## Notes

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SL:	My name is Sergio and I'm here with	
CM:	Carlos	
SL:	We are at his house, how long have you lived in this area	
CM:	I've been here for 22 years in Washington	
SL:	Where did you live before?	
CM:	Before here I came from Mexico that's where I was born and been here since then	
SL:	What brought you here	
CM:	Well Technically my parents did but if I would have to answer for them it would be for a better future so yeah, a better future	
SL:	Tell me more about that	
CM:	Um I guess during that time they came there wasn't really much going on down there as in like work wise and you know bringing in money for the family so yeah	
SL:	Interesting, what is something from your culture or homeland that you wish more people in this area practiced	
CM:	Maybe like the dancing side of stuff like Hispanic were really big on there culture dances and it would be kind of cool if more people got into it	
SL:	What are some experiences you've had with microaggressions in this community from others?	
CM:	Umm I don't think I've experience much one that other than when I was a kid being called you know like a Spig or something like that but that just kids playing at the time not really knowing what we were talking about	
SL:	When have you experienced discrimination or oppression in school work or your community?	
CM:	I guess the biggest one that stands out to me is at work I had a Hispanic foreman who was really against trump and I you know shared my beliefs with what I thought about like him as a president	

	or becoming and stuff like that and got laid off from his job size so that was one of the times where that's happened	
SL:	Do you see or hear from?	
CM:	What was the question again?	
SL:	the question was do you see or hear from other people who serious racism or other forms of oppression	
CM:	I guess the biggest thing I could say towards that or when I have seen it was during the whole Black Lives Matter protests and all that that was a good example of when I've seen other people you know and not just them you know as a mix of everybody that came together forward for what they believed in so yeah	
SL:	Who has been a hero or inspiration to you on the civil rights or our social justice front?	
CM:	That's a good question I guess my, if I was to say who my favorite person in this scenario, I guess it'd be like Muhammad Ali not only in my boxing fan, but he was actually one of the biggest civil rights activists at the time I was speaking about how you know their culture and people how they could change and do better so yeah I'd say Muhammad Ali	
SL:	What has or what was an experience or memory of your childhood where you learned about inequality	
CM:	I don't really think I could like speak on that 'cause I've never and growing up if something like that were too happened maybe my parents kept it away from me really good and hid it but I guess I've never really experienced anything along those lines	
SL:	How do you identify ethnically?	
CM:	Hispanic and white Hispanic because I was born in Mexico you know and white because I've been here my whole life so I would say American and Hispanic	
SL:	What role does culture play in your life?	
CM:	Doesn't really play a big part of my life I guess cause I'm not always really focused on just my own culture you know I've always been into every everybody else's culture what they like to do what they don't like to do so I guess it affects me in that way with wanting to learn more in other cultures instead of just my own or focusing on my own	

SL: Describe Tradition or practice you learn with your family CM: Tradition or practice some go back to the whole cultural dancing thing I have family members who have left these like cultural events such as like the fiestas patrias and all that stuff so that's like the type of things for me is the whole dancing thing SL: What was your childhood like and how is your childhood different from children you see today? CM: My childhood was pretty fun the reason being is it goes to that what's different is the whole electronics now and days you know got a lot of kids on Fortnite and not not saying that I had never played growing up but I was more about riding my bike or going to the skate park or maybe shooting some hoops at the park or something like that 'cause you know games were big when but wasn't as big as they are now SL: Yeah, that's true, um what are some historical events in your lifetime that have had a big impact on your life CM: Historical events of mean lived through that like earthquake that honestly, I don't remember much about I just know my parents went through like 2002 or I can't remember when it was three other than that I'd say the pandemic man COVID that's like the biggest one SL: Which aspects of your culture ethnical or heritage bring you the most pride or satisfaction CM: I mean where I see the biggest Hispanic Mexican pride is boxing man like I said you could type boxing into so many things but you see that like Mexican fighter pride and every single Mexican Hispanic fighter that there is so that's right like my biggest pride from to SL: How do you feel about dissipating the Pledge of Allegiance or national anthem? CM: I never really minded as I got older I was questioning why we would just you know do that when there's multiple races and ethnicities and cultures in the room you know I figured maybe you would throw in at least whoever was in that classroom you know either national anthem or pledge of allegiance whatever goes on in their country to make it I would say fair for everybody else not feel like you're being forced to do something maybe that you don't wanna SL: do

have you ever had an experience with race or culture or cultural in CM: which you choose to hide or suppress your thoughts? They're going back to the work thing just you know being Hispanic and and that being my race you know Mexican and then just letting people know you support trump or supported trump during the elections or whatever the case may be you know just having to hide those feelings and what I think from you know just my race in general is kinda you know I guess I would say that a place for that SL: question when was the time that you realized that you had power over or CM: privilege over another person or group of people? I guess I would say when I was guarterback at you know high school football but it wasn't really 'cause it was like a race thing again like that it was just being a quarterback you know you were like the the most carried four person on the field your teammates make sure you know your line making sure you don't get hurt 'cause you're probably the most valuable person on that field so maybe that's when I felt a little power I guess at that time but it wasn't anything to do with no like cultural stance race or nothing SL: in what ways do you intentionally pass on your cultural to your CM: culture to your family or others I don't think I really have passed much down anything, yet I mean maybe when my son is born you know maybe I'll start passing down certain things I've learned but as of, yet I haven't intention passed SL: anything down yet Are there any parts of your culture that you have not passed on to CM your family or how do you feel about that? Yeah, there hasn't been anything that I've passed out I mean if anything's been passed down it's been for me from my grandparents and my parents you know and uncles people passing it down onto US and like I said maybe once my sons born I start you know my own family then there's gonna be times and instances where you know I will show things that I've learned from my SL: grandparents and parents CM: What has been your relationship with your ancestral language? I don't really know how to answer that but I guess if I were to answer my relationship so being good with my ancestral language

you know a lot of places you go to you hear it's going to be

SL:	bilingual so I would say it's a good thing, so I have had good	
	experiences I guess	
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	Has a family member or anyone from your cultural nationality ever	
CM:	shamed you or put you down for not being authentic to your true	
	roots	
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	again, yeah the same thing the whole trump thing we got a lot of	
	people that really disliked the man and you know when you put out	
	you know certain thoughts on life and the world and what you see	
	you get hate you know you're told you got to think this certain way	
SL:	'cause you are a certain person or a certain race from a certain	
	culture so yeah	
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	well that we the last sweeting	
	well, that was the last question	