**Story 5: Seamus**

Jessie

OK, so could you start by telling me your name and spelling it for me?

Seamus

Yeah, My name is Seamus Angel S E A M U S A N G E L.

Jessie

Perfect. And could you tell me what you had for breakfast this morning?

Seamus

A white monster.

Jessie

Perfect. Perfect. One second, I was just testing my levels. Alright. Testing. OK, that's much better. All right, so when you think about the process of voting in the United States, where would you say on are you are on the scale between trust and distrust, trust being one and distrust being 10.

Seamus

Curveball out, I’d say it would be at about about a 7 or an 8.

Jessie

Awesome. And could you share the story of why you picked that spot? Like, why do you feel that way?

Seamus

Well, I started voting when I was as soon as I was 18, first election, I was able to vote in was the Democratic primary in 2020. And then I saw Bernie win the first three States and I saw what happened to the Democratic Party after that and then where it folded in on him. And basically, in my opinion, stomped out any sentiment of real change. I was very proud for that to be my first vote. And then from that and seeing what has happened in 2020 that election, and then now what we're going into. The system I don't think has ever really worked all that well, but recently I think it's flaws and are really at a breaking point.

Jessie

Thank you so much for sharing that. So you did share your about like a 7 or an 8 on this scale. Do you have like a spot you would prefer to be on the scale, and would there be any conditions you can imagine that would get you to that? Spot.

Seamus

I mean, I would rather be at a two or three, definitely. I growing up probably I was at a 5: I grew up in Madison. I Imarched against Scott Walker when I with 12 and unions and then saw all those people. I saw tons of people come out and support and the recall election and it was all for nothing. So, I would really think it was then that started me more to distrust, but any changes at this point, I think they really need to come from a local level. It is more than ever evidence that national politicians and specifically both parties don't really care much of anything about the people, and only really care about votes and you can really tell that with the failure to codify Rd. V Wade while we had a supermajority, and just letting that happen. And then now, Democrats using that as a massive push as to why we should vote for them and have to fall in line, really just erodes any semblance of trust that I had in the system. And for that to change, I would have to see a lot of change.

Jessie

Awesome. Well, thank you so much. Is there anything else you wanted to share with us today?

Seamus

No. Yeah, thanks so much.

Jessie

Thank you.