

## The Script

**NOTE: Feel free to alter the language of any question as long as the same information is gathered.**

Before you begin recording the interview remind the interviewee that they do not have to answer any questions they are uncomfortable answering.

### Introduction

1. “My name is (INTERVIEWER NAME) and I am interviewing (INTERVIEWEE NAME) in (LOCATION) on (DATE). Do you give me permission to record and distribute this oral history?”
2. Please fill in as much basic information as you are willing to share:
  - a. Name? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Age? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Place of Origin? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. First Language? \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Racial Identity? \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. Gender Identity? \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. Sexual Orientation? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Where are you from? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Tell me the long story of how you, or your family ended up in New York City.

### COVID-19

1. How are you coping with the Pandemic?
  - a. Do you have a self-care routine?
2. What was your initial response to COVID and how has it changed overtime?
3. How has the Coronavirus changed your life?
  - a. Have you or someone close to you gotten Covid?
    - i. What was that like?
  - b. Did you lose anyone close to you?
    - i. Could you tell me a little bit about them?
  - c. How are you coping financially?
4. What was it like to be home so often?
5. How did it impact you socially, mentally and emotionally?
6. How did it impact your family?
7. Are people in your household working?
  - a. Follow up
8. What have you learned about yourself and your family since the beginning of this crisis?
9. What has been the hardest part of this pandemic for you?
10. Has there been anything positive to come out of the pandemic for you?
  - a. What’s been your favorite thing to do in lockdown?
11. How has COVID19 changed how you think about the relationship between our health as individuals and our health as a society?

12. How do you think the government handled the COVID crisis?
13. How would you grade the job the government did in rolling out the vaccine?
  - a. Will you be getting the vaccine? Why or why not?
14. How are you feeling about the world reopening?
15. What's the first thing you're going to do when you have your freedom from the Pandemic?
16. How do you think the world will be changed when we come out of this pandemic?

### BLM Protest

1. Do you remember where you were and what you thought when you first saw or heard about (Pick one: George Floyd's, Trevon Martin's, Sandra Blake's, Eric Garner's, Brianna Taylor's, Michael Brown's) murder?
2. Explain to me why you think these anti-racist protests erupted?
  - a. What are some of the reasons that you think protesting Black Americans and their non-black allies are angry about conditions in the United States?
  - b. Do you believe there are issues with the criminal justice system in the United States that have helped flame these protests?
    - i. What are those issues?
    - ii. When did you become aware of those issues?
    - iii. Do you think the history of race and racism in the United States impacts the BLM movement?
    - iv. In what ways?
3. How do you explain the persistence of racism in the United States generally and NYC specifically?
4. Why do you think NYC became an epicenter of the protests?
5. How have the uprisings across the country shifted how you think about your ethnic identity and your place in US society?
6. Do you have any stories you are willing to share about encounters you have had with racism or the police?
  - a. Are more stories among friends and family members being shared about racism and the police since the protests started?
  - b. Have you learned about an experience of someone close to you?
7. Were you active in the protests at all in a digital or in person way over the last 6 months?
  - a. If So...
    - i. How so?
    - ii. Why did you decide to get involved?
    - iii. Do you have any stories or experiences about being involved in the protests that were impactful to you?
8. How has BLM shifted the culture?
9. How have the past few months changed how you think about police and racism in the US?
  - a. Did you learn more about the history of racism in this country since the protests started?
    - i. What have you learned?
10. What have you seen your peers doing that inspires you?
11. Why do you think there is so much backlash to BLM?

12. How do you explain the looting and destruction of property that took place during the protests?
13. How do you explain folks who respond to BLM with “All Lives Matter”?
14. How would you like to see this movement resolved?
  - a. Do you believe we’re any closer than when George Floyd was murdered?
15. Is there anything else about the anti-racist uprisings you’d like to share?

## 2021

1. What was going through your mind when you first heard the U.S Capital was invaded?
2. What are your reactions to the invasion of the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters on January 6, 2021?
  - A. What do you think led these people to attempt to violently overthrow the government?
  - B. Were you surprised how they were treated by the police?
    - i. There have been reports that members of the groups that stormed the U.S. Capitol included police officers, elected officials and members of the U.S. military. What, if anything, should we as a society do with the information that segments of U.S. law enforcement, elected officials and the armed forces tried to overthrow U.S. Democracy?
  - C. What did you think about President Trump’s reaction to the invasion?
3. What do you think about the impeachment trial of former President Trump?
4. How do you explain the lack hostility between the two political parties?
5. If Trump was a woman or non-white, how would the impeachment trial have been the same or different?

## Additional questions created based on respective interviewees.

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