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Abstract/Summary: In this interview questions were asked about the first contacts and thoughts about the pandemic, reactions, ways in which daily life has changed, how the interviewee and their close environment have been affected, and the decision to get vaccinated.

Angela 00:00:01

Is it okay if we record this interview?

Pepe 00:00:04

Ah, yes.

Angela 00:00:05

Okay. Today is April 14th, 2021. It is 12 in the United States Central Time zone in Wisconsin. Today, there are 31, 076, 891 cases of COVID-19 and 559,741 deaths in the United States. There are 586,632 cases of COVID-19 and 690 deaths in Wisconsin. [shuffling of papers] And let's start with background questions. When did you first find out about COVID-19? What were your thoughts about it? How have your thoughts changed since then?

Pepe 00:01:07

Mmm, a year ago. Yes, [ps], above all take care of yourself, no?

Angela 00:01:20

Ahm, what problems worried you most during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Pepe 00:01:29

Ahm, becoming infected, yes.

Angela 00:01:32

Ahm. Can you say that again?

Pepe 00:01:34

Becoming infected, becoming infected. [background voices]

Angela 00:01:38

Ahm. And now we are going to talk about your employment. Has the coronavirus affected your job? If so, in what way?

Pepe 00:01:51

Eh... Well no, no, no it has not affected me, hardly. Yeah, everything is normal.

Angela 00:01:56

Okay, ahm. And what worries did you have about the effects of the coronavirus regarding your employment and your family's economic situation, community, or even in general?

Pepe 00:02:17

Mm. Well also take care of yourselves. Take care of yourselves well and follow the measures, yeah.

Angela 00:02:27

Ahm. Are you able to talk in a louder voice, please? [nervous laugh]

Pepe 00:02:32

Well, take care of yourself, I said, and follow the exact measures in order to protect yourself. Use the mask.

Angela 00:02:40

Thank you so much. Ahm. And has the pandemic affected the employment of people you know? And in what way? [background voices]

Pepe 00:02:54

Mmm. Yes there are a few that it has affected them. Some still aren't working. Now I have started to work but before I couldn't. But yes, I have started working again.

Angela 00:03:07

And now we are going to talk about your family and home. What influence has the coronavirus had on your family? In what ways have your family's activities, your family's daily activities changed, in particular?

Pepe 00:03:27

Eh... The children still don't go to regular school, everyone is at home. They still can't go out anywhere, but all is good. Yes.

Angela 00:03:34

So, you have kids?

Pepe 00:03:36

Yes I do.

Angela 00:03:38

How, how many?

Pepe 00:03:39

Two.

Angela 00:03:40

Okay, ahm and has the outbreak of coronavirus affected the way that you associate and communicate with friends and family relatives and in what way has it changed?

Pepe 00:03:57

Ah...well they still haven't come to visit us. Nothing else though, yeah.

Angela 00:04:06

Yes. Now we are going to talk about the community, ahm. Have you seen changes in the opinions and ideas of the people in your community regarding the coronavirus since the first time they found out about the pandemic?

Pepe 00:04:22

Oh, yes.

Angela 00:04:23

Yeah? In what way?

Pepe 00:04:27

Ah...well they still don't get together. They don't get together, many, [stutters]

Angela 00:04:38

Yes. [shuffling of papers] And has COVID-19 changed, oh I'm sorry. Have your relations with family relatives, friends, and your community changed? Yes, that's it. In what way have they changed?

Pepe 00:04:52

No, all is normal. Yes. [background laughing]

Angela 00:04:55

Ahm. Okay, now we are going to talk about health. Ah, have you or someone you know gotten sick during the pandemic? And what has been your experience with the illness?

Pepe 00:05:10

No, no, no one right now, no.

Angela 00:05:13

No? Not even a friend?

Pepe 00:05:14

No, no, no.

Angela 00:05:18

That's good. Ahm and why did you decide to get vaccinated?

Pepe 00:05:23

Ah...because everyone got vaccinated where I work. Everyone got vaccinated, and so.

Angela 00:05:30

Mhhh. Good, and now we are going to talk about information. Ahm. What have been your principal news sources during the pandemic?

Pepe 00:05:41

Ah.... [ps] The phone. [background voices]

Angela 00:05:44

And what are important questions that the media may or may not cover? In your opinion.

Pepe 00:05:54

Well, everything about COVID-19.

Angela 00:05:58

Yes, it is the phone. [nervous laugh]

Pepe 00:06:02

Yes, it's mine.

Angela 00:06:03

That's alright. Ahm. And now we are going to talk about the government. Do you have any opinion about how local, state, or federal leaders are responding to the crisis?

Pepe 00:06:20

No, [ps] that it's good. All is good.

Angela 00:06:23

Do you agree with wearing masks and things like that?

Pepe 00:06:27

Oh, yes.

Angela 00:06:29

Okay, and now the future. Given what you know today, what do you believe that people, communities, and/or governments should have in mind for the future?

Pepe 00:06:45

Well, that if I don't know, but [ps], yes vaccinating everyone. Yes. That they take care of themselves more.

Angela 00:06:54

Good. Is there anything else that you want to say?

Pepe 00:06:59

No.

Angela 00:07:00

That's great! Thank you for your time.

Pepe 00:07:03

No, thank you.