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Interviewer: Angela
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Abstract: In this first meeting the interviewer responded to personal questions about how the pandemic has affected his life and the customs of his family and those he knows. Also, he addressed the matter of the vaccines, the fear and ignorance surrounding the issue and the consumption of information.

00:00:01   Angela
Now I am recording. We are going to do an interview first, are you okay with us recording the interview?

00:00:09   Luis
Yes

00:00:10   Angela
Yes? Okay. Hm, today is Wednesday April 14th 2021. We are in the central time zone of the United States for Wisconsin. There are 31,066,891 cases of COVID-19 and 559, 741 deaths in the United States. There are 586,632 cases of COVID-19 and 6,690 deaths in Wisconsin. [background noise] Okay. First we are going to ask you a few background questions. First, when did you first find out about COVID-19? What were your thoughts in this respect and how have your thoughts changed since then?

00:01:10   Luis
[indistinct voices in the background] well to, to be careful and follow the regulations.

00:01:20   Angela
Ahm. Did you feel any fear?

00:01:24   Luis
No, no.

00:01:26   Angela
Okay. What are some problems that have worried you the most during the COVID-19 pandemic? [background conversation]

00:01:34   Luis
Family

00:01:36   Angela
Family? Okay. We are going to talk about employment. What do you do for a living?

00:01:50   Luis
Farming

00:01:52   Angela
Ahm. How has the coronavirus affected your job and in what manner?

00:01:58   Luis
There is not much work.

00:02:00   Angela
There is not much work?

00:02:02   Luis
Yes

00:02:03   Angela
What worries do you have about the effects of the corona virus with regard to your employment and the economic situation of your family, community, or in general.

00:02:16   Luis
Mmm, the community well, there is no work, there is none… yes. [background noise]

00:02:23   Angela
Okay. Ahm. And you have mentioned that, ahm, that it worries your family. We are going to talk a little about family. What influences has COVID-19 had on your family and in particular, how has it changed the everyday activities of your family.

00:02:51   Luis
Ah, well, they don't leave the house, they are isolated. Yes.

00:02:57   Angela
Has the coronavirus outbreak affected the way in which you associate and communicate with family and friends?

00:03:07   Luis
In this way. Yes.

00:03:08   Angela
In what way.

00:03:09   Luis
Telephone

00:03:10   Angela
Instead of face to face?

00:03:12   Luis
Yes, telephone.

00:03:18   Angela
Mhhh. What have you and your family and friends done for fun during COVID-19? Like movies, games, books…algo diferente.

00:03:27   Luis
No, we are in the house.

00:03:30   Angela
Yes. [nervous laughter] One must have fun at home. Okay. We are going to talk about the community. Ahm. How has the outbreak of COVID-19 affected your community. Ahm, are you able to be a part of much of the community including school, clubes, church, work, etc. [voices in the background.]

00:03:55   Luis
Yes, all of it.

00:03:57   Angela
All. Ahm. How are the people around you reacting to the pandemic?

00:04:05   Luis
We are all separated, everyone is in their homes.

00:04:09   Angela
Do they have fear?

00:04:11   Luis
Some.

00:04:14   Angela
Ahm. Have you seen the opinions, ahm, or the ideas of the people in your community change after first learning about the pandemic? [background conversation]

00:04:28   Luis
Yes, well they do not leave, they are cautious.

00:04:32   Angela
I see. Ahm. Okay. And now we are going to talk about health. Have you or someone you know gotten sick during the pandemic?

00:04:46   Luis
Mmm, he had the flu. I said, he had the flu. [the interviewee is referring to the the flu]

00:04:55   Angela
Okay, ahm. Do you think that coronavirus has affected you or your families mental or physical health?

00:05:10   Luis
No.

00:05:12   Angela
And why, ahm, did you decide to get vaccinated.

00:05:18   Luis
Well, to be careful. [laughter in the background]

00:05:21   Angela
Is it the same for others as well?

00:05:26   Luis
Yes

00:05:28   Angela
Okay. We are going to talk a little about the news. What has been your main source of new during the pandemic? [the voices of protagonists who are confused with the voices of other people in the room.]

00:05:42   Luis
Well. They say we should not leave our house and that we should stay inside, locked up.

00:05:50   Angela
Information on the Internet?

00:05:51   Luis
Well, to use a mask.

00:05:55   Angela
Ahm. In your opinion what are some questions or important questions that the media may or may not cover about the pandemic.

00:06:07   Luis
Well, to take caution.

00:06:10   Angela
Okay. Ahm. And finally we are going to talk about the future. Have your experiences with the pandemic transformed how you think of your family, friends, and your community? [background conversation]

00:06:29   Luis
Eh. Well, I don't know.

00:06:34   Angela
Would you repeat that?

00:06:35   Luis
What?

00:06:36   Angela
Would you repeat that please.

00:06:39   Luis
I said that I don't know. Now me ques…

00:06:42   Angela
Oh [the interviewer realizes she needs to repeat the question] Have your experiences with the pandemic transformed how you think of your family, friends, and your community?

00:06:51   Luis

No

00:06:53   Angela

And, ah, given what you know today, what do you think that people, communities and or governments need to have in mind for the future? Anything more? [conversation in the background]

00:07:08   Luis

Well, they need to stop taking COVID-19 precautions.

00:07:13   Angela

I agree. And, ah, is there anything else you would like to say.

00:07:18   Luis

No, that is all, okay.

00:07:20   Angela

Thank you, ah, thank you for your time.

00:07:22   Luis

Okay.

00:07:23   Angela

And, ahm, and that is all.