

Oral History Assignment # 3

Due: September 24

Directions: On September 10 you will be paired-up with someone from your course. During discussion section, you will have time to work on this interview. Go through this questionnaire twice, once as the interviewer (person asking the questions) and once as the interviewee (person answering the questions). If you are the interviewer be sure to take notes on the answers to the questions. After taking notes, type out the answers to the questions. It does not have to be a complete transcription of everything that was said, but make sure that if someone else was reading it they would be able to understand the answer to the question. Submit both interviews to Canvas by September 24.

W:300 Oral Interview Questionnaire

Background Information

Note: Do not share anything you do not feel comfortable sharing. Think of these background questions as ways to help researchers. Perhaps someone is specifically doing a project on young adults living in the Midwest, providing any demographic information will be helpful. However, do not feel obligated to share any information that you are not comfortable sharing.

1. Name: Isaac Buchholz

2. Age Range (select one)

- Teen: <20
- **Young adult: 20-30**
- Adult: 30-65
- Elderly: 65+

3. Where are you from?

Greenwood, IN

4. Where are you currently?

Bloomington, IN

5. What are your preferred pronouns?

He/Him/His

6. What is your ethnic/racial/ or cultural background?

White

7. Who is conducting this interview?

Name: Eli McCoy

1. Do you consent to having this interview submitted to the COVID-19 Archive, A Journal of the Plague Year?

Yes/No

Required Interview Questions

Note: If you have a follow-up questions while you are talking, feel free to ask them. Record the question and what your interviewee says.

1. Describe what your relationship to food was like before COVID-19.

Before COVID, Isaac's relationship with food was pretty normal. This involved eating at regular times, eating with friends, and going out to eat.

2. What is one way that COVID-19 has personally impacted you?

Just last week he was put into isolation by a positive COVID test which obviously would have resulted in him being forced to stay in and avoid contact with anyone.

3. With the closing of restaurants and bars, a large portion of the social aspect of eating vanished due to COVID-19. Has this change affected you and if so how? When was the last time you visited a restaurant?

His friend group was actually pretty impacted by this because before he would go out to eat with all of them once a week. Astoundingly, Isaac has not sat down in a restaurant since February of this year.

4. Since social spaces that revolved around food are more restricted, what do dates, and social gatherings look like for you now?

Dates for him are more in open air places such as parks so that he doesn't need to worry as much about his health or his dates. Most of his social gatherings have been taking place at friends apartments or houses.

5. How has COVID-19 affected your family dynamic regarding food? For example, has quarantine caused you to have dinner more often with your family than you did before? Do you cook together more often?

Before Covid, Isaac's family was eating together around once a week, but with his dad home this summer he found that they were all cooking and eating together almost daily.

6. Have the times of day that you eat changed? If so, how?

The times of the day that he eats has changed. Before COVID, Isaac was eating three times a day. Breakfast at 8, Lunch around noon, and Dinner around 5-6. Now he does not eat Breakfast, eats lunch around 2 and Dinner around 7-8.