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Abstract:

Morgan Kallenbach was born and raised in Hudson Wisconsin. She works as a childcare teacher for Grace Lutheran Communities. In this interview Morgan shares her experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic as well as her thoughts on the pandemic as a whole. She discusses what is like to work during this pandemic as well as her home and social life. Morgan goes on to talk about her experiences with information and news as well as her take on the politics of the situation.

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Joseph Stratton: Hello, I am Joe Stratton and it is December 9 of 2020

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Joseph Stratton: Nationally, we have just hit 15,038,192 cases and 280 5081 confirmed deaths.

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Joseph Stratton: For this oral history today, I'll have Morgan Kallenbach Morgan want to introduce yourself.

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morgan Kallenbach: So just like Joe said, my name is Morgan Kallenbach and I'm 20 years old and I'm currently a third year student at the University. Yeah. I'm here in Eau Claire and my race is white my ethnicity, I would say um it's mainly German.

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morgan Kallenbach: Yeah.

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Joseph Stratton: OK, so

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Joseph Stratton: If you're good there. We'll just dive right into some of the first questions. Um, so what are the primary things you do on a day to day basis like activities school extracurriculars

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morgan kallenbach: Um, lately my day to day is basically been either doing lots of homework zoom classes, things like that. And then on top of that. I'm a child care worker, so I'm

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morgan kallenbach: Putting in a lot of hours working with kids and helping them with their homework and figuring out their zoom classes and everything like that. So those are the two big categories that fill up a lot of my time.

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Joseph Stratton: Okay, and

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Joseph Stratton: Where do you live,

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morgan kallenbach: I currently live in Eau Claire as a student. But originally, I'm from Hudson, Wisconsin.

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Joseph Stratton: And how would you describe either place.

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morgan kallenbach: Either place. I feel like they're very similar. Um, I feel like they are very homey. And I feel like pretty liberal and

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morgan kallenbach: Typical Wisconsin towns.

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morgan kallenbach: There's lots to do in both a decent amount of people in both

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morgan kallenbach: Yeah.

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Joseph Stratton: So moving right into Covid related things when you first learned about Covid. What were your thoughts about it.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like I was scared. At first, I feel like I remember being at my last house that I lived out when I first saw stuff on social media about it and I guess you know when it comes to social media, you don't really know what to believe.

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morgan kallenbach: And a lot of things are made up, but I feel like when I first heard about it. I wasn't too nervous. I feel like until schools and restaurants and everything started to get shut down.

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morgan kallenbach: And starting to hear people's stories of getting it and just seeing how it was impacting other countries. I feel like that was when it started to get really scary.

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Joseph Stratton: So have your thoughts changed at all since the beginning.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel it stayed the same. I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: I'm, I'm still scared. I feel like especially for this past school year, you know, with everything, especially being in a college town with college kids, they don't really make the smartest choices. So I feel like that makes it even scarier.

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morgan kallenbach: Because you see it impacting a lot more people in your personal life.

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morgan kallenbach: But I feel like it's still super scary, seeing how other places. How have you know decrease cases by your time, whereas the United States. I feel like we're still struggling

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Joseph Stratton: For sure.

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Joseph Stratton: Um, what issues have most concerned you about the pandemic since the beginning.

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morgan kallenbach: Um, I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: Mental health is one that's been pretty scary that's been pretty prevalent.

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morgan kallenbach: That a lot of people have talked about

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morgan kallenbach: Because you know with isolation and quarantine and everything. I feel like that's impacted people in a lot of different ways and

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morgan kallenbach: People haven't been able to go do your normal day to day activities and I feel like everyone has been impacted so I feel like it's been pretty

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morgan kallenbach: Pretty scary and I feel it has been a pretty big topic with it all.

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morgan kallenbach: Right, yeah.

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Joseph Stratton: So you had mentioned earlier that you're in childcare, um, has COVID affected your job at all.

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morgan kallenbach: Yes, my job.

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morgan kallenbach: Has been impacted a lot because originally I started last February, so basically right before

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morgan kallenbach: Everything started to close down and everything. So originally my job title was just, it was just a before and after school care that we had. So kids we come before school for a couple hours and then after school for a couple hours and that was it.

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morgan kallenbach: But then right when it hit we opened like an emergency all daycare where kids would come all day. And we've watched them and it was basically like I said earlier, you'd have to help them with all their schoolwork, and we've basically become their replacement teachers.

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morgan kallenbach: So it's changed a ton. We're working a lot more. We have a lot more

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morgan kallenbach: Words work to do with in our job with these kids. So it's I'd say it's changed pretty drastically from what the job title started out as

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morgan kallenbach: What it is now because looking at it. Now we have Monday through Friday we're open 6am to 6pm for all these kids from different schools. So it's changed tremendously.

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Joseph Stratton: So you said you started like emergency care and all these things have changed quite a bit. So would you say it's changed your employment status.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like it stayed

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morgan kallenbach: Pretty much the same. I feel like if anything we deserve a higher title.

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morgan kallenbach: And a higher status, but, um, it's, it's definitely say the same just like as an assistant teacher

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morgan kallenbach: And everything. But yeah, I feel like our status has stayed pretty much the same, even though we're doing

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morgan kallenbach: Fine five to 10 times more work than we were before.

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Joseph Stratton: Oh boy.

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Joseph Stratton: Um, so then what concerns do you have going forward about the effects of Kobe unemployment.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like it's pretty scary. And I feel like especially since the time last year when

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morgan kallenbach: It was getting really serious when jobs were being cut for a lot of people

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morgan kallenbach: And I feel like I'm not really scared for that to happen again. I mean, I am for people's financial purposes and all of that stuff. But I feel like at the same time I'm

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morgan kallenbach: Stuff kind of has to short start shutting down again.

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morgan kallenbach: To get to where we need to be. But I guess like employment, why is I

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like I could see in the near future. A lot of people having to be either lay off for a while or work from home or

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morgan kallenbach: Things like that. So I feel like employment wise that's going to impact people in a lot of different ways. But at the same time, I think in the long run. It's going to be good from a pandemic aspect.

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Joseph Stratton: So now kind of moving on to the next.

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Joseph Stratton: range of topics, um,

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Joseph Stratton: How has coven affected you and your families or your family's a day to day activities.

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morgan kallenbach: Um, it's impacting our day to day activities because I mean what I think of like my sisters, they are currently seniors in high school and Hudson and

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morgan kallenbach: You know, it's their senior year. And that's, you know, it's your last year of high school you to do a lot of fun things, but I mean so far that's taken a lot of fun things away from them. They don't really get to hang out with their friends as much as they used to.

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morgan kallenbach: So it's sad, seeing that when it comes to my mom, she still goes to work and everything she works in St. Paul for a public housing company.

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morgan kallenbach: And so she solos up but she does that, with on her own time and she makes that choice, but she also worked a lot from home. So that's changed a lot for her. And my dad, um,

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morgan kallenbach: Last year before everything happened. He had quit his job. He wasn't happy with. And then when quarantine hit my cousin who lives in Indianapolis introduced him to door dash. So that's his main his main source of fun and income now.

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morgan kallenbach: I'm good can see as at that age where he just kind of wants to we're doing something laid back and fun. So I guess.

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morgan kallenbach: That that's changed a lot. But he enjoys and my sisters will go along with him a lot and everything, but um you know we we used to go visit my grandma hellos enrichment a lot, but we don't really go to see very often anymore because you know she's always want to put at risk.

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morgan kallenbach: Or anything. So that's changed in

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morgan kallenbach: Were huge was shopping. We can do that very often anymore. It's very rare to do it because you know I feel everyone seeing online shopping is way more prevalent nowadays, but

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morgan kallenbach: Yeah, I feel like we're definitely just just way more home bodies now than anything.

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Joseph Stratton: For sure, um,

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Joseph Stratton: As co been affected how you associate and communicate with friends and family. Would you say

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morgan kallenbach: I would say so. I feel like with communication. I feel like I need to text. A lot of my family members, more than I stay in touch more

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morgan kallenbach: I face time my sister is my parents. I'm a lobbyist since we since we don't live in the same city, um,

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morgan kallenbach: So I guess like what I said earlier, like we my whole family used to go visit my grandma a lot. And that was like our main form of communication and go visit her on like Sundays or weekends a lot

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morgan kallenbach: And that was just kind of a time where we don't get to just like catch up and hang out and we don't do that anymore. So, um, yeah. A lot of it is just with technology. So I'm thankful for that, but yeah.

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Joseph Stratton: Makes you think it'd be wild if this happened.

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Joseph Stratton: 3040 years earlier.

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morgan kallenbach: Oh yeah, for sure.

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Joseph Stratton: So then, um, let's see. What do you think has been some of the biggest challenges you've faced during, during this outbreak.

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morgan kallenbach: I would say the biggest challenge I faced was my grandma passing away, she was in a nursing home. She was in a nursing home.

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morgan kallenbach: And, you know, with Cobra and everything. We got to visit her, but it was only window visits.

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morgan kallenbach: And she just she already wasn't in a very good place. And so I'm at the star of everything we move her to Hudson, so she could be closer to us. We could go take the restaurants and

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morgan kallenbach: Do all these fun things with her. But then, of course, a couple months after moving here when she was in assisted living then

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morgan kallenbach: Quarantine and everything happened and Co. We got worse and

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morgan kallenbach: She had an incident where she fell, and we had to take her to the hospital. So then when she came back. We had switched her from the assisted living building to the nursing home and say,

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morgan kallenbach: Mental health wise it went down very very quickly for her. And I feel like you could see that with just like a lot of

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morgan kallenbach: People there. I mean it was just like, I love going to the office at her and talk to her, but at the same time you it was just sad being there because you would see all the other families on different windows talking to like their loved ones. So I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: That was like the most challenging and then like when she passed away, only a certain only and my dad.

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morgan kallenbach: And his sister could be in the building with her. So none of us God to say goodbye or anything and then funeral. Why is it was just obviously very, very small. It was just like my family and my grandma's kids. So my aunt and uncle's

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morgan kallenbach: So it was just a very dear friend case scenario, than it would have been if Kobe did not exist now, but I would say overall, I was probably the most challenging part

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Joseph Stratton: So,

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Joseph Stratton: What have in the past.

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Joseph Stratton: verging on a year now.

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Joseph Stratton: What have you your family or friends done for recreation during this

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Joseph Stratton: To try to keep busy.

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morgan kallenbach: Wow.

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morgan kallenbach: Um I hang out with three people.

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morgan kallenbach: And I mean,

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morgan kallenbach: Poker has become a new

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morgan kallenbach: And I don't know, I feel like we just, I feel like it's, you don't really plan things but we just like hanging out and try to find fun stuff along the way.

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morgan kallenbach: I mean, me and my best friend and we go for a lot of walks, so that's helpful. Just get out of the house and was just like a little therapy session just rant and talk about whatever the whole the whole lock.

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morgan kallenbach: But other than that, I mean I feel like for a lot of us work and

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morgan kallenbach: School has a so it has consumed a lot of time.

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morgan kallenbach: So I feel like it's really hard to think about things that we do recreationally to pass time. I feel like a lot of Netflix and YouTube um

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morgan kallenbach: Die usually passes passes the time. But other than that, it just

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Joseph Stratton: It seems like

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Joseph Stratton: We've had to come up with a million different ways to reinvent 24 hours.

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morgan kallenbach: I couldn't agree more with us.

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Joseph Stratton: So kind of now moving on to the, the next topic.

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Joseph Stratton: How has the Kobe 19 outbreak affected your community.

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morgan kallenbach: Um, it's affecting my community, a ton. I guess for Eau Claire, it's different because even though I've been here for three years now. I feel like I I've never really like submerge myself into the community so linking back to Hudson.

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morgan kallenbach: I was an ambassador my junior year of high school for my town of North Hudson. And so we have pepper fest, which is a whole festival that takes up a weekend in August.

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morgan kallenbach: Where everyone gets together and just, you know, celebrates the history that North Hudson has and it's its massive it's huge.

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morgan kallenbach: And it's a big deal. And like last year, we weren't able to have it so.

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morgan kallenbach: What took place is like they just made a ton of different like little small events like a certain amount of people could

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morgan kallenbach: Attend to so I feel like it was really sad for me in that aspect because pepper fest plays a huge part in my life, but I wasn't able to go or

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morgan kallenbach: Do any of that. So, you know, our community isn't really able to get together and do the things that we do and see the people we don't see very often. And I think about now during Christmas time. I mean,

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morgan kallenbach: Hudson always has this beautiful setup where you go when you get to meet Santa and

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morgan kallenbach: It's like it's such a beautiful setup and you know I felt a lot of places to go to your kind of like oh my god essence cheesy and fail but

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morgan kallenbach: The one we go to the one people go to a Hudson is so nice and everyone goes there to get pictures taken and everything and

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morgan kallenbach: We have a light up the night where everyone just stands outside of downtown Hudson and you say Christmas songs and then maybe a countdown and all of the Christmas lights turn on and you know, I think, well, that's not gonna happen at all. This year, but I feel like at the same time.

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morgan kallenbach: A lot of like the small businesses downtown have done a lot with like sales and providing like different opportunities for people to like come together in the community and

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morgan kallenbach: Still do stuff, but it's it's definitely tough and I feel like a lot of it has been diminished.

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Joseph Stratton: So,

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Joseph Stratton: Our people around you, friends, family, responding to the pandemic.

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morgan kallenbach: Feel like overall people. My family is responding well to it. I mean, they take all precautions into consideration and everything and mentally they're doing good. And I feel like they definitely have their positive outlets.

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morgan kallenbach: For getting through everything. So I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: They're responding very well to it. Um,

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morgan kallenbach: But you know, I feel like in general. Definitely. Everyone's at the end of their wits with it. And everyone's kind of anticipating for what's going to happen next and when that's going to be done and everything.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like people I go to school with are not responding well to it. Um,

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morgan kallenbach: Because I feel as though college kids do not care.

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morgan kallenbach: I guess not really to group everyone together, but I feel like there's definitely

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morgan kallenbach: A big chunk of college kids that just choose not to care about it. So they kind of respond in a way where they just

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morgan kallenbach: Don't care to recognize what's going on and are okay with trying to put people at risk and putting themselves at risk. So I feel like a lot of them aren't responding well to it. But, um,

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morgan kallenbach: Yeah.

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Joseph Stratton: So,

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Joseph Stratton: Have you seen people around you change their opinions or change their day to day activities or just what they do in response to the pandemic, or for a lot of people as their day to day remain the same.

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morgan kallenbach: Um, luckily I feel very thankful that I am surrounded by a lot of people who take it very seriously. So I feel like I'm in a lot of the cases.

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morgan kallenbach: The people who are closest to me. I have cut down a lot of this stuff that they usually do seeing their family so often going out with

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morgan kallenbach: You know, cutting out a lot of different things. So like I said, I feel very thankful that I'm surrounded by people who do

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morgan kallenbach: take it into consideration and

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morgan kallenbach: put other people

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morgan kallenbach: Into their own consideration to um

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morgan kallenbach: So,

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morgan kallenbach: I guess. Overall, I feel like everyone's had to change how they live and change the activities that they do.

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morgan kallenbach: For whether that be for personal reasons for caring about other people, or just because they simply can't do what pandemic, but I feel like it changed a lot of people's recreational I am and everything.

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Joseph Stratton: Mm hmm.

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Joseph Stratton: So,

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Joseph Stratton: As coven changed your relationships with FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS AT ALL. Would you say your

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morgan kallenbach: coven I feel like has not changed my relationship, very much. I feel like I take them.

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morgan kallenbach: Not more seriously but I put more effort into them because of cool vid. Um, because you know it's like you never. No one ever expected this to happen. And, you know, we don't see our loved ones as much as we used to. So

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morgan kallenbach: Since quarantine and everything and just cold, but in general, I feel like I've communicated with my family a lot more. So it's made or bonds almost stronger innocence.

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morgan kallenbach: Me and my boyfriend sorry dating.

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morgan kallenbach: Started so I mean that I feel like that strengthen

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morgan kallenbach: That relationship, a lot, but other than I feel like with my friends and stay the same, if not anything made us stronger because we've bonded over a lot of the same things related to cove in

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morgan kallenbach: Which is how we feel about it.

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morgan kallenbach: How it should be treated and just things like that. So overall, I feel like relationship wise it's been very positive for me, which I'm very thankful for. And all that's not the case for a lot of people

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Joseph Stratton: Think it's a it's become kind of an eye opening thing where you see who takes it serious. Who doesn't, who cares about other people.

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Joseph Stratton: So it's

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Joseph Stratton: It's good in that respect.

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Joseph Stratton: Yeah, sure.

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Joseph Stratton: I'm kind of moving on to the next thing. Now, have you or anybody you know gotten sick during the outbreak.

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morgan kallenbach: I'm very thankful I have no one that I know personally that has gotten sick from cold or anything. I mean, obviously my grandma was sick. During code, but not with coded and then I'm

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morgan kallenbach: None of my friends have gotten it. Um, I've had co workers have gotten it. But luckily I've never worked with those co workers before anything

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morgan kallenbach: And

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morgan kallenbach: I never knew of any one of my classes I had it so luckily I feel, I feel like I always hear stories of like friends of friends and everything, who have gotten it. But I'm very thankful I have no one that I'm close to that's guy and stick with it family or friends.

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Joseph Stratton: Always seems like there's these little pockets. Like you hear of someone their whole entire family. Got it. And then the next person, none of their family guy.

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Yeah.

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Joseph Stratton: So in what ways do you think Kobe is affecting people's mental or physical health.

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morgan kallenbach: So I guess I kind of, I said that in the beginning.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like I'm, you know, I feel like anxiety and depression are two major things that have, um,

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morgan kallenbach: We've seen a lot more

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morgan kallenbach: Prevalent land people. I'm not even thinking about Kobe, just in general, and so I feel like with coven and people having a quarantine or being isolation everything

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morgan kallenbach: You know, I feel like that. It makes it even worse. And I feel like maybe even people who don't know they have it could end up coming out with it. Um, and everything. So in that retrospect I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: It's very easy to see how cold it has impacted mental health, physical health. I feel like it's kind of

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morgan kallenbach: One of two ways. For a lot of people are like what I've seen on social media on things and and like my personal life. I feel like people have either been taken advantage of the time. And I've been motivated to like physically worked out and

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morgan kallenbach: get in shape and eat the right things, or it's just kind of bad, like whatever I'm in. I'm in a pandemic, I do not do any job that is at the bottom of my list of concerns. So, me being one of them.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like I as as hard as it is to a man. I feel like I just, I haven't really been putting a lot of work into my self.

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morgan kallenbach: During coven but

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like mental mental health has definitely been a struggle for

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morgan kallenbach: A lot of people

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Joseph Stratton: And I think the biggest

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Joseph Stratton: Things with like physical health will be will see in time with a lot of after effects.

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morgan kallenbach: And yes,

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Joseph Stratton: Read like resonating occurrences with mental health and

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Joseph Stratton: A lot

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Joseph Stratton: I've heard there's a lot of late effects with Kobe to people that are asymptomatic, but I have a heart issue later and different things like that. So that'll be interesting to see how that unfolds.

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morgan kallenbach: Yeah, I guess I don't even think about that either. I feel like that will be a half pretty big thing.

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Joseph Stratton: Yeah, it should be interesting to see.

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morgan kallenbach: How, yeah.

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Joseph Stratton: So on to next topic.

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Joseph Stratton: What have been your primary sources of news during the pandemic.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like my primary sources of news have

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morgan kallenbach: How, honestly. And then, my friends, I am not good with keeping up with news.

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morgan kallenbach: Or anything and I feel like whenever I even tried to like a look anything up is click on like the first

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morgan kallenbach: Tab have something

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morgan kallenbach: I'm not really hyper aware and I feel like thankfully I feel like a lot, and I guess our university sends out a lot of emails, too. So I do get a lot of news from that.

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morgan kallenbach: So I get aligners from family and friends. I keep up with it because I am absolutely horrible with that, personally, um,

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morgan kallenbach: But

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morgan kallenbach: Yeah, because I feel like a lot of news lately has been. I feel like really

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morgan kallenbach: Like a big topics that matter. And so I feel like when when information does come out about it. I feel like a lot of places, say the same thing if it's like

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morgan kallenbach: I don't know. But yeah, if that if that makes any sense.

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Yeah.

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Joseph Stratton: So I guess.

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Joseph Stratton: Have your new sources changed during the course of the pandemic or up they remain pretty much the same.

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morgan kallenbach: I would say they've remained pretty much the same. Um,

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morgan kallenbach: I mean, I do I look at Apple news a lot

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morgan kallenbach: Too, and everything. So I guess that's really the only thing that's changed is because I just kind of, I got a Mac Book, not too long ago and it gives me updates. Now with everything.

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morgan kallenbach: And so I feel like it's I feel like that's intrigued me more to look at the news and everything.

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morgan kallenbach: And get better ideas of what's going on. But other than that, I mean I feel like a lot of it has stayed the same, and getting emails from the university like crazy.

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morgan kallenbach: Thoughts, the same

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morgan kallenbach: But yeah, nothing, nothing new.

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Joseph Stratton: So what do you think are important issues that the media maybe is covering or maybe isn't

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morgan kallenbach: Of it is

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like a lot of news is covering way more

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morgan kallenbach: Politics than actual code stuff.

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morgan kallenbach: Um, and I feel like when they came to Trump. I feel like that could be the reason why because I feel as though a lot of it had to do.

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morgan kallenbach: With, like I don't know just how the country should be Ron and everything and

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morgan kallenbach: It didn't really focus so much on like the scientific part of it.

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morgan kallenbach: So I feel like that was a struggle and sense

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morgan kallenbach: But

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morgan kallenbach: Yeah, I feel like they're not really, they don't really put much emphasis on like how people are doing or

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morgan kallenbach: Scientific part of it. I mean, you know, I've been seeing a lot more stuff about a vaccine coming out and everything, but I feel like that was just kind of like abrupt like

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morgan kallenbach: You know, you would hear people talking about it, but now all of a sudden I like going and they're like, okay, but we're gonna have a vaccine. And I'm like, Okay, I heard about this, but like what I can come from.

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morgan kallenbach: And everything by

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Joseph Stratton: Um,

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Joseph Stratton: Yeah, in the kind of response to what you said. It feels like

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Joseph Stratton: Colbert and public and national health crisis has taken a backseat to politics like

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Joseph Stratton: Just this morning and I saw the news Supreme Court.

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Joseph Stratton: Rejects Trump's bid to overturn Pennsylvania. And by the way, we have 15 million cases like in little print at the bottom. So it feels like everything's almost not to scale of what it should be.

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morgan kallenbach: I agree, and I feel like people are just so used to it at this point that they're kind of like, Oh, I feel like we can put that kind of stuff on the back burner because like whatever this is nothing new. We've been dealing with this for so long now but

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morgan kallenbach: Yeah.

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Joseph Stratton: So on to one one of two of our last topics here now.

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Joseph Stratton: So how have municipal and government officials in your community responded to the outbreak.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like at the start, they all had very good intentions to try and

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morgan kallenbach: Solve the issue and I feel like with politics and stuff like that. I feel like it's more talk than do

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morgan kallenbach: And so I feel like when you think about like Tony Evers I guess like when the timing.

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morgan kallenbach: At the end of last school year, when it was time to get serious and everything with like stuff shutting down

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like we were saying

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morgan kallenbach: Positive things come out of it. Kobe. Why is and then

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morgan kallenbach: I peoples are complaining about it and everything and I feel within and I everything felt like it was almost semi Baksh and normal

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morgan kallenbach: And now you'll get Wisconsin. And we have some of the highest amounts of cases. And you're like, how did this happen, like why and I feel like you look at it and it's like

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morgan kallenbach: You know, you've seen other countries that have gone on a strict lockdown. And they're down to like very, very few cases. And I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: With us at the beginning. I feel like I kind of stuff was semi taken into consideration and was talked about but wasn't really effectively put into us. So I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: Our government officials and everything, even in like the community. I've just kind of been like, kind of just like willy nilly with it and having real. I feel like haven't really put any major like actual ideas out into the light.

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morgan kallenbach: Or put anything really into place that will actually stick

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morgan kallenbach: And where we can see cases go down.

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Joseph Stratton: Mm hmm. I think it's such a such an issue, too, because I think people are scared to try to really implement something because they're scared of the backlash.

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Joseph Stratton: Yeah, but then when they

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Joseph Stratton: Do try to implement something people go well. It's my right it's and they see, what they want to see and not the totality of it all.

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morgan kallenbach: Yeah, exactly. I agree.

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Joseph Stratton: So do you have any thoughts on how local, state, or federal leaders are responding to the crisis differently.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like I'm looking at the country. Why is I feel like I am. I'm ready for

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morgan kallenbach: Bite into coming to office just because I feel as though he's actually going to put science first like he says and implement a lockdown. That's going to actually stick and be effective for everyone. I feel like when it comes to how Trump dealt with it. It was in

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morgan kallenbach: It was almost I feel like it was just kind of seen as a joke. Honestly, and I feel like the number of cases don't even bother him at this point.

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morgan kallenbach: So I feel like. And I feel like when it comes to statewide. I feel like a lot of people right now are looking up to the President and are relying what they want to do off of that. I guess that I'm not not saying for every state, but I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: A lot of states are just in such confusion, where they're like

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morgan kallenbach: Wait, I don't know. What's everyone else doing, like, what should I do, which is totally understandable because no one in this lifetime and Silva pandemic like majority people and so everyone's just kind of like

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morgan kallenbach: What are you going to do if you do that, I'll do that.

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morgan kallenbach: Or it's just I feel like everyone right now is just in such a state of confusion because they're like

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morgan kallenbach: Looking looking outward at the rest of the world. I feel like we need to look at what they're doing, because obviously there are countries that have very few cases, like I said, So I feel like we need to listen.

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morgan kallenbach: And obviously take into consideration what they did, because they know how to

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morgan kallenbach: Get rid of it. So it's time for us to be like okay now what ways can you use so we can get rid of it too. And I feel like

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morgan kallenbach: You're not always going to have a consensus with consensus with everyone agreeing on what to do. But I think in this case, like we have to have a solution to implement just across the country as a whole. And I feel like that's the only way we're gonna actually come to

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morgan kallenbach: Any type of solution. Ideally, ever. I'm just gonna say if he got us totally understandable. I

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Joseph Stratton: Sure.

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Joseph Stratton: So onto the last

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Joseph Stratton: Thing here.

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Joseph Stratton: Has your experience transformed how you think about your family and friends or your community.

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morgan kallenbach: Yes, because I feel like with what you said earlier, how does is very eye opening is I feel like it's opened my eyes to so many more things.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like, like I said, I've made it stronger bonds and relationships with the people I'm closest to in my life. It's allowed me to spend more time with them because obviously I stay in my same

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morgan kallenbach: Small group of friends. I work with my best friend for work. And so, you know, it's like all of us are always just doing the same thing. And so I'm able to spend

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morgan kallenbach: More time doing that. And then when it comes to my family members. Obviously, I feel like I get in touch with them more

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morgan kallenbach: And more

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morgan kallenbach: And I feel like community wise I feel like it's almost like

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morgan kallenbach: Brought them closer together than they have been because I feel like even though we're not given the same social gathering opportunities that we were before.

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morgan kallenbach: My community back home with Hudson has always just been super strong, when it comes to literally anything

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morgan kallenbach: That we face. So I feel like they've just found so many different ways like

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morgan kallenbach: With restaurants like the people who own the restaurants, just in downtown Hudson though share other people's businesses and

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morgan kallenbach: Michelle that they got food from a different place and put their name out there and I feel like there's just been so much more support.

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morgan kallenbach: For helping other people and you can definitely tell just in my community people putting I've been putting other people before themselves, which is so awesome to see

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morgan kallenbach: So I feel like, even though the pandemic has done a lot of negative in the world. And for a lot of people. I feel like there are so many positives that have come out of it to for a lot of people relationships communities family is a lot of that.

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Joseph Stratton: It feels as though as, as some people have

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Joseph Stratton: Split away from the community, kind of, in a sense, and done their own thing for themselves. It

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Joseph Stratton: Feels like somewhat the community itself has become a little more tight knit and stronger and

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Joseph Stratton: Those bonds of friendship have gotten a lot closer.

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Joseph Stratton: So knowing what you know now.

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Joseph Stratton: What do you think that individuals, communities or governments need to keep in mind for the future.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like in the future. People just need to put other people before themselves.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel like rain hours them best time for like individuals and political leaders and everything to actually focus on the good of the people and what's fast for them.

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morgan kallenbach: Because I feel like there are just so many other agendas in the world that people are worried about, but I feel like at the end of the day it's important how people are treated if they're getting the right things that they need.

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morgan kallenbach: The resources they need to

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morgan kallenbach: Be successful with that they're doing. Um,

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morgan kallenbach: Yeah, I feel like it's just need people just need to care about other people, more than other day

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Joseph Stratton: So one last bonus question.

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Joseph Stratton: Yeah. So knowing now that the first doses of the vaccine have been given out in the last day or two with many more on the way.

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Joseph Stratton: how optimistic are you are for the future.

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morgan kallenbach: I feel, I feel pretty optimistic. I feel like the vaccine is definitely going to be a very interesting to follow along with to see

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morgan kallenbach: how effective it is, how it impacts a person's body and I feel like there's a lot of variables that I'm scientists and stuff had I've had to take into consideration and I feel so if we do see this as something that is successful. I feel like it is going to help us tremendously um

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morgan kallenbach: And I feel like as long as we find a way to implement it and the right way and provided to people who need it the most.

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morgan kallenbach: in near future times I feel like I feel like that. I'll be pretty optimistic. I feel like for a little while I'm, I'm going to be a little

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morgan kallenbach: Edge about it all just because I mean there's so many unknowns, like when it comes to cope with the pandemic and adding a vaccine and the bat. You know, I feel like you don't know until you see what happens. So, you know, I feel pretty confident about it. You know, it's not easy tomato vaccine.

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morgan kallenbach: So especially for something like this. So,

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morgan kallenbach: If it pans out how

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morgan kallenbach: It's supposed to, then yeah, like I said, I will be super optimistic for everything.

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Joseph Stratton: Mm hmm. We're not quite in the homestretch yet but

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morgan kallenbach: I see a little light at the end of the tunnel.

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morgan kallenbach: Yes, exactly, because I feel like vaccines have been such a talk for so long. And now finally like hear about this and this year actually being implemented I it's crazy. So yeah, I was like what you said, it is almost like you see a small light at the end of the tunnel.

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Joseph Stratton: Well, I think that's

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Joseph Stratton: All the questions that I have

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Joseph Stratton: Thank you for doing this.

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morgan kallenbach: Thank you.

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Joseph Stratton: Be safe.

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