**A042C905\_220927ZA\_CANON.mp3**

[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** Laura. What's your name and where do you go to school?

[00:00:04] **Speaker 2** My name is Dakota Ski and I go to Appleton High School. Slash for the sons.

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

[00:00:13] **Speaker 2** LGBTQ place matters a lot to me just because I'm multiple things in the LGBTQ community. So, yeah.

[00:00:26] **Speaker 1** What do you think elected officials should do about those kinds of issues?

[00:00:30] **Speaker 2** I feel like they should focus on it more, and I feel like they should focus on those rights more and trying to give LGBTQ less people the rights back that have been taken away recently.

[00:00:45] **Speaker 1** How important is the right to vote to you?

[00:00:49] **Speaker 2** I feel like the right to vote is pretty important, mainly because when I'm older I would want to vote. But recently I've been a little afraid of not being able to because of Roe v Wade and a lot of that stuff. It's kind of been taking away some of my rights and other rights as well.

[00:01:15] **Speaker 1** So a lot of like there's been a lot of discussion on school safety and how do you think that impacts you and how do you think it impacts those students?

[00:01:24] **Speaker 2** Um, I think school safety is first really, really important and. Oh, I just blanked. I can't repeat the question.

[00:01:37] **Speaker 1** Yeah. One thing that's on people's minds a lot right now is school safety. How much do you think students like yourself think about that. Students? Um.

[00:01:46] **Speaker 2** I. I think it's really important, but I think school safety is important, and I, I don't necessarily think about it a lot because it's not really a topic that has been brought up constantly. I know here and there we've talked schools have talked about like bigger school shootings and stuff like that. But I think it was about two weeks ago or last week there was a threat on the school and I ended up staying home because I honestly feared that I it could have been real. So. Yeah. Yeah.

[00:02:24] **Speaker 1** And what would you like to see done about that? Who?

[00:02:31] **Speaker 2** I honestly don't know. I definitely think things should be done. But since I don't have a lot of experience with it, I don't think I could answer that question properly. Okay.

[00:02:43] **Speaker 1** Um, what is it like to be on the verge of adulthood in the current economic climate?

[00:02:50] **Speaker 2** I'm I'm excited to become an adult because I get, like, a lot more freedoms. But I'm honestly also terrified because school doesn't really teach you, like, how to pay your taxes or credit and stuff like that. So I'm worried a lot about a lot of those things. Yeah. Yeah.

[00:03:11] **Speaker 1** And like, you think that like kind of ties into like the economic aspect of it?

[00:03:16] **Speaker 2** Yeah, definitely.

[00:03:19] **Speaker 1** Just making sure. What do you think that you're going to do after high school? A You go to college, you think you're going to work.

[00:03:28] **Speaker 2** I had already been planning for a few years that I won't be going to college. It might change too, but just the past couple of years I've been realizing school has done a lot of not so great things to my mental health, and I feel like that if I do more, my mental health will drop a lot and it just won't be safe for me in my mind.

[00:03:59] **Speaker 1** How do you think the job market seems to you right now? Oh.

[00:04:03] **Speaker 2** I've only had one job, so I don't have a lot of experience with that. But I have been trying to get jobs recently. But I definitely think that it's it's honestly really difficult to get a job is like a kid or a teenager because a lot of jobs, you have to be 16 or the ones that you don't have to be 64. They're not very enjoyable things like dishwashing and stuff like that, which that was my first job. So yeah, I can't.

[00:04:38] **Speaker 1** How do you think rising costs of things will impact in the future?

[00:04:43] **Speaker 2** The rising cost of essentials, I think, is probably what I'm afraid of most, because a lot of these jobs, the pay isn't going up, but the price for things is. So I'm a little afraid I won't be able to pay for things that I need. Yeah.

[00:05:04] **Speaker 1** What issues are problems in part of the state are people that are older than you talking about, not talking about the things that you wish they were.

[00:05:13] **Speaker 2** I definitely LGBT have less rights. I know I was talking about that before, but I definitely think that needs to be talked about more by older people.

[00:05:27] **Speaker 1** Yeah, I think that's a question. Zoraida. Also you want to talk about?

[00:05:33] **Speaker 2** Oh, I definitely think issues on like racism and stuff like that should be talked about more. I know that a lot of the older people probably more of like the. Can't remember the word like people in like the sixties and older and stuff like that a lot. I know a lot of people who have issues with laws that are now like for the LGBTQ people or people of color and stuff like that. I know they have a lot of issues with that and I don't think they should, but I feel like that should be talked to a lot about more. Yeah. Yeah. Okay. Yeah, that's great. I've never been interviewed. You.