

Interviewees: Ann Seliger and Adriana Kotchkoski

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Abstract: Ann Seliger and Adriana Kotchkoski are both students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who have valuable insights as students of physical science and social science. In this interview, they each discuss their initial reactions to Covid-19 and the ways in which their lives and education have changed or stayed the same. They share personal stories of their lives and of their family and friends.

Megan Schaefer :02

So today is April 22 2021, and it is 5pm. There are 592,994 positive cases in Wisconsin. 6725 cumulative deaths 31,666,546 cases from the US and 566,494 deaths in the US. 216 million vaccines have currently been administered. So I have two guests here with me today. Would you two care sharing your names? Some demographic information, such as race, ethnicity, age and gender?

Ann Seliger :46

Yeah, my name is Ann. [laughter] Okay, my name is Ann. I am a biracial American female age I'm 20-

Adriana Kotchkoski 1:08

I'm Adriana, I'm a white, Hispanic 21 year old female.

MS 1:15

You recently had your birthday, didn't you?

AK 1:17

I really did. You can tell from my face. [laughter]

MS 1:20

So what are the primary things you do on a day to day basis? You know, your job, activities, majors, where you study.

AS 1:29

We're both in college right now at UW Madison. So most of the day is spent doing either schoolwork (motioning to AK) or for your job right?

AK 1:38

Mhm.

AS 1:39

And sleeping.

MS 1:42

Adriana, Where do you work? [silence] So, you Adriana, you have a job? Ann, do you have a job right now?

AS 1:51

Right now I'm in a lab and I'm doing it for credit. But in the summer, it'll be a job full time.

MS 1:58

Ann that's, that's pretty cool.

AK 2:01

I do grant applications, and then I'm also an accountant. And then I'm also a student services assistant.

MS 2:07

Great. What are you two studying?

AS 2:10

I'm a biochemistry major, also pursuing an art studio certificate.

AK 2:16

I'm a psychology, social work, global health, and I'm pursuing a certificate in leadership.

MS 2:22

Sure, so Ann for biochem, do you have any, like lab based classes that have been really significantly changed by COVID learning with more?

AS 2:33

Yeah, for sure. Spring 2020, all of my lab classes went online, including organic chemistry lab, which is like all lab. So that was definitely an interesting time. Although right now I actually go to my lab work in person. And it's not part of a class, but it's actually the only part of school that I have in person. So honestly, that's an interesting experience.

MS 3:03

Sounds like it.

AS 3:04

Mmmmm.

MS 3:07

So when you first learned about COVID-19, what were your thoughts about it? And you know, have your thoughts changed at all? Since you first learned about it?

AK 3:18

Initially, my friend and I were going to go to spring break, we're going to go to a friend's apartment in Chicago. And we were all claiming to do it until like the day that we heard about COVID. And then one of our friends was like, I don't know if we should go. And then we were all like, no, it's gonna be fine. And then we didn't end up going because we felt like, oh, we'll just go next week. So we all went home, and we left everything in the dorms. And then we were told not to come back.

MS 3:43

Oh, that's not good.

AS 3:47

So my mom is actually from Wuhan. And she went and visited in the fall of 2019. So just a few months before everything kind of went bad. So honestly, in our family, she was sort of like the first one talking about it, and maybe taking it more seriously than the rest of us. It's like, when you're not used to this kind of thing happening. It's easy to see it happening in other places and be like, oh, that's not going to happen to me, my life isn't going to be changed significantly. This is going to be like other diseases we've seen in the past few years. Right?

AK 4:22

But like, at worst Ebola, we're scared but like, nothing really changed.

AS 4:27

Or swine flu where a lot of people got it, but like-

AK 4:30

Not me.

AS 4:30

Not me.

MS 4:30

That's good! That's really interesting. So has COVID-19, you were talking about your jobs earlier. Has that affected what you do with your job at all?

AK 4:45

Yeah, before COVID-19 I was actually in an ecology lab and an entirely different major. And then after COVID-19 I wasn't, like, fired from the job or let go, but like they're like nope we don't have undergrads anymore. So I just kind disappeared off into the ether. And I no longer have that. I have like a semi major. So I just kind of swapped out because like it was it was too inconvenient.

MS 5:09

Yeah. Did- you go to UW Madison. So did you feel like your administration, how do you think they handled the pandemic? [laughter] Oh no, I see laughter.

AS 5:23

Ah, I don't think there's I can't really think of any administration in the US that handled things? Well, first-

AK 5:30

That's a good point, yeah.

AS 5:32

I think UW has been very messy and contradictory can be critical, messy.

AK 5:39

They keep on sending like keep on sending like, Oh, we can hear our thoughts and prayers are with you. But also we're not going to make any changes. And if you're an international student with like classes at like two in the morning sucks to suck.

AS 5:52

We're not going to make accommodations for you, we're not going to make financial changes or changes to the grading structure to accommodate for everything generally being terrible right now.

AK 6:04

Because they're having pass/fail this semester like they did in the spring, but the only reason why they're doing it is because like they got harassed by ASM way too much. And we didn't have a spring break, which makes sense, but also sucked how like, they didn't tell us about pass/fail until like, like a week after spring break. So like, if you're gonna drop you dropped.

AS 6:23

Also, they didn't give us spring break, because they didn't want people traveling. But first of all, people are traveling. And second of all, they also advertised sports tickets [laughter] and stuff. So I mean, hypocritical.

MS 6:38

Yeah, do you think not having a spring break impacts how you're, you know, doing for the rest of this semester academically?

AK 6:46

I mean, I dropped classes. So I think if I had a spring break, I still have those classes, it didn't really change much for the other one. But like, overall, I'm like, really stressed and like tired. And like, I know, like, a lot of my other friends are like, exhausted because it's like three months of pure school.

MS 7:02

Mhmm.

AS 7:02

I know, last semester, most people seem to have a really hard time. And like, like me, most people purposely chose to have an easier semester, this semester, like, take fewer classes than you normally would and maybe like at the expense of grade progression for some people. But it's just kind of a lot to handle.

AK 7:24

One of my like close friends, he's like an engineering and he decided not to go to school this semester and just get a job. Because like, last semester, his grades went down. It was just too hard. But that means he's not going to graduate with us. He's gonna graduate like a year after us.

So like, if he had known about pass fail, he would have continued on and he wouldn't have to spend all this extra money with like an extra year.

MS 7:44

That-that makes sense. Yeah, that's not good. [laughter] Oh, no. So- so with COVID like it's obviously I you know, it's affected our lives. And, you know, as a college students, it's unique. Has it affected, like your day to day activities? Like what you do recreationally I'm sure. Do you have any shows you've been binge watching? Or things maybe like a year ago, you're like, wow, I wouldn't have seen myself doing that now.

AK 8:17

Over Coronavirus, I discovered this game called League of Legends. [laughter] It's like a computer game for the most popular games and like before Coronavirus, I was like, Oh, that's a stupid game. Why would you ever play that you're wasting your time. Now I get the shakes, if I don't play the game. So I'm actually addicted to an online multiplayer game. And I watch eSports so before, I was, I could never understand why you'd watch like football or basketball. But now I watch eSports so I kind of get it. So I feel like I connect more with my peers now.

AS 8:51

I also know about League of Legends now because of her because I live with her.

AS 8:57

So that's cool. Honestly, all my normal recreational activities are like drying and stuff. So they're already pretty indoor. But I definitely can't go out like I used to. Not that I like was especially eager to ever go out in the past.

MS 9:18

That's fair.

AS 9:18

But I guess my behavior has changed a little bit. But I do spend much more time in front of my computer screen and phone screen than I used to. Partially for school personally not for school. [laughter]

MS 9:35

Adriana, you mentioned turning 21. What was that like during a pandemic?

AK 9:41

Like boring I guess? Not to be able to, I don't drink right so I wouldn't drink, so like I wouldn't want to go to the bar but like, I'd want to be able to go out to a restaurant and get like a free dessert because like yeah, if you like free stuff I would like to go hopping through restaurants and get free shit.

AS 9:58

Your Applebee's.

AK 9:59

Yeah. I wanted to like get my free dessert, but it was pretty boring. And it's just kind of sad that like, this is my second birthday in a pandemy.

MS 10:09

Yeah, that is sad.

MS 10:13

So, what do you think you would call the biggest challenge you've had throughout this entire COVID experience?

AK 10:21

My parents got COVID and my dad was hospitalized for like a while. And we kind of thought he was gonna like [motions to throat] so [nervous laughter] I was like, really sad.

MS 10:33

That sounds really stressful.

AK 10:34

That kind of made my classes fall and I was like, oh, like, he's fine now and they're back. So that's good. But then I got like, super angry there by who's like partying right now, like now I like that continued anger. So when people see people party, I'm like, oh, smelly people I hope you fail all your classes.

MS 10:56

Yeah I know like, when you see people like not wearing masks. Does that make you angry too?

AK 10:59

Yeah, like now it's kinda like, the mask mandate like outside. It's been lifted. But like, I'll see people outside without their masks. And I still go (angry face) even though like I know it's okay. So it's gonna be weird trying to like-

AS 11:11

Yeah, I'll pass people in like the very tight stairwell of our apartments without masks and like, guys, just because you got dose one of Moderna. You can walk around without a mask?
[laughter] I don't know. I guess yeah, frustration with like, the community.

MS 11:34

Yeah. Do you feel like your-

AS 11:34

The administration governments and how that's-

AK 11:39

I don't feel like there were any really good sanctions against people. Like, I saw people partying, like having giant like parties with a bunch of people, 20 people inside apartments we saw. Yeah. And like there is an option to report them, but nothing ever came of it. So there was just no sanctions against these, like, people who just kept on carding, and spreading, and it's just kind of like, we're staying home. We're doing all these things. And it feels like we're the only ones punished while everybody else gets to like, party and go crazy. Yeah, so you feel like people around you haven't really been responding in a responsible way to COVID. Yeah, yeah.

MS 12:17

So, has this changed the way you think of your community at all? Like seeing people respond in an irresponsible way.

AK 12:28

I kind of assumed like, they would respond in an irresponsible way to be honest. Like, it's like, I wasn't surprised, because like, a lot of the community here, like it's a big party school, and I always knew that. Like, I don't know, I wish the university would have, like, done something to like, prevent them from partying as much as they had.

MS 12:45

Yeah, I know, did your university give like options for like, a lot of online classes?

AK and AS 12:53

[nodding]

MS 12:54

Yeah, I know, some universities, they like, seem to have similar ways like within the UW system of how they handle things. So in what ways, I know we've talked about this a little bit, are there any other ways you're comfortable sharing of how COVID has impacted your mental health?

AK 13:15

I know for a lot of people it's made like access to UHS just actually easier because like before, you had to like walk through UHS and like, you UHS like, that's where you'd get like therapy and other like medical services. It's like on East Campus. So if you live on Lakeshore, that's about like half an hour, 20 minutes walking, depending on like how fast you walk. But now online, you can like kind of hop on your computer and jump on it anytime. So I know, for a lot of people, it's easier that way.

AS 13:54

It's how a lot of like classes and services and things that were previously like, Oh, we can't move online, it won't work like that, or suddenly, like, made much more accessible because of this move. And it's like, well, are you gonna keep doing this after the pandemic? I hope so, that could be cool.

AK 14:02

Like for kids who like got sick, like, say you had like, I know one girl who got mono for like, she was like, sick for like two months and like classes, wouldn't record them record their classes, or give her notes. They were like, get notes from a friend. And but like now with COVID they like post all notes. They record our lectures, and it's just kind of like, why couldn't you do this from the start? Like, what was the point of having attendance like, I don't know, it seems like when there were like not that many people affected, they didn't really care. But now that it's like more than like, the majority of everybody is like affected by Covid, but they're like, okay, we'll care a little bit.

MS 14:41

So do you think like when COVID kind of stops being as big of an issue, do you think they'll continue with those ways that they've changed or do you think things will maybe go back to normal and lesson won't really be learned?

AS 14:50

I kind of believe that people are going to do what saves them effort and money. [laughter] So you know, I think the university has really tried to move away from keeping online classes accessible to students like this. But I don't know, having the option for more people could be like, good. I mean, I'm lucky, I'm able bodied, I'm not disabled, I can get to class, I don't have a lot of responsibilities outside of school to take care of that would take away from time, you know, but like, other people do, and I don't know, I think the university can do better. You know, the university just kind of sucks a lot in general.

AK 15:38

Yeah, if you're not like the perfect typical student, it's not really like, there's not many, there's resources, but like, a lot of professors aren't gonna be super accommodating. So it's kind of rough. I think, like some departments might be nicer than others.

AS 15:51

Mhmm.

AK 15:52

Like, like, stereotypical, like psychology or social department. I think they might be nicer. But I think like, the math department or like other like, quote, unquote, messier departments, might be like, now you hear it out?

MS 16:07

Yeah. So you're you are in like, the social departments they have they handled it better, do you think than other departments on campus?

AK 16:15

Some, some professors have? Some have not. I have one professor who I tried to contact for over a week through email, Canvas messaging and attending office hours. She did not go to her office hours, and did not answer email or any messaging. So there's that?

MS 16:36

Oh, no.

AK 16:40

It probably depends on the professor, some some professors who are like really nice, they care about their students, other ones are like, they're just there.

MS 16:49

Ann, have you had any experiences with professors being either accommodating or not accommodating with you, like, as a result of COVID?

AS 16:59

I don't know, I don't talk to my professors. [laughter] I think I've had a lot of classes that were very messy, and a few professors that have actively tried to change up the old class format to work better online, which I've really appreciated. But I don't know, I think in general, it's been,

it's been hard on professors too, I guess. So I don't know maybe administration's give them more resources or help to figure stuff out. But you know,

AK 17:36

I do have one professor who like, he can have a shout out as a treat. So for every unit, we have an exam assignment and quiz. And like, at the beginning, he's like, you can drop one exam, including the finals, I was like, hoggers, I'm not gonna take the final. But then like, a couple of days ago, he's like, actually, you guys can also drop a discussion and assignment. So now I'm done with the class. But I think that's like really nice and accommodating. So it's like, if you messed up the first exam or whatever, you still get a chance to still get an A. Or like now that like, I've done like, everything, I can now just kind of do nothing and it's nice to be rewarded for that. So, Bob, you can have a shout out.

MS 18:11

That's good. That's good to hear. So about the vaccine, you have both of you been vaccinated at all I received the first shot you first shot (nodding) Nice. Nice. Did you have any side effects from the first one?

AS 18:28

I mean, my arm was like a little bit sore, but not really sore. I'm kinda windmilling it. I don't feel bad, really. But I kind of other people did. I guess.

AK 18:42

I was just sore and like a headache. But I felt like I don't know. It wasn't that bad.

MS 18:45

Not that bad.

AS18:47

People's immune system response is different.

MS 18:51

So how did you get access to it? Was it through the university?

AS 18:53

No. I went through Walgreens. Yes, the university I don't know. I think now they have more shot openings than before. But-

AK 19:08

I also did Walgreens, Walgreens for the win.

MS 19:16

So how did you first learn about like where you could get the vaccine? Or was it like a difficult process to you know, get through to Walgreens or did you get in pretty quickly after you found out you were eligible?

AK 19:27

Well, one of my friends and I groupchat said I just got my vaccine and I went how and then I did exactly what he did. And then I told all of my roommates.

AS 19:36

Mhm. My lab pa also told me about getting vaccinated. And like she wasn't concrete like just a reminder that hey, that's something you can do and I was like, nice. And the Walgreens website was very messy. It didn't work super well. For like finding appointments or openings. So honestly, it's like it was like ticketing for really high demand concerts you know?

MS 20:06

That's funny. Do you have to like, get tested being off campus students? Like, do you have to get like antigen tested still? or How did that work with the university?

AS 20:16

Every week we have to go to a COVID test. It's just a spit test.

MS 20:20

Oh, sure.

AS 20:21

Yeah. But honestly, at the beginning of the semester, that was a little bit rough. But now it's like easier, I guess.

AK 20:29

It was kind of hard to figure out how to spit because it is very hard to drool, you could draw like, like 1.5 milliliters, which doesn't seem like a lot, but it's a lot to draw out.

MS 20:41

Oh no.

AS 20:43

And they got better at like checking samples before you finish for like, in particles or issues that would make it not work. So yeah, that process got a lot smoother with time.

MS 20:58

Okay, and I'm a little curious, I know, doing biochem and studying cells, have you looked at anything to do with COVID at all?

AS 21:03

I haven't looked at anything to do with COVID. But in class, a lot of my professors have tried to include it. Like, I'm in biochemistry right now I'm doing the major sequence. So I swear every single lecture, there's a COVID aside.

MS 21:23

Yeah.

AS 21:25

Which is like, it's interesting. And I think it would be cool if classes could move more towards like, relatable application based learning, which is what one of my professors actually tried to do last semester, which I really appreciate it. I mean, I wish they didn't decide to do it because of a global pandemic. No. [laughter]

MS 21:49

So looking more at news sources, and instead, have you had like primary news sources, or where have you gotten your information throughout the pandemic?

AS 22:01

Social media, like, mostly highlighted articles from new sources on social media, like the big ones, like New York Times, Huffington Post, blah, blah, blah. And like, I'll see the headlines and be like, Oh, that's happening. And if something really big happens, normally, I'll see lots of media about it or hear about it from other people.

MS 22:26

Have you changed your news sources at all? Or did you you know, always go through social media to get your news. And that's still where you go, it seems pretty reliable. If you're going through The New York Times and everything.

AK 22:43

I have, like, news like notifications on my phone from like Washington and New York Times, like, when something big happens again, notification and like, I'll go like Google, and I'll like news search it. Otherwise, like Reddit. I like to, like, peruse, right, to see kind of what's happening. So it's really fun. Social media is like, it's fun to look through it.

AS 22:57

I don't think I really changed my news sources at all. I think I have more tangible criticisms of all of them than I did before the pandemic, like, oh, The New York Times back at its xenophobia again. But, you know.

MS 23:14

Yeah, do you have anything you want to share about the news and like issues that you have with it, or what it reports and how it reports things?

AS 23:23

I think a lot of articles, try to first of all, garner clicks, so that'd be like sensationalist. And also, a lot of the articles are written by people who are like, not as sensitive as they should be, or more out of touch. And also, there's a lot of talk about, like biased news sources. What does being neutral even mean? is being neutral being biased in itself? [laughter] Yeah, I guess it's good to think about what you're taking in and not just read the news at face value.

MS 24:05

Mhm. Yeah, looking at different news articles or something. I think for me I've I've struggled with because I always just go to kind of my same place so but like, what you're saying he's going to different places to find different things. Sounds like a good idea.

AS 24:17

Mhm.

MS 24:19

So do you have any opinions on how you're your leaders? We talked about this a little bit, but how leaders in your community government officials responded initially to the outbreak and how they've continued to respond to it?

AK 24:27

Like Madison's kind of whipped by the tavern league. So it's like kind of frustrating that like, like, there are things that are like, good for like the population they won't do because like, there are powerful people who are like, no, it's gonna hurt business. And like, on one hand, I totally understand like, shutting it down does for a lot of businesses, but also like, we want to like reduce deaths and that kind of stuff. But I don't know it's a little a little frustrating because it's

like, get the fight between what's best for lives but also what's best for the lives and the sense of like, monetary, and like keeping businesses alive and like helping the community and that kind of stuff.

AS 25:04

I think a lot of people didn't really get how long, or how big COVID was going to be in the United States, too. So the initial responses are pretty underwhelming.

MS 25:16

Yeah. Do you have any ideas on how you would have liked to see a response made, as opposed to how it actually was?

AK 25:25

I mean, like, like, how New Zealand did it, I don't think that'd be ever possible. I think like, we're a super independent group of people where like, and we're like, really diverse. Or like, if we, if, like, some big person in power was like, stay home and be like, no, you stay home, I do what I want. I feel like it'd be really hard to like, do like what New Zealand did even though when we look at New Zealand, like they're basically back to normal. I do wish we could have done that. I don't think it's possible, though.

MS 25:53

Yeah. Do you think like, how are you going to, is it going to change your future? Do you have any ideas on how like your family or friends or communities might change from COVID?

AS 26:03

I don't know. Honestly, it's hard to say. I mean, in life, I like, I'm coming from a pretty privileged place. Right? So I have definitely not been as hard hit as a lot of people. Like financially, my family's fine. My schooling, future goals haven't really changed during COVID. So I'm pretty fortunate, honestly. I guess I don't know. It's just interesting to see what's been shown very explicitly about government country people because of COVID, I guess.

MS 26:51

So how do you think this, uh, changes the way that people think about vaccines?

AS 26:58

I think, suspicion of vaccines has always been there. But it's increased with like, Internet, and the rise of like, these niche Facebook groups and whatsapp group chats, you know, and having a vaccine that's out there that's like, so pushed by the government as it should be, makes people like, more hosts to it. Like, honestly, I think a lot of people who don't want to get the COVID vaccine, also like the people who don't get a flu shot. And not necessarily people who are like,

also hardcore anti Vax, like, I'm not going to vaccinate my baby anti Vax. But I don't know, it's, I think a lot of people don't understand how it works, not necessarily because it's their own fault. Maybe it's the fault of science communication, public health, blah, blah, blah. But it just seems like, I don't know, people are suspicious, and it's new, and they don't understand the testing process, how safe it is, etc.

AK 28:09

And like, I think since everybody has been like, cooped up, like we have seen a rise of like, these Facebook groups, like promoting this misinformation about vaccines, like even before the vaccine was created, and people were like, Bill Gates, mic-microchip, it's gonna go in, he's gonna find out where you are you guys, he's gonna know or whatever. And like, even this was even before the vaccine was created, I know, like, a lot of people were like, the vaccine was created in less than a year, that means it's bad, or whatever. And it really does show this misunderstanding about like, the vaccine and how the technology is not new. It's, it's old, and like, we've had this information and like, yeah, I don't know, like, education is not super attainable in the- and like, all high schools are not to the same, like level. So it's like, a lot of people don't have the same experiences of same understanding or even the time to be able to research this information. Or they might just be in a group of people who have like, vaccine is bad, they don't have time to, like, actually look past that. So it's like, No, I think partly shaming people for not, for being fearful about the vaccine is like, a little ignorant, because like we have, we do have a history of like, kind of pushing medical procedures on to like, I'm already like, what's the word?

AS 29:27

Marginalized people?

AK 29:29

Marginalized communities and like a lot of sad, like, we do have like a history of like, kind of kind of harming those populations. And it's kind of rude to say, why don't you just get the vaccine, when it's kind of like, hey, we do have a history of it. And it's like, within the past 100 years, we've done a lot of like, un-OK things. So it's kind of fair for a lot of committees to kind of fearful but also like there's a lot of people spreading misinformation about the vaccine and like, misinformation about the vax, or like the masks and Fauci and they're like, bad I won't get a vaccine because I'm too strong.

AS 30:02

It's interesting to how like, online social media stuff pushes people towards these more extreme groups, right? Like, first of all these intense headlines with really hardcore titles, and posts are gonna get like a lot more clicks, right? So that's profitable to do. But also the way a lot of social medias are set up, they have like algorithms that will show you stuff that you like. And there's been a lot of talk about, like, the PVC pipes out, right.

AK 30:34

But I think there's something similar in terms of medical misinformation, right? Like, you, if you believe something, you're going to be put into a group for people who believe the same thing, and they're just going to keep on like, egging you on. And like, you're gonna just be like, the sound room where everybody thinks the same thing you think, so it's just gonna get even worse, and you're gonna be pushed to these more polarized opinions. There's like, no more like, there's no neutral ground, no sharing of opinions. It's just kind of like, I'm super anti vax. Or, if you don't get a vaccine, you're stupid. There's no like, oh, we'll level up marginalized communities like, the history, you're just one or the other?

MS 31:14

Do you think the science community could be doing a better job? Or how do you think they could be handling it in a way? Is there anything they could be doing?

AK 31:21

The site, I feel like some of the science can add like to be like, we are a lot smarter than everyone else. So we're gonna write it and really, like scientific terms that make it like super accessible for others. Which isn't like super fair, because like, they kind of ignore that a lot of people don't have the same education to like, like, understand the vocabulary or have the experience with some of the scientific writing.

AS 31:47

I mean, the best piece of science communication I've seen about this topic was a tick tok by a guy who taped the fork to his hand. [laughter] So I think that it's hard to like, I don't know, there aren't a lot of like, big science, public figures outside of I don't know, Fauci.

AK 32:02

Bill Nye the Science Guy.

AS and AK 32:04

[singing] Bill Nye the Science Guy

AS 32:05

I don't know. It's also hard to get your stuff like shown to a lot of people maybe if you're a random scientists working in a lab in Wisconsin, so I don't know. I mean, I'm a 20 year old in college, I don't really know how to do things or understand how things work. So

AK 32:24

I also feel like like with politics, they haven't like it's there's no united front. There's a lot of like differing opinions about like what we should do and about vaccines. And since there's no like one consensus, it's kind of hard to expect, like the average person to like know, what to do and what to believe. Because like, they're posting different things. Yeah. People are politicizing the vaccine to an extent I guess to Yeah, which is that it shouldn't be politicized. Vaccines like polio, polio, bad, similar times masks were politicized when it's like a legitimate way to spread, right? Like, I feel like if the administration had at that point been like, vaccine good, just wear it, we wouldn't really have these like, people are like, No, I won't wear Maxine and low wear vaccine. I want to tell them, like, I'm not gonna wear a mask masks or for girly girls. Or like that kind of stuff. Or like, I'm too strong for a mask if we have the administration being like, no wear a mask. But since we never had that united front, people are like, no masks for stinky liberals.

MS 33:31

Yeah, that's great. I, I love hearing your thoughts on this. I don't really have any more questions that I have to ask you. Do you have any final thoughts or anything you'd like to add?

AS 33:42

Um, this is an interesting interview to do. Personally, I feel out of touch from a lot of very significant, probably more important issues as a vaccine. Because as a person in college, who's like, doing fine for herself, and generally pretty fortunate with the life she lives. I like haven't been seriously hardcore. impacted, right. In terms of ways that will like probably affect me. And my like, life 20 years in the future, right. But it's, it's interesting to reflect on all this right?

AK 34:25

Yeah, I'm really hoping that we don't have to deal with COVID a year from now.
laughter

MS 34:31

Thank you both so much for doing this interview. I will stop the recording. Maybe we can hang out and talk for a little while after I stopped recording.