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**Todd Snider** is a country musician who believes Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson should sit on the Supreme Court and that everyone should be free to light up a joint. On forth album "East Nashville Skyline" he also considers the polarization of American culture(the superbly acute and witty Conservative, Christian, Right-Wing Republican, Straight, white American Males), the extraordinary US prison system (Incarcerated) and the heavily distorting pressures on high school kids ( The Ballad of The Kingsmen).

In short, he is precisely what Middle America needs right now, with the added bonus that he sounds as lived-in as an old boot and honky-tonks like Hank Williams. Brilliant.

*Claire Alfred*

