Corey Andrew Powell ([00:02](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Hello everyone. I am Corey Andrew Powell, and I am so thrilled today to be joined by someone I have admired for a long time as a shining example of having a dream and a vision for your life and going forward to make it happen. So, I first started following him on social media a few years ago where he'd share his dreams of moving to New York one day from his town, which was quite a far distance from New York, I should add. And he wanted to become an actor, and ultimately, fearlessly, he did just that. And I would turn on the TV and I was like, oh my God. Like he did it. You know? And so he's making a name for himself now as both an entertainer and a political activist. So please welcome to Motivational Mondays. Hugh Jones. Welcome.

Hugh Jones ([00:45](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Hey hey <laugh>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([00:46](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Great to have you here. You know, um, as we were talking off camera, I've been like hounding you for a couple years now, being like, I wanna interview you because I really have watched you follow your dreams. And it's a big lesson we always wanna share, uh, with people in our audience and beyond, just to go for your passion. So, I'll start with, uh, asking a little background. Where are you from and, uh, and what is your, your ethnic heritage?

Hugh Jones ([01:10](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I am from Mexico. From Monterey, Mexico. Uh, lived there until I was 12. Then I moved to Texas. My mom's Mexican. My dad is white, hence the Jones.

Corey Andrew Powell ([01:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Okay.

Hugh Jones ([01:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I've had to explain and defend my name as long as I could. Wait. You don't look like a Jones <laugh>. Are you sure?

Corey Andrew Powell ([01:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. Yeah.

Hugh Jones ([01:30](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Hugh? Oh, you mean Hugo.

Corey Andrew Powell ([01:33](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Oh my gosh. So they had to latinize it, like, oh, <laugh>,

Hugh Jones ([01:37](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Like that. That's the default. The default. Right. Everybody defaults to Hugo because it couldn't be hugh.

Corey Andrew Powell ([01:42](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Wow. And I never even thought that. I literally just thought it was hugh. I thought it was a little different for a Mexican name. But, uh, I never thought it was Hugo. But in fairness, I can see why, you know, silly Americans might, <laugh> might make that association. But you, so you're, so you identify as Mexican American, ideally, I guess. So you lived in actual Mexico, or were you, uh, in Texas before you moved to New York? Where were you actually living?

Hugh Jones ([02:06](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Oh, no. Before New York, Texas. But I did move from Mexico to Texas.

Corey Andrew Powell ([02:12](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Okay, which is a large community.

Hugh Jones ([02:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I lived, I lived in the small village of Houston, Texas,

Corey Andrew Powell ([02:16](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

<laugh>. Right, right. Yeah. I may have heard of it once or twice.

Hugh Jones ([02:20](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right, right, right. In path, flyover country.

Corey Andrew Powell ([02:22](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Hugh Jones ([02:22](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

No, no, no. But, um, it prepared me for New York. Really? Well, a lot of people sleep on Houston. Austin, Dallas gets all the glory, but Houston is the liberal progressive mecca of the South.

Corey Andrew Powell ([02:34](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Hmm.

Hugh Jones ([02:34](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

We had a lesbian mayor for eight years. Anise Parker. Uh, it's, I mean, you, it's the most culturally diverse place in the south. We had in Houston, we have a Korea town, a China town, Africa District, Mahatma Gandhi district.

Corey Andrew Powell ([02:50](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Wow.

Hugh Jones ([02:51](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Anthony Bourdain filmed one of his shows at one of the, one of the Indian restaurants. It's amazing. The weather sucks and it's not as pretty as the other cities, so.

Corey Andrew Powell ([03:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm.

Hugh Jones ([03:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

But it prepared me for New York. Really. Well, and just let me tell you, the Nigerian population down there is huge. And it's excellence. They're all doctors, lawyers, like, ugh. Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([03:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And see, that's important. That's important 'cause I know because I follow you on social media, you know, you are all about representation and positive representation, not just this influx of what we see when the worst parts of certain demographics are exploited.

Hugh Jones ([03:30](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Made Mexicans and cartels and Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([03:33](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Um, yes. Were, you know, I- I, one of the biggest things for me, I remember when I was working in retail, Saks Fifth Avenue and years ago, and, um, they told us about the elusive black Amex card that only the wealthiest people in the world. And the first person that I actually waited on that I saw one, was a successful Mexican businessman. And, and, you know, and, and let's not forget at one part, at one point, like, was it Carlos? Uh, slim was like-

Hugh Jones ([04:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([04:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

the richest Mexican. Like, he was like the richest man on the planet at one point or something. So, yeah. I mean, I see in you this, uh, desire and passion to also shatter stereotypes personally, when it comes to you and, and your representation. Talk a little bit about that.

Hugh Jones ([04:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, I'm a walking contradiction. Everything from my name to my color, to the way that I talk. When I open my mouth, people expect me to sound a certain way. You're, you know, all these, these stereotypes that people pin on us, but we pin on each other. I'm guilty of it too. So it's, it's important to show the other side of a person's color. Like a lot of, a lot of Americans gag because I used to get made fun of in me- in Monterey, in Mexico, because that was too dark. And the wealth holding elite in Mexico are light-skinned, blue eyed. They're all fair.

Corey Andrew Powell ([04:56](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Novella people.

Hugh Jones ([04:57](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Exactly. Turn on Univision Telemundo, they'll be there.

Corey Andrew Powell ([05:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Hugh Jones ([05:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So the school that I went to, it was a nice English speaking school, and I used to get made fun of like crazy. And Americans, they, they don't understand the colorism in Mexico or that they're even light-skinned people in Mexico.

Corey Andrew Powell ([05:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right, right.

Hugh Jones ([05:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Like the guy, the guy you helped with the Amex card I'm sure was a light-skinned, fair-skinned. Was skinned. Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([05:18](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. He looked like a white guy with a tan, basically.

Hugh Jones ([05:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative> <laugh>. Right, right. Which, which is what's so funny about my last name, everybody Jones, but you're Mexican. That's impossible. Europe colonized, or a lot of Europeans moved to Mexico. They have all sorts of, from sorts of last names, from shoning to you, Bauer, whatever.

Corey Andrew Powell ([05:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Yeah.

Hugh Jones ([05:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And in 1990, Ms. Universe was Mexican. Her name was Lupita Jones.

Corey Andrew Powell ([05:44](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm. That's so funny. Yeah.

Hugh Jones ([05:45](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You know, [inaudible] is from Mexico.

Corey Andrew Powell ([05:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah, Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Hugh Jones ([05:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You know what I mean? So these are the stereotypes. Like, and, and what, what hurts so much. And I try not to be so critical against Americans, because I'm guilty of similar things. Mexico is right here. There's no reason to be so aloof about it, you know what I mean? Yeah. I understand Americans only care about themselves and their personal life. But, you know, if I can change that, I will.

Corey Andrew Powell ([06:11](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. No. And you know, we've had conversations, you know, where we, it'll start in a chat and then we'll have to kind of go off to the dm 'cause it <laugh>, you know, because we don't wanna, we don't wanna throw too much fire into the, uh, you know, into the conversation. But, you know, I agree with you on that. To me, Mexico being even associated with Mexico and Puerto Rico, for example, is an honor. It's a privilege that America would have those relationships, especially Puerto Rico being a commonwealth, you know? Um, when there was a lot of ire with a particular president who, um, you know, uh, came under fire for how he dealt with Puerto Rico in a, in the storm, I thought, that's one of the most beautiful places on earth, and it's a commonwealth of America. We should be protecting that beautiful place.

Corey Andrew Powell ([06:58](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And those people who are our people.

Hugh Jones ([07:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([07:01](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Um, and it's amazing how just some people did not see it that way. They, so they still see it as us and them. I'm like, no, they are American. And so I think-

Hugh Jones ([07:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([07:09](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

um, maybe it's America. The biggest problem with America is like the lack of education as, as far as like the how geography works and how-

Hugh Jones ([07:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([07:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

you know, the, the social constructs of geography. I think that's our biggest problem. And you are from a, a state, were not from, but you lived in a state where just last week I might add, um, I think a teacher got fired for like the Diary of Anne Frank, a particular adaptation. So what are your thoughts on, 'cause it ties right into what we were saying, what are your thoughts on this attempt to sort of revision history and in many cases erase it?

Hugh Jones ([07:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So I think Republicans tapped into something really effective. And that's apathy. Nobody cares if it doesn't affect you directly. You don't care if it's somebody that doesn't share your religion, your skin color, your nationality, your immigration status. We just don't care about these issues. So they're playing into that. Right now we're so divided that if they go after trans people, black people, gay people, brown people, no one's gonna stand up for them. And they know it. So they can attack history, they can attack voting rights, they can attack abortion. The gays didn't stand up and defend women. Nobody did. Women didn't like what, what hurts the most in Iran, in the country of Iran. A woman was killed by the poli-, by the moral police for not wearing her hijab. Correct.

Corey Andrew Powell ([08:40](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right. Yeah.

Hugh Jones ([08:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

The, the country fell apart. They fought for their women. They called it a feminist revolution that was bec- over a, uh, hijab. What did we do for abortion? We didn't tear up the streets. And so, and that's the same for other issues. So they know what they're doing. They know we're not gonna turn up for each other. So it's, it's proving effective.

Corey Andrew Powell ([09:02](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right, right. So you're saying you feel like sometimes the most vulnerable groups are targeted and, and in this instance, the ones you mentioned, because there's a, a sense that no one's really gonna stand up for them anyway, so we can really, it's fair game just to go and-

Hugh Jones ([09:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And we don't stand up for each other. You know, it's, I haven't seen any, I I, I've, I've seen, I haven't seen any other people other than Latin people in immigrant demonstrations, for example. You know, like, regular Americans don't care and that, that's for so many issues, you know? And I, I haven't been to a gun rally. They massacred children in Texas. You know, I mean, we're just

Corey Andrew Powell ([09:40](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right. Right. So you're putting yourself, you're putting yourself in it.

Hugh Jones ([09:43](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah, yeah, I'm guilty of it. Yeah, yeah, yeah. I can point fingers all day, but I have my flaws too. I do it too. And it's just, and, and, and what breaks my heart every time I go down to Texas and I tell people, oh my God, they're taking your voting rights. Oh my God, your trans rights, your women's rights, your gay rights, your black rights. Every time I talk to people, nobody care it's always like, man, that stuff is so negative. I'm just gonna focus on me and my family. And, you know, and that's it. You know 'cause they do whatever they want. And I'm like-

Corey Andrew Powell ([10:12](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well see. But I think what happens in that case, and I think we've talked about this too, I know we have a few times.

Hugh Jones ([10:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([10:18](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Um, the disenfranchisement happens, right? Where you start to certain ethnic groups who they feel like their voice is not heard or nothing will change. And, uh, there's a point where they just start to feel that nothing they do will matter because they continually see that it seemingly doesn't matter. It hasn't helped them. It hasn't changed. So I think you, what you and I have to do is sort of still keep the optimism there and try to continue just to tell people why it's important. Right. Because, you know, we've talked about that too, where it's like, we can't just, you know, we can't just keep telling everybody, you know, calling people out without trying to remedy. Well, why are they not connected? What can we do?

Hugh Jones ([10:56](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I do that a lot. I like, I'm always, you know, and why don't people do this? Why don't, you know? And it's like, and no, nobody caress. Like, once I started scolding people, it's over <laugh>. Like nobody's trying to Hear that.

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:06](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right. Right.

Hugh Jones ([11:07](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You know?

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right.

New Speaker ([11:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

But I, I get so frustrated, but yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:10](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

No, I know. Well, yeah, and I always argue too, I was like, you know, I saw literally people about to tear the streets apart when Beyonce lost album of the year.

Hugh Jones ([11:20](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right. <laugh>. And I'm like, and and you see it for sports all the time too. Oh, don't let somebody lose.

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:25](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. Yeah. But when it comes to like, the other issues about your own civil liberties and your rights, it's like, I'm like, I don't see as much fervor for, uh, the cause for that. So I know, listen, we can go on, um,

Hugh Jones ([11:36](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Oh yeah, yeah, yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Forever about that. But, but, you know.

Hugh Jones ([11:39](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And I'm a lighthearted fun guy, but when it comes to politics, I'm just like, but no, because Yeah. Like, you know.

Corey Andrew Powell ([11:46](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well I think people of color, uh, marginalized groups, I think we have a lot more, uh, invested in that conversation. So we do tend to be more passionate. And I will call out, I will say that we did have nicely, and luckily, and, and I was so excited to see when the George Floyd situation happened,

Hugh Jones ([12:02](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([12:02](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

we did see in that instance, um, all around the world.

Hugh Jones ([12:05](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

It gave me hope. It gave me hope. We can do It.

Corey Andrew Powell ([12:07](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

People looked different. They were-

New Speaker ([12:09](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yes!

New Speaker ([12:09](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I think, I think other people who weren't black were saying, we're tired of it. And that's what has to happen. Right. We step outside of our own group and then care about what happens to other people as well. Yeah.

Hugh Jones ([12:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. I need to go fight for Muslim people. I need to go fight for Asian people. Anybody.

Corey Andrew Powell ([12:26](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Hugh Jones ([12:27](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

That's what it takes.

Corey Andrew Powell ([12:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. I love that. That's a great way to to, to pivot to a more positive note on that conversation. Alright. So back to, uh, something more lighthearted back to your performance and your, your performing and your journey. So, uh, when did your interest in being an actor or performer begin? And, and with that in mind, you know, was there like this one moment where you really said, okay, that's what I want to do.

Hugh Jones ([12:52](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I was always starve for attention. Always class clown. In order to, in second grade, in order for the teacher to keep me calm, she would say, if you behave, I'm gonna give you 30 minutes in front of the class. And I would read, I would, whatever. Oh yeah. No. Like, she'd have to bribe me with time, with attention <laugh>. So, so that was that. And then in junior high, I got interested in theater, but there were some mean teachers that ran me off. Like, I don't know, like teachers and I, I think I had too, too much of a smart mouth, wanted to be class clown. I got on people's nerves. So I was discouraged from theater. Didn't do anything until I was like 27 in Houston. Vincent Victoria, who does plays down there, cast me out of nowhere to be lead in his play. I don't know where he got the phase. I don't know where he got the anything. And, and so I did it and I, I got the bug from there. I was interested. I was doing other shows and I did apartment management in Houston. Beautiful apartments, Broadstone Skyline by downtown. And I was applying for jobs on the clock in New York. I was in a relationship that was failing with a guy whom I still love but we don't talk about that, but <laugh>. Um, and I wish you'd stop bringing it up. Please.

Corey Andrew Powell ([14:07](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I'll, I'll talk about it. My bad. My bad. Okay.

Hugh Jones ([14:09](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right. How dare you. <laugh> the, um, and so I hated my job. I hated my life. The relationship was falling apart. I wanted to live in New York so bad. It was 2018. I applied for a job at the Metropolitan Opera. I got offered an audition. So I put in all this, you know, I put in vacation time, everything, everybody knew I hated my job. I was number one at sales. I was killing it. But they hated working with me because I didn't do my paperwork. I'm fine, I'm a key, but working with you sucks. And I'm like, I get it. I hate It.

Corey Andrew Powell ([14:39](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Wait, ask Right there. Do you mean, are you, are you like more like structure is not your thing, so to speak, in that sort of way?

Hugh Jones ([14:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([14:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Is that kind of the reason why?

Hugh Jones ([14:49](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah, Like I was selling, I, everything sales were bad. Like they loved me. They, but when it got to the paperwork and the follow through, <laugh> nothing. Right, right, right. Yeah. And they, and they had to threaten me, like, we're not gonna give you commission if you don't follow through. So I'd be sitting there, but the sales were coming anyway. So I put in vacation time. Everybody knew I hated my job. They knew the plan, but I was like, I'm gonna go audition. So I, I did it. I was at the Met and I went back to my hotel. They offered me the job, and I called my mom. I was like, what I do, I want to live here. She said, if you don't move over there, I'm so sick of hearing you talk about that.

Corey Andrew Powell ([15:26](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

<laugh>. Oh yeah, yeah.

Hugh Jones ([15:27](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I was, yeah. And I was like, okay, okay. So I quit my job. I just did it from there. I moved to a Airbnb in Canarsie, because when I was in Manhattan, I was like, oh my God, this is my sex in the city dream. Like, this is it.

Corey Andrew Powell ([15:43](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right. Yeah,yeah.

Hugh Jones ([15:43](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And then I was bleeding out money at that hotel, so I said, I need to, I need to find an Airbnb until I find a permanent place. So I, this trans woman, uh, Gigi's Blue House in Canarsie, she let me stay in her couch for a discounted rate. It was a blessing. She was so good to me. But I looked around Canarsie and I was like, this is not it. I can't live my life for leave my life for this.

New Speaker ([16:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

<laugh>. Right. That's Canarsie is not quite the experience. But yeah.

New Speaker ([16:12](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

It was literally at the end of the L train.

New Speaker ([16:14](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

New Speaker ([16:15](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Like, just deep Brooklyn.

Hugh Jones ([16:16](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Anyway, <laugh>. So, so I, I found a place in Harlem where a, uh, with a Senegalese couple, stayed there a couple months, had a bunch of stuff shipped over, went through the breakup and just, and at the Met, I, I was just, now the Met is right in front of Julliard. There is a literal skyline, like a pipeline that goes from Julliard to the Met. I'm the asshole that just came off the street from Houston with no classical training. And they throw me in an opera. And I was so intimidated. I was so like, it, I felt so inadequate. It just, you know, but I had to push through. Like, it was my biggest dream. And, and you know, I don't know any of the technical terms, you know, like, just even on stage, like-

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

arpeggio, staccato, arpeggio, you're like, what?

Hugh Jones ([17:11](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I mean, even, even basic stuff like, you know, uh, right. We're gonna Tableau with this. Like, what does that mean? I can't read the schedule. I can't, I couldn't, you know, but I just had to push through. I just had to make it through. And, and there I learned about background TV and movie work. And so I started, you know, and from there, you know, I started doing background and stuff. It wasn't until my third year that, no, yeah. The third year that I'm walking around like a little mouse. I, I think I'm in, I think I'm in everybody's way. I'm trying to plug in my phone to a charger. And the head of my department, Jillian looks at me and she says, Hugh, you belong here. It's okay. You don't, you know, this is your space too.

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Wow.

Hugh Jones ([17:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And.

Corey Andrew Powell ([17:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Wow. Changes everything. Right. Changes everything.

Hugh Jones ([17:52](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

It did. It did. I get so emotional thinking about it because like, I felt home. I'm in my fifth year now.

Corey Andrew Powell ([18:00](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Oh man. Well, and that's so wonderful. And I, and I will just say, I remember like when you first were like here, I don't know what the hell happened to this day. I'm still trying to figure it out. Like, we were gonna meet, like you were at one Marriott courtyard. And I'm like, I'm there. You're like, I'm there too. I'm like, no, you can't be 'cause I'm there. I'm not sure what happened.

Hugh Jones ([18:18](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

That was like day three <laugh>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([18:19](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. You had got here.

Hugh Jones ([18:20](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

literally day three. Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([18:21](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. And I was like trying, because I was like, I gotta meet this guy. He's so amazing. And, uh, 'cause you had, 'cause I had chronicled, I had, I had watched you do the, you told the whole story on social media. I saw it. I saw you auditioned. You got to New York, you were posting like, I don't know where I'm gonna live. I'm just gonna figure it out when I get here. And why that's important to stress is because on this show, I speak to some of the, the biggest CEOs in this country, most successful people sometimes, you know, in the world that we have on these shows and on this show in particular, and very often, one of the common denominators that has gotten them where they are is this moment that life threw at them. But they had a choice to either stay, uh, complicit in what they were doing or take a serious chance on themselves.

Hugh Jones ([19:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([19:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Not knowing where they were gonna land, not knowing how it was gonna turn out. Maybe not even knowing how the, to do the job. As you just said, someone, a guy, you know, the, the CEO of Chucky Cheese said he had this big opportunity to go work for Disney. And they're like, Hey, we want you to be the head of blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. Can you do it? He was like, yeah, I can do it.

Hugh Jones ([19:26](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Take It to Yeah. <laugh>. Take It till you make it. Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([19:29](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right. I'll say yes, and then I'll figure it out when I get there. So I was fascinated by then. And then the next thing I saw, you had posted this beautiful backstage photo of you, like in costume. You were like Egyptian or something.

Hugh Jones ([19:43](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([19:43](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

At The Met.

Hugh Jones ([19:44](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Aida.

Corey Andrew Powell ([19:45](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Aida.

Hugh Jones ([19:45](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([19:46](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And I was just floored by that. And so, anyway, congratulations on that 'cause that's a big deal, man. I, and people were watching and rooting for you. And, um, you know, that's, I just found to be, to be fascinating. Now, so you said Texas prepared you in a way for New York because you were sort of-

Hugh Jones ([20:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Houston specifically.

Corey Andrew Powell ([20:06](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Houston specifically. Yeah. Um, were there any correlations between New York and Houston as far as being major cities? Or were they really different for you?

Hugh Jones ([20:15](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

They, they're very different and the same. You know, I, in Houston, I would be in rooms where this person is speaking Japanese, this one's speaking Russian, this one's speaking Arabic. You know, so those little moments prepared me, like I, I wasn't in such wonder, and every conversation didn't start with, where are you from?

Corey Andrew Powell ([20:36](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right. Right

Hugh Jones ([20:37](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You know what I mean? Like, I'm able to just talk like, so it, yeah. Like, it, it, it prepared me for a lot. And it's really crowded, but it's nothing like New York, so.

Corey Andrew Powell ([20:46](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Hugh Jones ([20:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You know, I don't wanna play the, they're all the same, but

Corey Andrew Powell ([20:50](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right, right.

Hugh Jones ([20:51](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

It's kind of, it, it overlaps when it wants to.

Corey Andrew Powell ([20:53](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. You know? And so Aida was your big first big sort of like, marker. Like, well, I can do this. Someone, someone I auditioned and someone has validated that I can do this. And so you do it. So what are some of the other jobs you booked, uh, on television 'cause you were popping up like everywhere for a minute. I was like, well, save some work for everybody else, bro. Like, so <laugh>, what are some of the shows you worked on?

Hugh Jones ([21:18](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, but first let me say, I have so much to be grateful for New York and God and the world has been so good to me. It really, like, I started at 34. This is a young industry coming from apartments. Like, I get so emotional thinking about it. I really like, you know. But you know, I, I started doing, the first job that I did was Billions. That was interesting.

Corey Andrew Powell ([21:45](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Okay.

Hugh Jones ([21:45](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

It was at the St. Genaro Festival in Little Italy. And then from there I, like, I was just hungry and I was starving for the camera. I've done Pose, Law and Order, For Life, this prison show.

Corey Andrew Powell ([21:59](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I saw that. Yeah.

Hugh Jones ([22:01](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. Like, and, and one day, as a background, my background is the bottom of the totem pole. Nobody respects that, but you learn so much. Oh, nobody does.

Corey Andrew Powell ([22:11](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right, right, right.

Hugh Jones ([22:11](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You know? Yeah. Like, even when SAG talks about it, like, you know, I love SAG. No disrespect, but background isn't the main conversation piece. But yeah, so, so, you know, I did all these shows and the dream is that hopefully you get upgraded, hopefully they'll see you. And it happened to me, I did this one show with Nicole Kidman and Hugh Grant, uh, The Undoing, first lines I ever got. I was sitting there with a cute sweater and, and Wardrobe was walking around. They said, oh, we like your sweater. I, they talk to each other and you know, next thing you know, I have a line.

Corey Andrew Powell ([22:46](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Wow. Yeah, yeah.

Hugh Jones ([22:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. Like,

Corey Andrew Powell ([22:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And that's a big deal because that's how you get into unions, right? When you actually get the work where you have lines and you can sort of get into the next, uh, the upper echelon of the profession.

Hugh Jones ([22:59](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, you can get in the union with background work, you just need three Taft-Hartleys, which is-

Corey Andrew Powell ([23:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Hugh Jones ([23:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

you know, you're not in the union, but production comes up to you and says, would you like to be a union player today? Yeah. You, yes. You, you have all the union benefits, the pay and everything, and you get that waiver. Three of those make you eligible for the union.

Corey Andrew Powell ([23:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. Yeah.

Hugh Jones ([23:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And then, so I did, I, I did background work. I did hustlers with J-Lo, Cardi B I, I was there one day, the one day that mattered, usher was there, Cardi B, Kiki, Palmer. Lizzo. <laugh>. Wow. J-Lo like, and I'm just doing background. Like, I mean, nobody was talking to me like, but you know, it, it's,

Corey Andrew Powell ([23:36](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

But still,

Hugh Jones ([23:37](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

It was beautiful. Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([23:38](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. I mean, from the dreams, from the dreams of Houston to being on set with that caliber of people. Yeah. Amazing.

Hugh Jones ([23:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Let me tell you, season one of Pose, I was in Houston with my then best friend, Darcell. And we, we were in my living room, smoking, watching Pose. And I just looked at him and I longingly, I said, that looks like so much fun. I would love to do that. I would love to be in that show. And then fast forward, thanks to the Met, I was on Pose and it'd be, and it was so much fun.

Corey Andrew Powell ([24:16](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And you were visibly there. Like, I saw you on Pose, like I was just telling you off camera. I was like, yo, like, everybody wanted to be on that show. And I turned on the tv and there you were like, you know, I was like, look at this guy. I was so, but I'm so happy for you. I knew the struggle. Like I knew what you had, you know, what you had accomplished to get there. That's Ryan Murphy. That's not a small accomplishment. Even to be a day player or an extra, that's a big deal.

Hugh Jones ([24:43](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Absolutely. And, and mm-hmm. <affirmative>, I became eligible for the union so quick and I, you know, I took my time 'cause it, you know, I I, I didn't have the money to pay for it. So I waited, finally joined, and we recent, right now we're on strike.

Corey Andrew Powell ([24:57](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>,

Hugh Jones ([24:58](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Which is partly why I'm wearing the shirt. Oh. I shouldn't be talking about these shows. Um, but anyway, um.

Corey Andrew Powell ([25:03](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Well, no, we're talking about them in the context of the shows are great and let's also say the writers should be paid <laugh>.

Hugh Jones ([25:09](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

That work was great and we should all be paid.

Corey Andrew Powell ([25:11](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right. Period. That's what we're gonna say about them.

Hugh Jones ([25:12](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right, right. No, no, no. But um, so we just had an election in SAG and I ran for a position for a delegate position. Now, mind you, coming from Texas, it's an anti-union state. They teach us, they don't, first of all, they keep us in the dark about unions. I didn't know any, I didn't even know what Labor Day was about.

Corey Andrew Powell ([25:30](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm.

Hugh Jones ([25:31](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And I joined the union. I ran, I'm a delegate now. I wo-, I campaigned, I won a position.

Corey Andrew Powell ([25:40](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I saw that you were campaigning on that and I, I didn't know how the election went. So you actually, so people voted for you, <laugh> basically you're saying, and you won?

Hugh Jones ([25:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([25:48](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

As delegate represent. So you represent a certain, like New York or how that, how does that work?

Hugh Jones ([25:54](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So, so theres a number of us that represent New York, but I'm, I'm an access point for members who want to, you know, direct information to council or anybody. One of the biggest things that we do, or that I do is I write resolutions. It could go on the Constitution for SAG. And if, if I get it endorsed by enough by enough people, then it'll, it'll go on to be debated and it can be adopted. My, my current resolution is, so, so the, the biggest issue that I have, union politics are just like regular politics. Nobody votes, but everybody's

Corey Andrew Powell ([26:31](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Complain, <laugh>.

Hugh Jones ([26:32](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Oh, everybody has, you know, everybody's mad. Everybody has strong opinions and some people think maybe we should tear it all down, but nobody votes.

Corey Andrew Powell ([26:40](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right? Right.

Hugh Jones ([26:41](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So my success is gonna be measured by member turnout at the next election. So I passed a res- or I submitted a resolution. I'm getting endorsements now because everybody's confused about what are the dates, what can we do? When is this? Like, there shouldn't be this much confusion. I suggest we do a text alert to all the members. You have to go outta your way to opt out of it. But everybody gets a text alert for super important dates. There's no reason why anybody should be outta communication. And let's see if we can, if we can bring up voter voter engagement with it.

Corey Andrew Powell ([27:13](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Right.

Hugh Jones ([27:14](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Because there's no excuse. I didn't know. Why didn't they tell me? I don't live there anymore. I don't check my email. Okay. We all have a phone. So-

Corey Andrew Powell ([27:22](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

What a simple resolution too. Right. Because that's like a, that's like bringing them forward to the modern technology.

Hugh Jones ([27:28](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([27:28](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

With some was very simple technology, but it's like bringing them forward to actually, you know, um,

Hugh Jones ([27:34](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Engagement.

Corey Andrew Powell ([27:35](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Just kind of be engagement. Right. And it's something you said, we all have a phone and regular elections do sort of, I mean, you know, certain action committees for election parties, they do text you to say, hey, are you registered to vote? Have you done this?

Hugh Jones ([27:49](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mm-hmm. <affirmative>.

Corey Andrew Powell ([27:49](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Do you know your candidates in your district? Do you know what district you're in when you vote? Like Yeah. So I mean, something so simple as that. And, um, and congratulations. I mean, I saw that you were running, I'm like, now he's entering in entertainment politics, <laugh>. And he's, and you won that too. So I just think you're on fire.

Corey Andrew Powell ([28:06](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I think you're on fire. Yeah. And I think it's great. I mean, again, what the lesson here, um, that I even learned from you and I did, I said, you know, there were times when I was not as aggressive as I needed to be in my own pursuits. And a very few times I would watch and I'd say, you know what? I gotta like get some of that, what he's doing. I gotta remember that I was that guy once that went for it and didn't get caught up in like, well too, you know, uh, tomorrow I, you know, it's a reminder that nothing's gonna fall in your lap unless you go for it. So, um, you know, I just think that it's an inspirational story. So, um, let me ask you now with, we just talked about the strike. Now, let's say hypothetically think hopefully soon the strike is over. Uh, and what would be a dream to be show ?

Hugh Jones ([28:52](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

The writer strike may end tonight. Oh, there's a big probability it could end tonight. Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([28:57](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Okay. Y'all heard it here first. Y'all heard it here first? Yeah. Fingers crossed. Yeah 'cause I don't want them beating up Drew Barrymore no more.

Hugh Jones ([29:04](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Okay. The view is next. They're targeting the view next.

Corey Andrew Powell ([29:08](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I know, but I did hear, not to get off topic, but I did hear that there's this very interesting thing at the View where the view like, like a year ago or so was added to the news division. So it's not a scripted show on the TV at Zag. Yeah. So I heard that ABC sort of did that.

Hugh Jones ([29:22](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

You're pretty newsy. That makes sense. That makes sense.

Corey Andrew Powell ([29:24](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Yeah. Yeah. That's what they, and, and that's how they actually are able to continue without, uh, crossing the picket line. So in that regard, we don't know, but let's just say Writer Strike Ends tonight and you were to get the phone call of the dream TV show that you'd love to be cast on. What would it be?

Hugh Jones ([29:42](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

And just like that <laugh> really, I'm living in Manhattan. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, one of the biggest reasons is I was the biggest Sex in the City fan. Yeah. The biggest Sex in the city fan. So me, like every other jerk was motivated by that to move up here. <laugh>. Yeah. So, and I told my manager, I told my manager that is the goal. We'll forego everything for that.

Corey Andrew Powell ([30:11](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

To be on.

Hugh Jones ([30:12](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

So [inaudible] rolled on that. Yeah.

Corey Andrew Powell ([30:14](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Oh my gosh.

Hugh Jones ([30:16](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

I don't care what it is.

Corey Andrew Powell ([30:17](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Mr. Hugh Jones, who's, um, I have to say your Instagram name is hilarious. It's Hugh York City, which is a very funny, uh, Instagram handle. So people you can follow him, we're gonna have, make sure his Instagram handle is in the podcast notes when you guys take a look. And so Hugh, thanks for being here today. We appreciate it. Thanks for being on Motivational Mondays.

Hugh Jones ([30:36](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

Thank you so much. And remember, black Progress is brown Progress. I am reaping the benefits of the Black progress. Please keep it going and if I can help in any way you-you got me.

Corey Andrew Powell ([30:47](https://www.temi.com/editor/t/kRmjvSJuBJY3tInSYaRbtYiUo0fUpJoa4hM36wFOA-FTTIVJB5H6aRHAx5JdniIicSVxyOIIIMjzYF7C61R4AeaFoY4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink)):

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