

Interviewee: Anonymous

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Abstract: In the interview the interviewee responded to personal questions about the pandemic and how it has affected their life, customs, their family and those they know. Also, they addressed the manner of the vaccine, fears and ignorances, the consumption of information, the response by the government to the crisis of Covid-19 and their thoughts and suggestions about the future.

Speaker 0 00:00:01 This, ahm, I'm going to ask another thing. Is it okay if we record this interview?

Speaker 1 Yes.

Speaker 0 Okay. Ehm, I am Claire and I am going an interview with the project Voces del Campo. The date is March 24th 2022. Today there are 29,783,805 confirmed cases in the United States and 54,503 deaths. Also, there are 572,770 confirmed cases in Wisconsin and there are 6,576 deaths. [voices in the background.] Good well, we are going to start with some questions. Ah, when you first encountered Covid-19. What were your thoughts in respect to it and how have they changed since then.? [voices in the background]

Speaker 1 00:01:04 Well, my thoughts before Covid were that I was not scared of it, I did not know what to do. We did not leave, we stayed in the house. And then, we were not able to do anything. We continued doing this. We... that is... no, I do not know. [laughs]

Speaker 0 00:01:34 We were not able to do anything.

Speaker 1 00:01:39 Only take the precautions that were recommended.

Speaker 0 I see.

Speaker 1 And we would get tested to make sure we did not have Covid.

Speaker 0 00:01:49 Good, and which problems were you worried about most during the pandemic?

Speaker 1 00:01:55 That I would be left without a job, have no money, not have anywhere to go, all of that...

Speaker 0 00:02:10 And where do you work? [conversations in the background]

Speaker 1 00:02:12 I work on a farm.

Speaker 0 00:02:16 What worries have you had about the effects of the coronavirus on your employment, your family's economic situation, the community, or anything else in general?

Speaker 1 00:02:29 No, well, my worries were that I would be left without a job.

Speaker 0 I see.

Speaker 1 That I would not be able to send money to my family. To stay, mm I do not know. [voices in the background]

Speaker 0 00:02:42 And your family? They are not here.

Speaker 1 No, they are there, in my country.

Speaker 0 00:02:49 Okay. Good. Ahm. And about your family, what influences has Covid-29 had on your family? In particular, how has it changed the daily activities of your family?

Speaker 1 00:03:04 The economy has fallen, it is a big crisis, mmm, I do not know.

Speaker 0 00:03:13 I see. [laughs nervously] And your family, ahm, do they have the same worries in your country? Like work?

Speaker 1 00:03:24 Yes, they worried about finding work.

Speaker 0 00:03:30 Good. What major challenges have you or your family faced during the peak of Covid-19.

Speaker 1 Well I was able...[voices in the background] I think that no, no, no...

Speaker 0 00:03:46 Well, ahm, I want to ask you about the community.

Speaker 1 Yes.

Speaker 0 How has the Covid-19 affected your community? Like church, work, ahm, school, clubs.

Speaker 1 00:04:06 Well, the schools are not open right now. They are all closed. As far as church, there is not mass, not if you live in the community. Families do not get together anymore, we are not able to see each other.

Speaker 0 I see. [voices in the background]

Speaker 1 Yes.

Speaker 0 00:04:25 And your family in your country, ahm, how has the peak of Covid-19 [english] affected school in your country?

Speaker 1 00:04:36 No, Covid, thanks to God, has not arrived here, but they do have precautions which require people to stay home if they have symptoms.

Speaker 0 00:04:50 Good. [ruffles papers] Ahm. Has Covid-19 changed your relationships with your family, friends and the community.

Speaker 1 Yes.

Speaker 0 In what way?

Speaker 1 00:05:02 Oh sure, with friends?

Speaker 0 00:05:05 Ahm, yes. Regarding your communication with them.

Speaker 1 00:05:07 Right now I am not communicating with them uch, yes, right now we are not able to see each other.

Speaker 0 00:05:12 How about communication between you and your employer?

Speaker 1 00:05:18 My employment, mm yes that as well.

Speaker 0 00:05:23 Ahm, have you or anyone you know gotten sick with Covid during the pandemic?

Speaker 1 00:05:28 Mm, no, no, at the moment no one I know has!

Speaker 0 00:05:30 Well, this, this is good. And now I have a question about information. Ah. What have been your main sources of news during the pandemic?

Speaker 1 Main sources?

Speaker 0 Like do you look at social media or Facebook.

Speaker 1 Mm...

Speaker 0 00:05:58 Do you not look at news sources?

Speaker 1 00:06:04 Yes, I look on Facebook.

Speaker 0 00:06:06 Okay good, or on the television as well.

Speaker 1 Yes, or on the television.

Speaker 0 00:06:14 Okay, ahm, and for my next question. Do you have any opinion about how the local leaders, state or federal officials responded to the crisis?

Speaker 1 Mm, I do not think so no.

Speaker 0 Okay. And a question about the future. Ahm. How have your experiences with the pandemic transformed your way of thinking in regards to your family, friends, and the community? In what way?

Speaker 1 00:06:40 My way of thinking?

Speaker 0 Yes.

Speaker 1 I do not know. I think there is a solution for this to end, yes?

Speaker 0 00:06:50 Or in, in your way of communicating or your form of...

Speaker 1 00:06:56 It is not the same now. My way of communication is not the same.

Speaker 0 00:07:00 Good, okay, we have one more question. Why did you decide to get vaccinated?

Speaker 1 00:07:09 In order to protect myself from Covid and in order to stay in good health.

Speaker 0 00:07:15 Yes, well, and it is free no?

Speaker 1 Yes.

Speaker 0 Good, okay well this is the end of our interview.