**Tuck:** Good morning everyone. It is 8:30 AM Pacific Time on election day. I just sort of rolled out of bed and into my closet to say hi. Standing sounds hard so I just took the mic off the stand and am holding it, so you might hear some mic handling noises.

I don’t have much to say to you. I just wanted to say hello. I know this is a really big day for people in the United States—for people all over the world. Not to be narcissistic about America, I’ve just heard it’s a big deal in other places too. [chuckles]

And I think something that makes today even harder for me is that there’s not an outcome that feels unequivocally Good™ for our communities. Obviously there’s outcomes that make us feel incredibly bad and scared, but even the best outcome is just fine. Right? It’s not “Hooray, my life will be good now!” It’s just “Oh, okay, I guess there is one less thing to actively panic about at every waking moment, perhaps.”

That said, there are more trans people running this year than in any year in history, and I’ve been thinking a lot about how wild it is to hear cis people talk about how much representation there is for trans people now, as if trans people have ever been, you know, represented in literally any system of power ever in United States history. [sighs]

And I know politics isn’t everything, but I do enjoy seeing trans people in any political office or any position of power because I don’t know how else we’re going to get basic human rights or be seen as competent people if we don’t start being represented in places other than television.

And I know political representation doesn’t fix everything—look at Barack Obama. But I don’t know. I just—we could use some structural power, you know? Anyway, I wanted to remind you that the Trans Lifeline exists, and you can call them at any time. Trevor Project exists if you are an LGBTQ youth. The Gender Reveal Slack exists at bit.ly/genderslack2. And I exist and I love you so much and I’m so excited to launch a new season of the podcast here really soon. [sighs] I don’t know. That seems so small compared to everything else happening today, but it’s the thing that I can control, right? I can’t control who wins or whether there’s like, a civil war, but I can control whether I make a new season of a podcast about trans people.

So I’m going to do that, and you do whatever you need to do to get through today and this week and this month. If that’s nothing, cool. I would encourage you to try to drink some water, try to go outside if you can, if that’s safe for you, try to talk to someone who loves you. I’m about to Skype a couple of friends today because that’s the thing that I feel capable of doing. My housemates and I might clean out our freezer. Some big, big plans today.

So be gentle with yourself, know that I love you so much, and no matter what happens today, this week, this year, we’re all going to be there for each other. I’ve been talking a lot with my roommate, like, we can’t look forward to everything being good, and we can’t say, “Everyone’s definitely going to survive, no matter what!” But we know that community will show up for each other, and we will find ways to support each other, and...yeah. That’s what we can look forward to and what we can give each other.

So I’ll talk to you soon. I love you. Stay safe. And...yeah, take care of yourself. Bye.