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Paige: Every year, millions of people decide that it's not worth going through all the hassle and red tape to vote. They simply decide not to exercise one of their civic rights and duties here in America with the rise of social media. However, hundreds of thousands of young people have taken up the mantle and decided that the political future of our country is something they care about. These young people are scattered across the country and the globe. However, I was lucky enough to sit down with two that go to school here.

Chris: Chris Elmore and I'm a sophomore at Carmel high school.

Kian: Kian Robinson. I'm a junior.

Paige: Like I said before, these people care very deeply about the political future of our country and with that comes some deeply ingrained opinions. In this first episode of hot take, we will be discussing the cabinet and Ford hearing and what these students Keon and Chris have to say about it.

Kian: I would consider myself a left leaning Democrat and I tend to care about social issues and environmental issues than math.

Chris: I'm not 18, so I can't officially become affiliated with a party, but I intern and I support the Republican Party and I identify more as a Republican than a democrat. I think that the most important issues in the country are issues of fiscal responsibility. You know, the national debt, social security, running out of money. These are problems that are going to be effecting us when we're adults, so I think that there. I think that those are some of the most important right now

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Paige: as a brief overview of the hearing, for those of you who are not super aware of what went down in Washington this month. Here's what happened. Brett, Kevin, I was recently put up for election into the Supreme Court by President Donald Trump. This is monumental because at the moment the court has four right-leaning judges and for left leaning and trump's nomination will swing it one way or another. A week before the vote. Dr Christine Ford came forward with an accusation that Kevin has sexually assaulted her during highschool. Since then there was a hearing where both parties were questioned by the Senate and then on October sixth, 2018 cabinet was sworn in as a supreme court justice. Both Chris and Ken were already in the know about the situation. So I went straight to the partisan lines and ask them what their opinions overall where. Spoiler alert, I was right. They do not see eye to eye on much at all.

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Kian: I think what Christine said was true based on the allegations themselves and the fact that a therapist had her, um, she had told this to a therapist back in 2012 and then it was written in the therapist's notes years ago before I'm. Kevin Hall was even up for the Supreme Court or anything near that. Uh, and I think that's first significant indication that what she did was true. But a lot of the situation, in my opinion, and I think a lot of Democrats as well is not a part of it is the allegations. But if he had been like, you know what, I was in high school, I was 17. I don't remember exactly what happened. If it did, then I apologize, it probably would have gone away pretty quickly, but the way he's reacting to this and the way the Republicans are jumping onto this and the way that he is, he, he was responding in the way he acted during the hearing.

Chris: So, um, I listened to the cabinet for hearing. Um, I thought that what she said was very compelling and I definitely think that something happened to her, but, um, my opinion on it is, I don't know if I can say that it was him

Paige: at this point. The partisan divisions became all the more obvious

Kian: and there's a lot of, it's very partisan right now, but there are a lot of human, like just being a decent human person involved in this as well because he's not. I think he, at least in the past was a high functioning alcoholic. He blacked out all the time. He could have done more stuff like this as more allegations of service. Um, and then the Republicans are making a big deal about how well you're pushing his hearing by a week. You can't do that.

Chris: Uh, there's, I mean there's a lot of things that she doesn't remember from that night where it happened, when it happened, and while I'm not doubting that she could have been attacked, I'm, I'm doubting whether or not it was him, especially because two other people have stepped up and said that they were the ones that attacked her. If he did it, I don't think he should be confirmed. Um, I, I think it speaks a lot about character and moral character. If he had committed something like that and while he might've had a pretty, a pretty busy and pretty stellar career and took care of some issues that I agree with, I don't think that, that speaks highly of his moral character. And I don't think that that's something we need in the Supreme Court justice.

Paige: Hearing them talk. He wouldn't believe how recently both have gotten into politics. They sound like 30 year old mini diplomats. However, both have only recently forayed into this side of the news.

Kian: Well, I was raised in a very political minded family. Um, a lot of the things I would hear my parents talk about were political things. And News and uh, I was always interested in politics and then once I got older and was able to comprehend a lot of more complicated new stories, especially with the, uh, 2012 election between Obama and Romney, I got really interested in that. And then in 2016 especially, I try to get more activists.

Chris: Well, I got into politics a little bit with the 2016 election. Um, I kind of watched everything that was going on and at the beginning, um, I didn't, I mean I didn't really

support anyone in general, but I was like, I don't like Donald trump because I heard what everyone had to say about him. And I kind of went with the, um, societal image of him. So I did research. I started to really like it. So I, I really started paying more attention. Um, but then when the midterms came around, I knew that I wanted to get into politics myself. So, uh, I started interning down at my local Republican Party.

Paige: Despite politics dividing Chris and Kian on almost every issue in this case, they can both agree to one thing,

Chris: vote Republican in November. And that's it.

Kian: Do you need to go out and vote, uh, in the midterms because that's very important. Bluewave 2018, we're going to take back, take back the Senate and get a bunch more seats in the house and I, it's necessary. If you don't like what's going on, you need to go out and vote. I know conservatives tend to be a lot more. Voter turnout is a lot higher amongst conservatives then is for liberals because they fired up. But hopefully that'll change soon. Especially with all this new things happening.

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Paige: Midterms are right around the corner and no matter your political affiliation, those of you over the age of 18 neat to get out there to the polls and represent yourself in your opinions. Those of you too young should encourage your family to get to the polls. US high schoolers will inherit the political and economical situation that is set up by our parents, siblings, and relatives right now. So no matter your beliefs or your age, your support matters. Thank you for listening to the very first episode of hot take. We certainly got some fiery opinions from our guests. I'm paid for fall and for more projects like this, checkout out wha e dot Com or [inaudible] 91 point three FM.

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