

Transcript of Interview with (Moaimanu Olione)

Interview conducted by (Angel OLIONE_SILVA) at (home), on (December,13, 2022)

Notes

AO:	My name is Angel OLIONE-SILVA and I am interviewing today...	
MO:	Moaimanu Olione	
AO:	Alright Moaimanu When did you first come to Washington?	
MO:	2...2018	
AO:	2018 And where did you move from?	
MO:	I move from Hawaii	
AO:	Hawaii DO you think it was a good change?	
MO:	Yes, very good change	
AO:	What brought you to Washington?	
MO:	For my kids future and my families future	
AO:	Alright a great future, that's good Where did you grow up in?	
MO:	I grew up in Samoa	
AO:	Samoa, do you know what part?	
MO:	Uhh.. uhh.. Western Samoa	
AO:	Western Samoa. I know that's a big difference from Washington and Hawaii, actually Umm.. do you.. Did you experience any challenges growing up in Western Samoa?	
MO:	Yes a big challenge And do you guys speak like, another language other than English in that country Uhh English.. English Language and Samoan, most of the Samoan Language	
AO:	Most of the Samoan Language, alright. Did you... When you were in school were you ever able to take like English classes?	

MO:	Yes we have to take the English class	
AO:	Oh so its like mandatory	
MO:	Mm, yeah	
AO:	Alright, Alright	
MO:	They teaching... they teaching you how to speak English.	
AO:	Alright, and when from moving to Western Samoan speaking another language and being more around your people, was it a big difference from either moving to Washington or Hawaii?	
MO:	Yes it's a big moving	
AO:	It's a big difference, big changes	
MO:	Yeah, big changes	
AO:	Do you think those changes were positivity or negatively?	
MO:	Uh Positive	
AO:	Oh so it was a great change moving from Western Samoa	
MO:	Yes it's a big change	
AO:	Why do you think so?	
MO:	Think so, because of the living is big change and the way you acting	
AO:	Different Environment?	
MO:	Different Environment, yeah	
AO:	Do you think uh, do you think that the US has bigger opportunities?	
MO:	Yes the US has big opportunity	
AO:	Okay that's good, that's good And do you think that bug move and big change like helped you more?	
MO:	Yes, it's a lot it's a big help because we used to grow up in a family in Samoan	
AO:	Mhm	

MO:	All the family in Samoa, we used to grow up with, there's not really but poor family but the way they raise you up. You know you wake up in the morning you have to discipline really good the kids. You know they get spanking, spank you if you do something wrong if you not doing thing good they spank you so hard. If you go to school if you don't do your homework or you not listening the teacher they spank you	
AO:	Oh so they discipline is also at home and in school?	
MO:	Yeah home and at school	
AO:	And do you think that's a good thing for students	
MO:	Yes, it's a really good. The students they listening, they not doing bad stuff, they go to school, they learn good, and they listen to the parents and they respect the teacher too, because the way I saw the kids over here in Washington some kids they don't respect the teacher, they don't listen, they don't do their homework, they don't do the things but in Samona if you go to school and the teacher sasa (spank) you, you come home and they tell your parents, your parents turn around and spank you hard	
AO:	Oh okay, alright Do you think Samoan culture is the only culture that does discipline like this, or do you think that other cultures does this as well?	
MO:	I think this the only Samoan culture that discipline like that.	
AO:	Alright okay	
MO:	When you go to school, long time when you go to school. You don't eat at the school, they don't have school in Western Samoa. They don't have a breakfast or lunch, no, no more. You eat at your house, at your home, if you take some food at school you take it, but if you don't eat at school at home, you go school, they don't eat, you don't eat.	
AO:	So you grew up in school, with no school lunch, it always had to be home lunch?	
MO:	NO school lunch, no Only if you eat at home, they have only the water, they only pipe (pipe water/water fountain).	
AO:	Is there a reason why they didn't sell school lunch?	
MO:	Uh because that Samoan, they not not really um not not much money to to raise up the school in Samoa	
AO:	Wow. Do you think that effected your education not having any school	

	lunch?	
MO:	No, no people kids know already, but if you go to school you eat at home, if you don't finish if you don't eat at home, if you don't eat at home you go school whatever they have it around the school, they have coconuts, they have papaya, they have uh something like that. They just, you just after the after the if the break time the school lunch the school you just go outside and the kids they eat coconut, they eat coconut, they eat	
AO:	Oh so every kid has resources like that?	
MO:	Yea , they all around the school, the family all the stuff around the school. Even if, you can go eat some papaya coconut mango tree everything like that around	
AO:	How do you think um students who don't have food at home, how do you think they are?	
MO:	??	
AO:	Like people in Western Samoa, where you grew up in, uh what about the kids who weren't able to have food at home. Do you think they find another way or?...	
MO:	The parents, they always have the food at home but they don't make up uh they don't they eat at home and they go school they don't eat at school but grow up in my family. I have a good family in Samoa we have a big store in my family. We raise up a good family, we eat at school, at home. We make a breakfast and our parents wake up in the morning and make us tea and bread butter, we eat goof and we take some some food at the school.	
AO:	Have you graduated high school?	
MO:	I graduate in high school, yes, in the 12 grade.	
AO:	Uhu alright and have you, do you know the term of racism or racist?	
MO:	Racist?	
AO:	Like do you, have you ever heard of that word before?	
MO:	Racist mean uh the what you call that means favoritism yea, it's a favoritism that other the other kids some other people from some other country the other people they some other kid they racists if you come from a good family and they don't they teasing you. If you coming from the bad poor family they teasing you "Oh shes poor" "shes like that" They are racists , but I don't want to be a racists	

AO:	Have you ever experienced racism in Western Samoa?	
MO:	Yes a lot, a lot of racist family in Samoa	
AO:	Do you think people are racist towards you maybe because of your school not having any school lunch or why do you think they're being racist?	
MO:	Being racist, there's some uh there's some people, they are good people they are good people, and they are some people they are poor people that's why they racist	
AO:	I see so they saw in your status financially people people are bullying those who don't have much, okay I understand now that's And do you think um people would have that problem today, in Western Samoa like right now?	
MO:	No, no not	
AO:	Do you think it's a big change from your childhood to today?	
MO:	Big change now the family they going out, they going to New Zealand, Australia coming out of America yes it's a lot of big problem, big changes	
AO:	Do they still have discipline in Western Samoa?	
MO:	They still have a discipline	
AO:	Do they also sell school lunch or still no?	
MO:	But I heard they they still not	
AO:	Wow they still don't oka, do you think Have you ever had education in the US in America.. never	
MO:	No I never did it	
AO:	Do you think if you were to grow up in America you would have had a better chance at education?	
MO:	Yes	
AO:	Yeah you think so, more opportunities	
MO:	More opportunities yeah	
AO:	And now you moving in Washington in 2018, have you experienced	

	racism so far?	
MO:	Yes	
AO:	You have? Would you care to explain your experience? Explain or elaborate why you experienced racism in Washington?	
MO:	Experienced racist?	
AO:	Like have you experienced racism in Washington? Or where you came from which is Hawaii?	
MO:	Not not really experienced any racist	
AO:	So no one ever been racists towards you	
MO:	Nobody nobody because I see a lot of people everybody the same yeah	
AO:	Alright so moving from Western Samoa and coming to Hawaii and then Washington, you have no problem with um anybody being racist towards you culture or have you experienced someone else being racist to like a friend or a family member of yours?	
MO:	Uhh just a family, you know some family they they still look down on some other family they they they didnt have much money they they coming from the poor from poor family and they come over here they come to America they all raise up together get together	
AO:	SO people are racist towards your culture by like coming from a poor background or like a background with not that much resources with money	
MO:	Yeah yeah	
AO:	Oh alright Do you think your culture, which is the Samoan culture is like, do you think theres any other culture that is similar similar to what your going through racism	
MO:	What is that? I like my culture	
AO:	NO im saying do you think theres any other culture that has gone through the same problems that you are right now, people being racists towards your culture being poor and like not having that much money or resources	
MO:	NO	
AO:	You don't think anybody else is going through that problem	

MO:	No	
AO:	Alright	
MO:	Everyone is good now	
AO:	You said everyone is good now?	
MO:	Yeah	
AO:	Okay alright Thank you so much for sharing your experience with me Moaimanu	
MO:	Thank you, Angel OLIONE-SILVA	
AO:	Thank you.	