of the United States, Hillary Rodham Clinton. We have the first question for you from our audience now.

Unidentified Woman #1: Good morning, Mrs. Clinton. I'd like to know how you and the president withstand such media scrutiny all the time. Does it affect you and how do you deal with it?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, it has been a learning experience. That's what my mother used to say to me when I'd come home and had some disagreement on the playground. She'd say, 'Consider this a learning experience.' Well, it was more than we ever expected. And it was certainly more mean-spirited than we ever expected. And we had to work through that and get to a point where you can take criticism seriously, but not personally. And try to—if there is something of legitimacy that someone is saying, try to learn from it, but also recognize that people will criticize you in public life for their own reasons, and they will make things up if they think it will promote their particular position. So take that also for what it is.

I can't say that we've gotten to the point where it never bothers us because, contrary to some opinion, you know, you do have your emotions still when you end up in positions like this, and it does hurt. But I think that both of us are very lucky that we have a supportive family and lots of friends, and that we try to remember what's really important in our lives and not let this bother us.

SMITH: OK. We have a question right over here. Can you stand up, please?

Unidentified Woman #2: Good morning, Mrs. Clinton. I would like to ask you, as a mother of three children and as an educator, what would you say to the American public to convince Congress to spare the education budget cuts?

SMITH: And there's about a minute left.

Mrs. CLINTON: I would say that if we cannot invest in better education with our children, and instead want to cut education to give the richest people in America tax cuts, we have our values upside-down and backwards.

SMITH: We've got about 30 seconds left. Do you have a quick question for—yeah, real quick.

Unidentified Woman #3: Good morning.

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Mrs. CLINTON: Good morning.

Woman #3: I'm thrilled to be here and I'd like to know how you keep all the balls in the air, juggling your life, your--everything that you do and do it so magnificently.

SMITH: In 25 seconds or less.

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I think like most women today in America: I do the best I can every single day. And I try to let go of what I haven't gotten done that day and try to get up the next morning and do the best I can that day. And I think that's what we're all trying to do.

SMITH: We'll be back live from the Ed Sullivan Theater with Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton in just a couple of minutes.

(Commercial break)

SMITH: Every once in a while you have those kind of out-of-body experiences. You say, I'm in the Ed Sullivan Theater; I'm a grown-up, got an audience full of people; we've got cameras outside on Times Square; we have the first lady of the United States sitting in a chair up there, we're talking to her. What am I doing here?

Please stand up. Please stand up. Go ahead. What's your question?

Unidentified Woman #4: I work at Victims Services in New York. We hear a lot of talk these days about family values as being the cure for society's problems. Every year, we see about 50,000 women and their children who are being beaten by the men in their families--their husbands, their boyfriends, their fathers. What we're experiencing is the children are learning at home to be violent. We're very encouraged that this administration has signed into law the Violence Against Women Act, because we don't think we can rely exclusively on family values. I'm wondering what you think this--what else the federal government can do to stop family violence?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I think one thing is to make it clear that violence against women and children is not just a domestic matter, it is a criminal offense and should be treated as a criminal offense, and that we have to do a better job of enforcing the laws in our society so that people know there are consequences to such actions.

In addition, I think what you're doing is very important, providing services in the neighborhoods of our country so that women and children have a place to go, and also some kind of counseling so that families, if there is a chance that they can overcome whatever the problems were that led to violence, they at least will have that chance to try.

But I think this goes back to what kind of people we are. You know, a government can pass laws, but it doesn't make any difference if people don't change their attitudes. And I have to say that there is so much violence in

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the culture around us that many people, both men and women, believe the way to solve problems is through violence. They see it on television; they read about it; they are told that all the time. So we have to start not just with family values by giving lip service to such matters, but by valuing families and starting with understanding that if we're going to show our children violence, violence, violence, they will become more violent. And we have got to put a stop to that so that they learn different ways of solving their problems, so that when they grow up, the cycle of violence can be broken.

ZAHN: We have another question. Please stand. Go ahead.

Unidentified Woman #5: Mrs. Clinton, I was very surprised by the negative reaction of women, in particular, during the early stages of the administration. You fought so hard and worked so hard, especially for health care. And I was wondering if you were as surprised by the reactions of women as I was?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, no, because I think that there was a lot of misinformation and a lot of stuff in the air. I don't know how else to say it. And people—I think it's very understandable. I felt like my husband and I had moved into a new neighborhood, and before we got unpacked there were people standing on the street, saying, 'You're not going to like these people.' You know? So that—that is just a part of what you go through when you're in public life. But I think that there is finally a chance in our country now for people to break through all the rhetoric and to break through the criticism. If people disagree with one another, let's do it in a civil, polite way. Let's not call each other names. Let's try to agree that our most important effort should be coming together to help each other. And so then I think the criticism, whether it's directed at me or anybody else, it's not going to count for very much.

ZAHN: All right. We're going to take a short break here, and we will be back with more questions for Hillary Rodham Clinton.

(Commercial break)

ZAHN: Welcome back to the Ed Sullivan Theater and our live hour with Hillary Rodham Clinton. Welcome back.

SMITH: Good morning. Good morning, everybody.

ZAHN: Before we go back to our audience, I have a question for you. Because all this morning, you've been touching on health issue, family issues, women's issues. And as you know, because you read newspapers, there are some Americans who are wondering where the lawyer Clinton is, where—where the legislating Hillary is. And I'm wondering if you feel, given the kind of response you were given during the first couple years of your husband's presidency, whether you can do everything you really do want to do?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, you know, I've worked on these issues, including health care, for more than 25 years. And it's what I care most about. And I'm just going to continue to work on them. Because I feel such a personal

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responsibility given the opportunities that I've been blessed with to do what I can to help people. And that's another thing my mother taught me, and that is you have to listen to yourself. And I really cannot be bothered by what other people say about what I'm doing as long as I feel I'm doing the best I can.

ZAHN: So what do you with those articles that say she's softening her image, she's--she's changing her style?

Mrs. CLINTON: Oh, well, you know, sin--since I think no matter what I do, especially--do you like my new hair? You know...

(Applause)

Mrs. CLINTON: I--thee--the one thing I have learned in two years--and my friends and I laugh about this--is it doesn't matter what I do. There's always going to be somebody who is going to criticize it. So my feeling is I'm just going to have as much fun as I can, you know.

(Applause)

SMITH: I think--I think just about every woman out here has a question for you this morning. Good morning.

Unidentified Woman #6: Hi. I'm a physician and mother of two. Do you have any advice for young women today who wish to combine a career with a family?

Mrs. CLINTON: Yes. Do what you think is right for you. And that may mean making some compromises at certain points in your career in order to care for your children, but it's worth it. We're going to live so much longer now as women. We've gained 30 years of life in this century alone, and there's plenty of time to have a family and work that you care about.

SMITH: How do you get men, though--because you saw the survey just--the recent survey that says--What?--half of the women in the country are the primary breadwinners and these men still expect these women to do all of the stuff around the house and be the primary care-givers...

(Applause)

SMITH: How is it--how is it in your house?

Woman #6: My husband really helps out a lot. He had a mother who also worked and was an educator, and he's very comfortable helping with the children.

SMITH: Well, how do you drag all these other guys up into the 20th century then?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I think one thing is mothers can start with their sons, by helping their sons understand that. You know, I'm--I'm so proud of my brothers who are, you know, real macho guys, but boy, they really help their wives. And one of my brothers is expecting his first baby, and he just is

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helping out so much. So I think a lot of it has to do with the message we--messages we send very early to boys.

ZAHN: We have another question for you over here.

Dr. BLAKELY: Yes. I'm Dr. Blakely, the deputy mayor of Harlem and also the chair of the Harlem Women's Committee. We're very proud that you went around the world to look at the Harlems of the world, but we also extend an invitation for you to come to Harlem here and feel what we feel as women and see what the real issues are in a war zone situation around our children, which you care a great deal for.

ZAHN: What would you say is the major issue that--that you would like for Mrs. Clinton to address today?

Dr. BLAKELY: Is to come and to see and feel what we feel and make sure that we are part of the official delegation representing the Harlems of the world, and the prototype is 125th Street. We extend that invitation to you. Come and join us and see what we see.

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I'd be glad to. You know, I was there last year at the hospital, and I really appreciated the opportunity I had to visit and meet with a lot of people, but I will be back.

Dr. BLAKELY: Yes, thank you. We extend that.

(Applause)

SMITH: Another question.

Unidentified Woman #7: Good morning, Hillary.

Mrs. CLINTON: Good morning.

Woman #7: It's really wonderful to be here and be able to speak with you. We all know that women are the guardians of health for ourselves and for our families. What can you recommend to all of us here today as women as--and as moms to a--strategies for us to really be able to effect quality health care for all Americans? What can we do?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, obviously, there's different things we all can do. One, take care of our own families, which is the first thing. And that means immunize your children, give them well baby checkups. Don't quit taking them to see a doctor when they become teen-agers and don't want to go. The worst health in our country is among adolescents because everybody just kind of things they're OK, and they're eating a lot of junk food and they're not taking care of themselves. So starting with our own families I think is important.

But beyond that, I think we have got to be banded together in order to say it is not acceptable in our country that we have more than 40 million people now without health insurance, 10 million of whom are children, all of whom are in

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working families, and some day, we're going to have to figure out how to provide decent health care to everybody. And I think women, as the primary caretakers of the health of their families, can lead the way on that. So both on the personal level and the public level, we should be better organized in order to get health care to everybody who need it is.

ZAHN: Are you in favor of overhauling Medicare without doing it within a huge, huge, large framework?

Mrs. CLINTON: I'm very scared about overhauling Medicare without health-care reform, and just quickly, for two reasons. First of all, if you look at what the income of Americans over 65 is, the average man makes less than \$15,000 a year to live on, and the average woman over 65 in America lives on less than \$9,000 a year. I really don't want to do anything with Medicare that makes it more difficult for average Americans to get their health-care needs met.

And secondly, if you slash Medicare and Medicaid to cut the government funding, what is going to keep the hospitals in the inner cities open? What is going to prevent the costs that were carried by those government programs from being shifted onto our private insurance bills, which is what will happen? So it's not just looking at Medicare alone that we need to do, there's a right way to reduce the costs and a wrong way. And I want us to do it the right way.

ZAHN: All right. We're going to take a short break now and continue with more questions for the first lady. We'll be right back, live from the Ed Sullivan Theater.

(Commercial break)

SMITH: We are live in the Ed Sullivan Theater with Hillary Rodham Clinton and lots of questions from our audience. Good morning.

LISA (Audience Member): Hi. Hi, Hillary. My name is Lisa. I see you as a very outgoing person and you really like to go out and help people. I'd just like to know what do you do for your support when you feel like you need somebody to talk to? Do you have that same support that you give to others?

Mrs. CLINTON: Yes, I'm very, very blessed. I have a wonderful husband and daughter and mother and family and friends. And we spend a lot of time together, just doing nothing, just kind of playing games and being with each other, and that gives me a lot of support. Thanks for asking.

ZAHN: We have another question from back here, if I live walking through this aisle here.

Unidentified Woman #8: Hi. Good morning Mrs. Clinton. I was wondering your views on children and violence on television and if you could specifically address your newly formed commission.

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I am concerned about violence on television because I now think the evidence is absolutely proved that children who watch a lot of

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violence both become more violent themselves and become less sensitive to violence. We've done some experiments where two different groups of children watch television, and some saw very violent kind of programs unfortunately that are too common. Then both sets of children were taken out and were shown a situation in which some children--other children were in trouble. The children who were watching all the violence were much slower to respond. It was as though it wasn't real to them. And so I think we've done a lot of damage to ourselves, not that anybody set out to do it. I don't think there's any big conspiracy where we're going to make ourselves more violent. Just over time, it has worn down the sensitivities and released the impulse controls of too many people. So I think if we don't start demanding different kinds of television and parents exercising more responsibility--turn it off, don't subscribe to the channels that are--the most violent programs. That's not censorship. That's parental responsibility. So we can do a lot in our homes as well.

ZAHN: Do you--do you think there should be any government regulations controlling the--what the content of programs should--should be specifically for children?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, I think two things. I think we made a mistake when we loosened a lot of the regulations about what could be shown during certain times of day. I think there should be children viewing hours and family viewing hours. And I also believe it would be a terrible mistake to do away with programs like "Sesame Street" and "Barney" and other things that are not violent and try to teach our children something. So I do think there's a role for government, not in censorship but in trying to set boundaries.

SMITH: All right, we had a question right over here. But I want to reiterate, because I'm a mom for a day and a dad all the time. Parents absolutely have that ultimate control of the TV set.

Mrs. CLINTON: That's right. That's right.

SMITH: Just turn it off. It's an amazing thing.

Mrs. CLINTON: That's right. Turn it off. Do something else.

(Applause)

SMITH: All right.

Unidentified Woman #9: I'd like to change the subject for a minute. I'm a pro-choice Republican, and as you know, that issue is key to the upcoming--our upcoming convention in choice of nominee. From the White House point of view, who do you think would be the toughest opponent and the easiest?

Mrs. CLINTON: We have enough trouble. I mean, I am--I'm--I'm going to leave that to your party. It just looks like you're going to have a real interesting time sorting it all out.

SMITH: All right. Thanks very much.

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ZAHN: Speaking of the upcoming elections, to what extent will you be involved in your husband's re-election campaign? Because there was a story that broke earlier this week that you were heading it up. You dismissed that story.

Mrs. CLINTON: Right.

ZAHN: How actively involved will you be? And is it true that you've told your husband he cannot wear loafers anymore and he can't wear shorts when he runs in public?

Mrs. CLINTON: I never said anything about loafers. I will be as actively involved as I've always been, which is to support him first and foremost. I mean, it is really hard work. I—I know that this is the wife speaking, but you know, it's an enormous strain. And so part of what I've always tried to do and my family tries to do is support my husband personally and then I will do whatever I can to get the message of the campaign out. Because I really believe in him and in what he's trying to do. And I'll work as long and hard as it takes to get that out to people.

SMITH: I'm going to squeeze one quick question in here.

Unidentified Woman #10: How can we ensure that scarce federal dollars are used for research into the causes of breast cancer?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, we have started doing that. You know, the president's increased funding for breast cancer research by 65 percent just in the last year and a half. And all of the medical research is under attack. So you can do it by telling your members of Congress and calling talk shows and telling your friends, let's not turn back our medical research efforts. Let's try to find cures for these disease.

SMITH: All right. Much more live from the Ed Sullivan Theater with Hillary Rodham Clinton when we come back after this short break.

(Announcements)

SMITH: From "Four Weddings and A Funeral" to "The Englishman"—oh, oh—"That Went Up A Mountain and Came Down A"—whatever it is, meet heartthrob Hugh Grant Monday on CBS THIS MORNING.

ZAHN: And we are back now with the first lady of the United States. I have a quick question for you about the Baby Richard case. You've made some pointed comments about that over the last week or so. You do not think this little baby should have been given back to his biological parents. Why is that?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, not at that point in his life. If a decision could have been made very early—and it should have been made very early, once it became clear there was going to be a contest, then everybody involved—all the adults on all sides—should have moved quickly to make some kind of an assessment and

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to make a decision. But once it dragged on for four years, I do not think that child should have been removed, and I have done cases like that, I have represented adoptive parents. And that child really was a part of an extended family and a neighborhood. So he didn't just lose his parents, he lost his sibling, he lost everyone. And, you know, I keep remembering the Bible, remember when King Solomon said, 'I'll cut the baby in half,' and the people who really cared about the baby--the mother who really wanted the baby, said, 'No, no, let her have it.' I mean, there's a point at which adults' rights have to end and children have to be given their best interests.

(Applause)

SMITH: ...minutes left. Here's a question.

Unidentified Woman #11: This is building on what you did when Harry, Do My Job--when you were a minister and you gave that great sermon. I think one of the things that Harry touched upon was in Oklahoma City. As tragic as it was, we saw such great images of America and who we are. And unfortunately, the best comes out at the worst. How can we build on that feeling without a tragedy, all the good in us that can come out?

Mrs. CLINTON: That's a wonderful question. You know, because today is the month anniversary of what happened in Oklahoma City. And I think if we will keep those images in our minds of all those people helping, showing up to help, the kind of outpouring of caring and bring it back home, think about our own families, our own neighborhoods, be willing to start treating each other with more respect and decency, being involved in our communities through our churches and through our schools and being willing to stand up against people who are just negative. I'm tired of Americans being negative. We have so much to be grateful for in our country.

(Applause)

ZAHN: We have another quick question for you from here.

Unidentified Woman #12: I work at an agency called Inwood House in New York City serving pregnant and parenting teen-agers. And I wanted to hear some of your ideas about what to do about this situation.

ZAHN: In--in less than a minute or so.

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, first of all...

ZAHN: Good luck.

Mrs. CLINTON: ...persuade your children not to have sexual activity when they're too young to know what they're doing, try to make them postpone it in their own minds as something to look forward to. Keep your children active in school because we know that children who stay up with their schoolwork are more likely to make good decisions and not engage in sexual activity. If they do become pregnant, support them and help them, try to get them back in school and help make them the best parents they can possibly be and try to convince

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them not to have any more children until they are married and stable and able to give that child a home.

(Applause)

SMITH: Last--the last question. Real quick.

Unidentified Woman #13: I have a question. Everyone talking about violence around. What can we do to help mothers who have babies are born--are born addicted to drugs to help the mother become a better parent?

Mrs. CLINTON: Well, first of all, drugs are destroying so many families in our country. And we have got to do everything we can to persuade our people, particularly our young people, not to go down this path. If somebody does, though, get addicted, we have to provide treatment for them. We know treatment can work, but we don't have enough treatment opportunities in America. And so instead, we pay the price in crime instead of treatment. And then I guess, finally--oh, Harry's got my mother. I've got to stop.

SMITH: Thanks to Mrs. Rodham and Mrs. Clinton. Thank you all very, very much.

Mrs. CLINTON: Oh, thank you.

ZAHN: Thank you.

Mrs. CLINTON: Oh, thank you, Paula.