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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** Whenever you're ready. Okay. Can you tell us your name and where you go to school?

[00:00:04] **Speaker 2** My name is Isabella Flores and I go to war with Jose. So state school.

[00:00:09] **Speaker 1** What issues matter to you?

[00:00:11] **Speaker 2** Issues like illegal immigrants, the education system in Milwaukee and just segregation in general are important topics to me, along with abortion and just important topics in my generation.

[00:00:28] **Speaker 1** What would you like to see elected officials do about immigration?

[00:00:31] **Speaker 2** Um, a lot of things I want to change. Or just like how they care for not only just the people that are being immigrated, but also their children that are left behind. A lot of people don't think about the fact that a lot of these people's parents are being deported, and then there's these children left behind who are legal American citizens, but they have nobody here. Like I have a lot of family members who have been deported and I have cousins who just are here and they have nobody. And I feel like there's not a lot of things that have been brought to light or like what happens to them afterwards or the foster care system and that type of thing.

[00:01:09] **Speaker 1** For our next question is about who you are just with your hair a little bit. So thank you. All right. Why is education important?

[00:01:23] **Speaker 2** Last year during A.P., I ended up doing an issue investigation project where I studied the education system in Wisconsin overall. And I saw a huge a huge differentiation between the schools and the percentages. And it's just crazy about the percentages compared to like Germantown and Menomonee Falls compared to like Nmps. And it's just also the fact that a lot of and because of that segregation, a lot of children aren't receiving good education and they aren't receiving those like advantages that a lot of these higher education schools are receiving. And that's also partially due to the Chapter 220 program being shut down. But overall, I think that education in the Milwaukee system is very altered and it's just due to the segregation. And that's also just a big issue in Milwaukee.

[00:02:18] **Speaker 1** Can you expand on the segregation issue and what.

[00:02:21] **Speaker 2** A lot of segregation is occurring in Milwaukee, just mainly due to inflation and because of like loss of income and primarily in like Milwaukee and northern Milwaukee, you see a lot of like primarily black. And then like you see on the south side, it's like typically Hispanic and it's just like a lot of the education system, like NPS was, I think 60% black. And then in Tulsa it was only like 60% white here. And then only a small percentage of Hispanic, only a small percentage of those things. But then you go over to Hamilton and you see almost 50% or 70% Hispanic. It's just all of the percentages are way off and it's not diverse. And many students are like not receiving proper education just because of this redlining, because their parents can't afford to send them to these nicer schools or they can't afford to get into open enrollment.

[00:03:18] **Speaker 1** What would you like to see elected officials do about abortion?

[00:03:21] **Speaker 2** I want to see them give us our right to our body bag, because I don't want to have to worry about having kids in the future and them possibly getting raped and not being able to have any control over their body. At the end of the day, we both had a choice before Road versus Wade was overturned, but while it being overturned, it took away our choice. It took away our right to have an abortion. It took away our ability to have the say whether we want to be a parent or not. Because at the end of the day, there's children in this world on this day who are ten years old, who are pregnant because they were raped and they can't do anything about it, and that is not okay.

[00:04:02] **Speaker 1** How important is the right to vote to?

[00:04:04] **Speaker 2** The right to vote is very important to me. I think that personally, like there are certain people who choose not to vote and that is 100% their choice. But at the end of the day, I feel like our the right to vote should matter. And especially coming from a person like my dad, he was illegal for many years and he didn't have a say in a vote. He didn't have any of that. And he finally became legal. And now he has a say and stuff and like he finally has the right. So the right to vote is kind of just like a right to have a say in your life and control over those things.

[00:04:35] **Speaker 1** That's one thing that's on people's minds right now is school safety. How much the students like yourself think about that.

[00:04:42] **Speaker 2** School safety is I was originally at Wauwatosa West for the past two years and over there we've had a lot of incidents, especially with school safety. And I'm currently also doing the launch program there for the first and second hour. And we've had like multiple physical altercations and there's also been instances where like assault rifles have been found or there was like rumors that they've been found and even last year they found one and then they only searched us for one day and then they didn't end up searching us after. And then even the teachers were talking about how the school only did it to show the the parents that we were going to do at least a little bit of something. But at the end of the day, I have friends who are literally in Texas and they have school lockdown drills every single week. They literally get searched every single day, like they put in that extra effort to make sure that we're safe. And here I don't really see that.

[00:05:37] **Speaker 1** Um, what is it like to be on the cusp of adulthood in the current economic climate?

[00:05:42] **Speaker 2** I mean, I'm just kind of scared just because in the past, like a year or two, I've watched the stock market extremely rise. Like I have went from looking at apartments that were maybe $1,000 and that was maybe reasonable for three people to live in one apartment. But then I watched it rise all the way to $2,000 for one. And after doing and looking at all the the prices of what you're making versus how much apartments are versus how much like the cost of living is and like food and stuff is just insane. Like after the cost. Paying for your apartment, paying for your groceries, paying for your water. You're not going to have anything. And it's just insane that our minimum wage is 725 when they're requiring certain apartments to be over $2,000.

[00:06:33] **Speaker 1** What do you plan to do after graduation?

[00:06:36] **Speaker 2** I plan on becoming a traveling nurse. I'm currently in the CNN program, so it's in it. Great.

[00:06:43] **Speaker 1** How's the job market seem to you right now?

[00:06:46] **Speaker 2** I mean, for nursing, it's definitely like a big opportunity and especially in like the medical field. But I feel like a lot with like the job field. They're offering a lot of jobs to people, but people don't want them because they're not offering like the right prices. Because I feel like a lot of people, especially parents who have like four or five kids, like they're being offered this small amount and like it's enough for just them. But then what about their kids? What about those things? Like, I just feel like a lot of it has to do with inflation and just the cost of living not reaching like what we're being paid.

[00:07:26] **Speaker 1** What issues in your part of the state are people older than you not talking about?

[00:07:31] **Speaker 2** I feel like the older generation, even though like they're aware of Roe versus Wade, I feel like they haven't really paid much attention to it because it hasn't like physically affected them because like they've already gone through like having kids and that type of stuff. But I feel like they just need to pay more attention to it because like I said, like it's not even I understand if people see abortion as murder or if like they have their opinions, but at the end of the day, like that's their opinion because there's like other kids like that they don't see that are like ten year olds who are getting raped and there's nothing that they can do about it and they're forced to carry that baby to term and then they end up dying because of it. It's just the fact that, like, I feel like the older generations aren't aware of certain issues or like the fact that Road versus Wade didn't stop abortion, it just stopped safe abortions. And just like I feel like the older generation just needs to be more like aware of that.

[00:08:27] **Speaker 1** Is there anything else you want to talk about? No. All right. Thank you. There was a great.