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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** Nick, whenever you're. All right. Can you say your name and where you go to school?

[00:00:04] **Speaker 2** My name is Cheryl Wiggins, and I go to Appleton West, but I charter at Renaissance.

[00:00:11] **Speaker 1** What issues matter to you?

[00:00:13] **Speaker 2** Oh, definitely like human rights issues, because as a person of color, I just feel like I'm like almost going against myself to not care about that. And like also being a woman, just our right to vote and our right to just like, exist are very important to me. And also just human on the planet. Definitely like global issues like global warming and pollution of the sea and just like something that allows me to exist as I am. And other people too. Yeah.

[00:00:47] **Speaker 1** What is the most important issue to you?

[00:00:50] **Speaker 2** I feel like the most important issue is definitely global warming because it doesn't matter what. Like what if we can vote or who we are? If the planet is dead.

[00:01:04] **Speaker 1** So what do you think elected officials should do about that?

[00:01:08] **Speaker 2** I think that they should make sure to reach out to the people who are going to be voting for them, to let them know that they have a say in who they vote for. And they should definitely, like, talk to other officials so that they can, like, get together because, like, one person cannot do everything. It has to be a group of people.

[00:01:34] **Speaker 1** How important is the right to vote to you?

[00:01:36] **Speaker 2** It's very important because like with the way that the system is set up, like I can't like go out and be like, I want this done now and everyone has to listen to me like I'm I can't sign and things to law. So like I have to be able to vote to like have a say and whatever goes on.

[00:01:55] **Speaker 1** One thing that's really on people's minds now is school safety. How much do students like yourself think about school safety?

[00:02:02] **Speaker 2** Probably every day, because just recently we had like a gun fire. It wasn't that serious. It was sent to like multiple schools with West in their name. But it's just like the fact that, like, I could be here one day and then because I went to school not and like we have Alice training and a teacher like specifically told me like every time you enter your classroom to think about your exits and what you can do and like blockading or attacking an intruder.

[00:02:30] **Speaker 1** What do you think people should do about school safety?

[00:02:34] **Speaker 2** I think that we should definitely have more gun regulation because I don't think that we're going to like fully ban guns. I just don't think it's possible. So we need to make sure that, like people who are going to do crazy things aren't allowed, like a weapon of mass destruction to do those crazy things.

[00:02:53] **Speaker 1** Um, what's it like to be on the verge of adulthood in the current economic climate?

[00:02:59] **Speaker 2** It's scary because I've heard, like, so many, like older, like, like vague, like almost. They've reached that point of being an adult, but just barely. Like they're around 20 and they have to, like, worry about housing and they can't. And it just scares me because I've got like two more years of being able to live in my parent's home and then I've got around four years of college, but then I'm just like on my own and I have to find a house or an apartment and I have to pay for it myself. And I don't know if I'll be able to.

[00:03:29] **Speaker 1** Um. Are you concerned about the cost of college?

[00:03:34] **Speaker 2** Yes, I am, because I I'm not in a situation where I can get like scholarships for people with lower income and I can't. And I'm our family isn't wealthy enough to, like, fully support college. I'm in like that middle area. So I know that I'm going to have to write as many essays for scholarships as I can and also get a job to help pay it off.

[00:04:02] **Speaker 1** What issues in your part of the state are people older than you not talking about that you wish they were?

[00:04:08] **Speaker 2** I'm probably abortion. It always just seems there are people protesting, obviously, but it also just seems like a one and done thing. Like Roe v Wade was overturned and we had a protest or two and then like no one really talked about it and we were just kind of like, Oh, I guess we'll have to like vote for someone in like the next election. And it's just there's a lot more that, like, I feel like we should be talking about with it.

[00:04:35] **Speaker 1** What do you think they should do about abortion?

[00:04:37] **Speaker 2** I think that it should be Roe v Wade should be like an overturned. I don't know how to say that it should be like reinstated because it was put out there for a reason and that we should be writing letters to like our legislators and the Supreme Court so that they, like, know that like we're all mad, even if we're not, like, angrily turning over the streets.

[00:05:04] **Speaker 1** Right. Is there anything else you want to talk about?

[00:05:08] **Speaker 2** I don't think so.

[00:05:10] **Speaker 1** Okay.

[00:05:10] **Speaker 2** Sorry, I'm not that.

[00:05:12] **Speaker 1** No, that was great. That was great. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks for doing this.