

Urban or Rural?

Lindsay: Hey guys. How (are) you doing tonight?

Keriann: Fine.

Francis: Good. Great.

Lindsay: Here's a question. Would you rather live in an urban, suburban, or a rural setting?

Keriann: The answer for me is clear. I would like to live in a rural setting.

Francis: Not me. Not at all.

Lindsay: So Keriann, why do you want to live in a rural setting? That sounds crazy.

Keriann: No. It's very peaceful and it's quiet, and you can drive a car to get places. You don't have to have neighbors. You can live in the middle of the woods. (Uh) it's just overall more peaceful.

Francis: It might be peaceful but you have to do a lot of driving to **get anywhere**, to a store, any kind of entertainment, to talk to somebody else sometimes. (I mean) there's (there are) miles sometimes between houses. So unless you, (you know), walk for a long distance. So **that's not for me**.

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Keriann: That's true. That could be a con of living out in the middle of nowhere if you have to drive and, but at the same time when you're driving, it's a good time to (like) be by yourself and think about it. (You know) I'm with people all day and I'm dealing with **stressors** at work and if I have to drive 25, 30 minutes to get home – that's how much time I spend right now on the "T" getting home and its two miles from my house. It's unreal- the amount of time that I

spend waiting for the "T" and then transferring, and then getting on the bus and then walking takes me literally 30 minutes to get two miles and I, I can't stand that. It would be faster to walk.

Francis: I don't know. I, I grew up in the city. I love the city because **everything is right there at your fingertips**. (Um) and even if you get on a bus or subway you have different options to go places different ways. So, yeah, it's just more exciting for me.

Keriann: I agree, there's a lot to do and especially in the summer, I've been having a lot of fun here. (Um), so I kind of feel like I'm using the city a little bit for free entertainment and (like) they had last year, (um) the outdoor fitness series that I like to go to and all the music in the park and the festivals and that was really, really cool. But at the same time, I could probably come down for a day or up or over, wherever

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I'm coming from for the day to enjoy the amenities of the city without having to stay. So I can't even look at the stars, 'cause (because) it's too bright. I haven't seen stars in months.

Francis: I guess I like the city because of the people. You can see a diverse (um) set of people and if you're in the rural (areas), maybe not so much so. So I think the **diversity** is a big factor.

Keriann: What about not knowing anybody though. You're just a **face in the crowd**. If you live in a rural place and you go to the same supermarket, you know the cashier, they know your name, they know your family, they say "Hi," and you get...

Francis: But that's too much.

Keriann: Well **to each his own**.

Francis: That's right, right?

Lindsay: Yeah, I guess that's what it comes down to. That was a great conversation. Thanks guys.

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