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# What's happening in the USA? A look at the state of America through the eyes of the Welsh

America - the land of promise, the land of dreams. But between Covid-19, climate issues and the country's political and social divide, is the American dream now a distant memory?

On November 3, 2020, the people of the USA will cast their votes in one of the most important elections of their lives. They will decide on their next President. Will they see another four years of Donald Trump, or will it be Joe Biden in the White House this winter?

Whatever the result, there's no doubt that the USA is living through unprecedented times, and the true representation of its effects on grassroots is difficult to understand on this side of the Atlantic.

In a special documentary film, we follow two Welsh experts living in America and raising their families in the middle of the daily dramas. We'll learn first-hand the true day-to-day life that Americans face in the lead up to the country's crucial election, all of this while facing a global pandemic.

In **America, Trump a Ni**, which airs on October 26 at 9.00pm on S4C, we follow Maxine Hughes and Jason Edwards on their journey from East to West coast.

Maxine, who is originally from Conwy, North Wales, moved to the USA when she was 17 after winning a football scholarship. Today, she's living in Washington DC, raising her young family. She's a broadcast journalist and has travelled the world with her work.

"It's hard to explain all that's going on in America to people at home in Wales," shares Maxine, "there's so much going on here, it's impossible to include it all in one news piece or one interview.

"People think that Trump is nuts, but they don't live in the USA. They might see Washington, L.A or New York in the media and never understand why people would vote for Trump. They don't truly understand America and its people."

Jason, who is originally from Anglesey but who now lives in Pittsburgh with his wife and two young girls, is a professional soccer coach. An aspiring journalist, Jason has recently launched a current affairs podcast, *The Tough Talk / Y Sgwrs Caled*, and is eager to discover more about the political climate of the USA.

Together, they voyage across the states and discover more than expected about the right and left - and also about themselves.

"I grew up in Anglesey, and all of my family are white. My mum is white, and I've never met my father. My mum married when I was six and had four children, and they're all white," shares Jason.

"I feel now like there's a sort of gap missing in my life," he added, "I feel like I'm a Welshman, but there's a cultural difference being assumed of me. I'm used to people assuming things about me because I'm black. I want to make sure that I don't do the same to others."

In a divided country where the far-left and far-right aren't prepared to talk to one another, Maxine and Jason listen to both sides and reveal what really happens when armed militia from the right



take to the streets to protect their towns, and when left-wing protesters clash with police in the name of equality.

Tune in to discover the true American way of life – **America, Trump a Ni**, Monday night on S4C.

**America, Trump a Ni**

**Monday 26 October, 9.00pm**

**English Subtitles**

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