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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** Rolling neck whenever you race. All right. Can you tell me your name and where you go to school?

[00:00:05] **Speaker 2** My name is Griffin Moorhead, and I go to Wauwatosa East High School.

[00:00:10] **Speaker 1** So what issues matter to you?

[00:00:13] **Speaker 2** I mean, I think there are a lot of big issues right now. The I would say probably the three that matter to me the most are the economy, foreign policy and privacy. So I've I mean, the economy affects us all. It's kind of like an underlying factor for a lot of other issues that are going on. And I mean, my family deals with some things. My parents are divorced. My mom is fairly upper middle class. So not too many issues there. But my dad lives not too far above the poverty line. So we're starting to see a lot of issues coming with that and not that much government support coming behind them.

[00:00:56] **Speaker 1** Why is foreign policy important to you?

[00:00:58] **Speaker 2** I just I think it's important that we try to work to better other countries, and I think we should try to work to do that in a constructive way. I think we've done a lot of non constructive ways of doing that. But I think especially like a lot of President Biden's agenda and how he's handled the situation in Ukraine I think has been really good. We've been pretty ardent about supplying them and giving them whatever they need, which I think is good. I think we should be sort of the idea of the arsenal of democracy, I think is a good one, and I think we are prepared to fill that role.

[00:01:32] **Speaker 1** How important is the right to vote to you?

[00:01:35] **Speaker 2** Very important. I think it's easily the most important thing in a democracy.

[00:01:39] **Speaker 1** Can you can you answer and say the right to vote and.

[00:01:45] **Speaker 2** The right to vote is very important to me. I think it's easily like the linchpin of a democracy. I think it's the single most important thing is that everyone gets to express their opinions and their voice.

[00:01:56] **Speaker 1** Right. One thing that's on a lot of people's minds right now is school safety. How much do students like yourself think about that?

[00:02:07] **Speaker 2** I personally don't think about it that much. We've never had any issues here, like even coming close to that. The closest thing we had is we had an incident where there was suspected to be a gun at a football game. And obviously I wasn't at that football game, but that scared a lot of people. And there has been more talk about it recently. Obviously, there's been a lot of situations like that. There was the tragedy in Uvalde not too long ago. We had over the summer we had some issues in Waukesha. There was a shooting over there. And I just think there are frankly, a lot of things that need to be done, and I think there are a lot of different ways we can address it, but we need to at least do something to address it.

[00:02:49] **Speaker 1** Is there something specific you'd like to see done about school safety?

[00:02:53] **Speaker 2** I mean, the immediate thing that comes to my mind is implementing when trying to expand school safety. The immediate thing that comes to my mind is expanding gun control laws, maybe reinstating the assault weapons ban and just bumping up our security around that. I think also one step we could do to take that is actually make the education system itself better and provide more and better education for the students and interest them more in what's going on and provide them more opportunities so that we never get this far.

[00:03:31] **Speaker 1** What is it like being on the cusp of adulthood in the current economic climate?

[00:03:36] **Speaker 2** It's worrying. I think almost being an adult right now, with everything that's going on as it can be, worrying like the future seems somewhat uncertain at the moment. And especially like I've been thinking about what I want to do after school because I'm a senior and it's been kind of hard because I'm thinking I am going to go to college, but then you have to deal with, well, a job isn't entirely guaranteed after that. And am I really willing to just put all this money in sort of a fire to actually get a job that I kind of want and maybe might not get? And that's what I'm dealing with right now. Mm hmm.

[00:04:20] **Speaker 1** How does the job market seem to you right now?

[00:04:22] **Speaker 2** The job market right now, from my perception, seems very open at the bottom. A lot of like lower skill, lower paying jobs are just vacant because nobody wants to do them because they don't pay enough. But then you look at more like hyper skilled fields, like you look at engineering and all that stuff, and there's no openings. It's almost impossible to get a job which deters being away from those fields. And it just seems very volatile at the moment.

[00:04:59] **Speaker 1** How do you think rising costs for impact you?

[00:05:04] **Speaker 2** That's something I'm going to have to figure out. Rising costs is something I'm going to have to figure out just based on what I actually end up doing. If I do go to college, obviously, I think I'll have something of a little break away from that other than tuition and stuff. But once I enter the real world, we'll see how that goes. I mean, the main thing that worries me right now is just like the sheer cost of buying somewhere to live or renting somewhere to live. It's kind of absurd at the moment, especially around here.

[00:05:40] **Speaker 1** Are there any issues in your part of the state that older people aren't talking about that you wish they were?

[00:05:47] **Speaker 2** I think a lot of a lot of older folks, because they've been around longer and they've experienced a lot more and have seen the country go through. Some things are discounting a lot of the instability we have at the moment. They kind of see the United States as an institution as something that can't be changed or can't be sort of rewritten. I'm specifically thinking of like we had the January 6th insurrection. I think that did shock a lot of old people and sort of wake them up to the instability. But I think a lot of old people are just too convinced that the United States is going to last. And I think they need to be more open to taking more steps to actively assure that our country is going to continue to exist.

[00:06:45] **Speaker 1** That's all the questions I have. Is there anything, lastly, that you'd like to say?

[00:06:52] **Speaker 2** I think my single most important thing, and this is going to sound kind of contradictory is I want I want there to be more government support, but I also want the government to very much stay out of my life. And I think most of like a lot of that right now is I'm seeing somewhat in the U.S., but in a lot of other countries, more like dystopian police, state spying mechanisms are being set up. And I am very, very uncomfortable with that. And I'm very scared that eventually, like all I mean, already, all of my data is being tracked by the U.S. government all of the time. They know exactly where I am at any moment of my life, and I am not comfortable with that.

[00:07:37] **Speaker 1** Great. Well, thank you. Mm hmm.