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[00:00:01] **Speaker 1** Are you? What do you think should be done about?

[00:00:10] **Speaker 2** I think all the obvious answers like obviously more gun control. But because I'm not I wouldn't say that I'm I'm like against guns or I don't think they're necessary at all. It's just that I don't use guns. I'm not a regular person. I don't go out hunting. And it's really hard for me to decide whether we shouldn't have more gun control. Is there enough? But I see what I see on the news that there's some things that we can do to help take away these issues that we're having because of guns like the shootings, the massacres, all these things are happening because we have such I wouldn't say it. I wouldn't say we don't have enough gun control. But it's hard. It's a hard decision, especially because I don't use guns every day. They're not in my everyday life, you know, and I wouldn't I wouldn't know what exact laws are put into place with guns.

[00:01:09] **Speaker 1** What's it like to be on the verge of adulthood in the current economic climate?

[00:01:12] **Speaker 2** Oh, it's scary. It is scary because I'm terrified that I'm still going to be the stereotype of living with my mom. I'm not going to have a good job. I can't fund my activities and I can't. It's a very scary time period because that's what it's made up to be. And financially, I don't think I'm ready or stable because a lot of these jobs are lower paying. They play. They paid just like above the minimum wage. And I think that's seven something. And how am I supposed to pay my bills with that? How am I supposed to afford a house, afford car insurance, health insurance? How am I supposed to afford even my luxuries? I'm just like going out once in a while and having dinner. How am I supposed to afford that? On top of if I want to go to college and all the debt, I'm going to be in college. It's a hard time to be so young and to try to find out what I'm going to do as well. There's so much stress put on me as a young adult and then there's so many stereotypes that are making me feel like I have to move out by 18, but I'm not financially ready at 18. I'm not. I don't feel comfortable leaving my house at 18, and I feel like there's a lot that we could do before that to help me feel better as a young adult, becoming an actual adult and living by myself like they are doing school programs here. Like I would say, our business area is nice and then our financial literacy where we learn how to make how to buy a car or how to get loans or those basic classes. I feel like we need to broaden more and make kids take those types of classes. And especially because me, it helped a lot and I didn't even know what a car loan was and I didn't know how to buy a car. But now it gives me a little bit of a stability to be able to feel comfortable and go out and look at least.

[00:03:17] **Speaker 1** You mentioned college debt.

[00:03:19] **Speaker 2** Are you concerned about the cost? Oh, yeah. I'm very concerned about college. It's it's hard because I don't know if I'm supposed to go and take out a loan. And I have a I don't even have a credit score. I haven't started credit cards. I haven't done any of that. So having to make my parents take out a loan for me is very it just makes me feel bad about going into college and making them have to pay off debt that I'm gonna like, that I actually am taking out and then being in college too. There's like a lot of issues, like, I'm going to be stressed already and probably already going to work. You know, the fund, the funding that we get, like, we do get like programs like I know I'm native, so I do get a percentage of money given to me to help pay for college. But it's not enough because college is very expensive and is probably why I had to cut that out. I think you're right. Um. I don't know. I just. It's just hard. It's hard going to. Oh, wait, what was the question again?

[00:04:33] **Speaker 1** Just to see your concerns about the cost of college?

[00:04:36] **Speaker 2** Yeah, it's just it's just a rough time for anybody going into college because of how expensive it is and having to deal with having to tell your parents how much money you're going to need for that even first semester or textbooks or housing and then having to figure out what college you can go to. That's it within your budget because if you get accepted or if you want to go to a really top college and you don't have the funds to do so, you're not going to be able to go. And that's just also it tears your dreams apart. But it's also heartening to tell your parents that you want to go somewhere that's so expensive, and then they're going to have to try to raise the funds for it, and maybe they just can't. And then, you know, there's there's a lot of issues with college and being so expensive. So how?

[00:05:30] **Speaker 1** So do you think rising costs will.

[00:05:36] **Speaker 2** Well, it would affect me because my my current employment, which does closed down seasonally, but it pays $10 an hour. So as prices go up, does that mean so does my pay or do we stay the same? And I'm not going to be able to afford certain things that I would consider a luxury or even a necessity at that point. Like even food. I know it's super expensive right now. Gas prices are currently still at that rising point. They haven't gone down. And still I'm still having to pay for car insurance for whatever I eat on a daily basis are little things, but they still add up. And then my whole paycheck is gone within two or three days.

[00:06:27] **Speaker 1** What issues in your part of the state for people older than you're not talking about?

[00:06:33] **Speaker 2** Come to think about this. Sorry. I would say, like a lot of issues are not taking seriously is the complete younger generation. Like I feel like as we voice our opinion, as we try to say something, we are soon torn down by the older generations because we are so young and that our voices are inadequate and they don't matter and that we don't know enough to even really have a voice on such issues. We're just not. I feel like we're not seen as equals because we are so young. And I think a lot of issues are concerning, like our body, our our rights as people like the LGBT community. Like we're just we're trying to express ourselves. But then the older generation, I feel like don't see that as express expression and all. They see it as a threat almost like like we aren't supposed, you know, like, I have no idea. Don't take a second. I don't know. I don't think we're seen as equals. I just see like I see a lot of conflicts between the older and the newer generations. And I feel like a lot of it is because the older generations don't want to take an account of what we have to say or don't like. They're so involved in the older ways of how we learned and the older those I can't think of. So anyways, I think I get that. That's terrible. I lose my train of thought sometimes of.

[00:08:18] **Speaker 1** Are there any other issues you are bring up?

[00:08:24] **Speaker 2** I don't. I don't think so. A lot of it just like with my community. Female, like indigenous, being a woman, being young. It's everything surrounding me and I know that's quite selfish, but I also have to think about my future and what I want to do with the rest of my life. And if there's stuff that's holding me back like women's rights, where I can't go and live my daily life as I want to or as I need to, then I have to be part of those issues. And with indigenous rights, that's more or less I'm part of it because of my family and my community. I take care and take pride of my community and with being so young. I also want my voice to be heard. So all of my issues contain something about me and they're based off. My morals are what I believe in. And usually that's how I take my stance is not only based on facts, but based on what I can see from both sides and based on what I think and I believe. And it's not from my my past or my my family or there's no influences on my opinions or my thoughts. It's all part of me. Thank you. Thank you. That was the most stressful thing I've done.