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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** I'm rolling in every way.

[00:00:02] **Speaker 2** All right. What's your name? My name is Constantine Miller. And I go to school at Lakeland Union High School.

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

[00:00:13] **Speaker 2** I'm pretty involved in a lot of the LGBTQ sort of social issues and getting more rights and ensuring that the rights that we have stay put where they are right now and making sure that bullying gets to be decreased to a minimum as much as possible around the school. And we're doing the best I can. I'm trying to stay active in the GSA club and stuff like that.

[00:00:41] **Speaker 1** What do you think elected officials should do about LGBTQ rights?

[00:00:45] **Speaker 2** I believe that they should put more of a focus on it right now than what they are. I believe that they should try to involve them as much as possible. I get them more. However, to make sure that they're not discriminate in sports because they know that that kind of bullying from a lot of the kids around sports is one of the biggest things that's keeping me away from sports, even making sure that we're all included in everything as much as possible and making kids aware of how it is really, I guess, to be discriminated for who you like and stuff like that. That's something that the school could do. Elected officials could put into laws, making it a lot harder to discriminate people based on their sexuality for jobs and. Like applying to jobs and stuff like that can be even like this. If the employer doesn't think that you look how they want you to, then they can just. Decline, that you get the job more gender neutral bathrooms and like office buildings and stuff like that. Kind of make sure that that can be a thing rather than just companies deciding whether or not that's thing.

[00:02:11] **Speaker 1** How important is the right to vote to you?

[00:02:13] **Speaker 2** Extremely important. I mean, if I couldn't vote, then I couldn't really try to make an impact on what's going on around me. And if I can't make an impact on what's going on around me, I'm just living here without any sort of saying anything that's going on. And that's not a very good thing at all.

[00:02:35] **Speaker 1** Something that's on people's minds right now is school safety. How much do students like yourself?

[00:02:42] **Speaker 2** I luckily do not have to think about that a lot because of how secure it seems to be up here. But there's always that little thought in the back of my mind that what if something happened and we had a scare like that last year here, and most of the kids stayed away from school in fear of the fact that that might happen to us. And I believe that it's a very important issue. Make sure that school stay safe. And a lot of that can be done with regulations on certain things like firearms and stuff like that.

[00:03:18] **Speaker 1** Of. To talk more about that. We've been called to officials on that.

[00:03:23] **Speaker 2** I believe that if we put a bit more regulations on who can get them and how and how easy it is to get firearms, not banning them outright, but making sure that felons can't get firearms, kids can't get firearms, because I mean, a lot of people are having a way too easy over time getting things that can kill people. And it's. Not a great thing. Just having anyone can get anything to do whatever they want with that kind of thing.

[00:03:53] **Speaker 1** What's it like to be on the verge of involvement in the current economic climate?

[00:03:56] **Speaker 2** It's scary. Based on the fact that I'm going to if I go to college, get into a lot of debt and housing prices are going up and I'm not going to immediately have a job out of college. I'm going to be searching for that while I'm having to pay for certain things. And inflation is making everything cost even more than it already is. And minimum wage isn't going up at all. And it's just. Scary knowing that I'm going to have a really hard time saying like economically, okay, in my future, if I go to college, then if I don't know, I won't have the opportunities to make as much advancements in my life as I would like to. So. It's just stuck between a rock and a hard place. Getting out of high school right now. Yeah. We can pause for a minute or maybe 4 minutes or.