

Transcript of Interview with Glenda Wheeler

Interview conducted by Michael Wheeler at my house, on January 11, 2022

Notes

MW:	Today I'm going to be interviewing my mom Glenda Wheeler so let's get started. So, my first questions are just going to be some basic questions like where were you born so where were you born?	
GW:	I was born in bayombong nueva Vizcaya in the Philippines right.	
MW:	Uhm what is your race?	
GW:	Filipino	
MW:	OK. what aspects of your culture are you most proud of?	
GW:	Being hospitable.	
MW:	What does that mean?	
GW:	Means a Filipino is well known for being hospitable people like if we have guests or we know people or friends that is coming or going to visit us we try our best to feed them and entertain them and,	
MW:	Just care for them	
GW:	Take care of them and give the most or everything that they need right.	
MW:	Uhm, do you practice or celebrate anything in your culture or family?	
GW:	What's the question?	
MW:	Do you practice or celebrate anything in your culture or family?	
GW:	Oh yeah, we usually celebrate even we are getting old we always celebrate our birthdays even we are already old we cooked we invite people we feed them then we chat and we they give gifts or we give gift to the birthday celebrant and we sing we do a lot of things we cook and eat and eat and chit chatting that's what how we do it perfect days.	
MW:	OK. Uhm, have you lived in other countries before?	
GW:	No except Philippines and here in United States of America.	
MW:	Um why did you leave the Philippines?	
GW:	Because I married my husband Michael Wheeler, and he is an American right I need to leave my country and my good job	
MW:	Uh-huh so how long have you lived in the United States?	

GW:	I was here year 2000 so I'm going 22 years in April it's been a long time and never been back since then	
MW:	Uh-huh do you wish you could go back to the Philippines?	
GW:	Of course, I wish two years ago but because of this pandemic I don't wanna go home 'cause it's dangerous and I'm just wasting my time for the quarantine so maybe hope this pandemic will end i'm going back visit my right.	
MW:	Uhm what are the things you dislike about the United States?	
GW:	I didn't say I don't have anything to dislike here in United States because America is a freedom of country and then I'm used to your culture now before my first year in here it's kind of hard for me but now I love to like your culture American culture and people here are nice and people here are equal alright.	
MW:	So you kinda answered my other question of what are things you like about the United states but uhm have you ever experienced discrimination?	
GW:	Not discrimination but sometimes because you know I'm I came from other country and you know the way we pronounce words because our vowels and the alphabet the vowels the way we pronounce different from you guys like your bowels are AEIOU and ours is aeiouso we pronounce it differently and our accent but sometimes it's hard for us too because you know people don't understand us but we are trying our best but we know how to speak English because at school or in the Philippines our first language is English not the Filipino or tagalog right.	
MW:	Uh what about racism?	
GW:	Racism? No I don't feel like that because I get along with the people here in America right.	
MW:	Uh do you know if anyone in your family has experienced discrimination or racism?	
GW:	No, I don't think so	
MW:	Um how is your childhood different from how kid's childhoods are today?	
GW:	We in our country are out today today kids are here is they have more freedom kids here are more freedom and and it's different of course the generation today because of the technology but it's just different we are more on what you call it kids here are more like have a lot of freedom in our country it's like the parents are strict.	

MW:	Um do you think like technology has like influenced the behavior of kids?	
GW:	Not 100% but it is yes because even now even the babies when they start crying the parents give their cell phone and they stop crying kids nowadays some kids they copy the bad things on social media that's it's not good right.	
MW:	Uhm, I think I mixed up my questions a little bit but uh how did you learn what racism or discrimination was?	
GW:	How do I learn?	
MW:	Yeah.	
GW:	Well because I'm watching the television the news about about how people are being racist and how people got discriminated something like that but in my experience I did not feel like I'm discriminated or about races no I'm.	
MW:	Did you ever get taught about racism or discrimination in school?	
GW:	Not really. Actually in our country discrimination is more power stronger than here because I like me I graduated college so I have a bachelor degree but in order for you to find a job you need to graduate in a exclusive school or expensive school and of course that's the employer's priority is the one who graduated in an expensive school rather than those just in a normal universities and they also discriminate how you looks when you find a job they discriminate that and unless you are very smart but if the other one like if the other applicant is prettier than you they will gonna take the prettier it's so there's a lot of discrimination in your country.	
MW:	Do you feel that discrimination is an issue here or comparable to the Philippines?	
GW:	Here yeah here they really they here they what do you call that there's always an issue but discrimination and racism like that but in our country we know it but we don't really pay attention about that.	
MW:	OK you answered my next question, so I guess I'll get into your job. So, what is your job at Franklin Pierce high school?	
GW:	I work at the nutrition services feed the kids right.	
MW:	Uhm, have you witnessed like any racism against students or discrimination at school?	
GW:	No	

MW:	Alright that was the final question so thank you for spending the time to answer them.	
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