

Transcript of Interview with (interviewee's name)
 Interview conducted by (your name) at (place), on (date)

Notes

BH	December 7, 2021, How do you identify ethnically?	
KN	Um, Mexican? I think?	
BH	How has culture played a role in your life so far?	
KN	I mean, it's kind of everywhere. In my family at least, like little, like, I remember that sometimes when we didn't really have anything ready to eat, my dad would just like, heat up tortillas and then he'd be like, here, I'd be like, Okay, that's just really small things. But they're always prevalent.	
BH	What is a family tradition or a practice that you wish you some practiced more like, by other people or represented?	
KN	I mean, I know a lot of people in Mexico, like, do fireworks and stuff. But they give me pretty dangerous. So I don't know. But I think they're pretty cool. I've never seen them in person, but they look nice.	
BH	What was your childhood? Like? How did it differ from what you see kids experiencing today?	
KN	My mom was a lot more strict than like other parents, especially since like, I'm her only kid.	
BH	Yeah.	
KN	So she's always been really protective of me. And I think part of that really influenced how I am as a person, because I think we're really similar. She was always like, really, she wanted things to be done a certain way, when I'm like that a lot. And I overthink, it's not all the bad stuff. But I think a lot of her personality is like stuff I adopted too.	
BH	And that's understandable, because maybe her parents were strict with her as well.	
KN	Like, she has a habit of like, really spoiling me, because her parents did that, too. Because it's a weird way of showing love.	
BH	Yeah. Have you ever been shamed or put down by a family member for not being authentic or true to like your roots?	

KN	Yeah. Sometimes people get really, they're really specific about how they should act or, I know some people in my family that are like, Oh, you have to speak Spanish.	
BH	Like you have to be a certain way around a certain group of family members?	
KN	Yeah, Like I speak Spanish, fluently. But I know like, my niece doesn't and people are always like, Oh, she's not. Not that she doesn't fit in. But there's definitely like a little bit of resentment, I guess.	
BH	Like is it harder to communicate with like younger, like the younger kids to get them to follow the same type of pattern?	
KN	Sometimes, because I mean, it's not that difficult to communicate with, there's still some stuff that she doesn't really understand. She's still pretty little.	
BH	What aspects of your culture ethnicity or heritage, bring you the most pride or satisfaction?	
KN	Probably just, like holidays that have become like popular more like throughout the world, like, day of the dead, like a lot of it's pretty cool. I didn't really grow up celebrating it because my mom didn't. But it's really nice. I think, a really cool holiday.	
BH	Is that like a holiday you try to bring into a normal, holiday tradition with like your family if you ever have kids?	
KN	Maybe.	
BH	What is one experience a memory from your childhood that you learned about inequality?	
KN	I mean, my mom has a pretty heavy accent. People are always really disrespectful; I feel like heavy accents are usually associated with being less smart. I mean, she's had a lot of jobs where she's really experienced and like taking care of kids, and so you really see that and they're not really trying to actually learn about what kind of person she is. Sort of just put her in a box. I mean, for me, I've never really experienced anything super Remember that firsthand? It's more like what I saw other people.	
BH	Like what you've seen from family members and like friends?	
KN	Yeah.	
BH	How do you feel about participating in the Pledge of Allegiance or national anthem? Like, do you feel like you have to stand?	

KN	Not really. I feel like it's kind of awkward if you don't, because then people stare at you. But I don't really feel like I have to.	
BH	What are some experiences that you have had with microaggressions? Microaggressions are like everyday remarks about people make, like, have you.. what have you learned from people?	
KN	Most people kind of assume that I'm white passing. And I have like, so I don't really hear people say anything directly to me. Then when they see like, my mom, or the rest of my family members, you know, there's there, they become, like more hostile, I guess. Or they say, like, disrespectful remarks. people be like, Oh, your mom talks weird. It's like little stuff. But it's usually I think I try to hide the fact that we're not trying to be disrespectful.	
BH	But they are in reality.	
KN	But the intent is still there. Even if they don't think it is.	
BH	In what ways have you passed on your culture to other family members, or other people, like friends, like a younger family member? Like, let's say younger family members, such as your niece.	
KN	I'd say, like Christmas because I mean, Christmas is a pretty big deal. And so she learns, like both sides of her family like her, her mom and her dad, like different. But they grew up with her family as a whole.	
BH	Have you ever experienced discrimination or oppression at school? Or had a friend who was having experienced that at school?	
KN	I had so many so many risks with teachers, and like, it's the same thing. They usually don't say anything, right to your face.	
BH	Yeah.	
KN	But there's always like with, with mean teachers, like there's always that kind of hostility, but they're never really able to act on it or say something, actually, disrespectful that could get them in trouble.	
BH	We'll do this last question. Who in your family has been an inspiration to you? And what did they do that inspired you?	
KN	Probably like my mom. Because she, she's like, a single parent, so she had to deal with, I mean, the stigma from her family, like, my parents were never actually together. So that's a big stigma. A lot of people think that's something you should be embarrassed about. And also the fact that she's been able to provide for both of us, like, ever since I can remember.	

BH	Because she's dealing with that pressure, being like a single mother and like, like environment, like community judges have been just being a single mother. Also, she's still like doing her best to support you.	Note~ I relistened to this one spot multiple times and could not make out what the last word was.
KN	Yeah.	
BH	So it's like when you have, when you aren't really (inaudible).	
KN	Yeah.	
BH	Anything else you need to share?	
KN	I don't think so.	
BH	Alright, thank you!	
KN	Of course!	