

Interviewee: Andres (pseudonym)

Interviewer: Claire

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Abstract: In this encounter the interviewee answered questions about their first encounters, thoughts, reactions, and ways their daily routine was changed because of the pandemic. Questions also addressed how the pandemic has affected the interviewee, especially in a very isolated environment, the decision to get vaccinated, and how the vaccine has changed their daily routines. The interviewee works on a farm.

00:00:01 Claire

Is it okay if we record this interview?

00:00:03 Andres

Yes.

00:00:04 Claire

Okay. My name is Claire and this interview is with the project Voces Del Campo. Today's date is March 24th, 2021. Today there are 29,708,385 confirmed cases in the United States and 540,503 deaths. Also there are 572,770, se, se, 770 confirmed cases in the state of Wisconsin and 6,576 deaths. Okay, eh, for the first questions, when you first encountered Covid-19, where were your thoughts and how have your thoughts changed since then?

00:00:55 Andres

[voices in the background] Ahm. Well at first, it gave us fear.

00:01:00 Claire

Yes, of course.

00:01:01 Andres

And then after, well. I am content with everything that is happening. Now, I have less fear. Well and now, with the vaccination we feel a little bit more calm. Yes, this is all.

00:01:15 Claire

[laughs] Good, ah, what problems have worried you the most during the pandemic?

00:01:21 Andres

Well, everything. I think about my family, about work, I don't know, yes.

00:01:31 Claire

Okay, and what do you do for a living?

00:01:33 Andres

Ah, I work on, eh, a milk farm, it can be. [voices in the background]

00:01:40 Claire

Ahm. Has the coronavirus affected your job? In what way?

00:01:45 Andres

Well, where I work, well not much. A little bit, yes. I think that it's well, mostly.

00:01:50 Claire

Yes. That is good. Ahm. What are some worries you have had about the effects of coronavirus in regards to your employment, your family's economic situation, the community, or anything else in general?

00:02:04 Andres

I think that there is not much to worry about right now. Maybe after, yes.

00:02:11 Claire

Yes, good. Ahm has the pandemic affected the employment of people you know? In what way?
[indistinct voices in the background]

00:02:18 Andres

Yes, some, some friends and others I know. Eh yes, yes it affected them, but I think that things are mending themselves a bit.

00:02:28 Claire

Eh. And your friends, they work on a farm as well?

00:02:30 Andres

Yes, everyone on a farm.

00:02:34 Claire

And, ah, ahm. The different circumstances of the different farms, they are very different.

00:02:40 Andres

Yes, they are different.

00:02:41 Claire

You do not have many problems but other people do.

00:02:44 Andres

Yes.

00:02:45 Claire

Ahm, what influence has Covid-19 had on your family? In particular, how has it changed your family's daily routines?

00:02:57 Andres

Well, it is not, right now there is not as much worry as there was before, but now everything is more calm and they are more, there is less to worry about.

00:03:08 Claire

Yes, now it is better but a year ago, well a year ago was different.

00:03:13 Andres

Aha. [nods] Different.

00:03:16 Claire

Ahm. What have been the biggest challenges you or your family have faced during the outbreak of Covid-19? [voices in the background]

00:03:23 Andres

Well, in my case I do not believe I had many problems, very few. .

00:03:31 Claire

Okay. Ahm. How has the outbreak of Covid-19 affected your community? This includes school, clubs, church and ah work.

00:03:41 Andres

Well, yes, a little bit but...I think that now I think everything is good, also, yes, we do not have any problems.

00:03:52 Claire

Good. [conversation in the background] Ahm. Has Covid-19 changed your relationships with family, friends, and the community?

00:03:58 Andres

No.

00:04:00 Claire

Good! [laughs together] Ahm. Have you or someone you know gotten sick during the pandemic?

00:04:06 Andres

Mm, no, no, no one.

00:04:08 Claire

That's good also. I've had Covid. Yes, yes. It is known of someone who has it now too. [laughs] Good, ahm, what have been your primary sources of news during the pandemic?

00:04:23 Andres

Well, my phone.

00:04:26 Claire

Social media? I know of many sources of news on social media and, ah, sometimes they say one thing and sometimes they say another.

00:04:41 Andres

Yes, it is not true. It's false.

00:04:44 Claire

Yes, it is difficult to know which...

00:04:49 Andres

It is unknown.

00:04:52 Claire

Eh, ahm, do you use television? Or no?

00:04:54 Andres

Yes, a little bit.

00:05:00 Claire

Good. Ahm. [noises in the background] Do you have any opinion about how local, state, and federal leaders are responding to the crisis? [noises in the background]

00:05:08 Andres

No, no.

00:05:10 Claire

That's okay. Ah, have your experiences with the pandemic transformed your ways of thinking about your family, friends, or your community? In what way?

00:05:22 Andres

Ah, I would not know what to tell you, no I do not know well.

00:05:24 Claire

That's alright. Ahm. Given what you know today, what do you think people, communities, and governments should take into consideration about?

00:05:36 Andres

Well... look for more medicines.

00:05:41 Claire

Yes. More precautions, yes.

00:05:45 Andres

At the moment.

00:05:46 Claire

Okay. I only have one more question for you today. What made you decide to get vaccinated?

00:05:52 Andres

Well, to be healthier. [laughs]

00:05:54 Claire

Yes, well it is free [laughs] Okay, well, ahm, do you have anything else to say?

00:06:04

No, this is all.

00:06:06 Claire

Okay. Good.