

Transcript of Interview with Teah Bordick by Isabelle Cincera

Interviewee: Teah Bordick

Interviewer: Isabelle Cincera

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Abstract: This interview is a documentation of what life was like before the pandemic and how drastically life has changed since. It is also a reflection on our global reaction to the pandemic and a prediction of how life will be altered in the future.

Isabelle Cincera 0:00

Hello everyone, my name is Isabelle Cincera, and today I'm interviewing Teah Bordick to document her firsthand experience with the Coronavirus pandemic. Teah, do you give consent to be interviewed for the COVID-19 archive project?

Teah Bordick 0:13

Yes, I do.

Isabelle Cincera 0:15

Thank you. Can you also state today's date and time for me?

Teah Bordick 0:18

Today is Sunday, September 19, 2020, at 1:38pm.

Isabelle Cincera 0:23

Great, thanks. Can you begin by telling me a bit about your background?

Teah Bordick 0:28

Hi, I'm Teah. I am from Montclair, New Jersey, and currently I'm a freshman at Northeastern University.

Isabelle Cincera 0:36

Do you think that you could describe to me a typical day for you as a student before the COVID-19 pandemic?

Teah Bordick 0:42

Yeah, of course. I mean, I feel like all of us kind of have similar day to day schedule. You know, I'd wake up, attend in person classes. After school, I'd attend extracurricular activities, in person of course, sports clubs, and of course, I loved hanging out with my friends outside of school.

Isabelle Cincera 1:01

Yeah, I could agree. Could you tell me a bit more about where you were when you first heard about the Coronavirus and what your initial reaction was?

Teah Bordick 1:11

Yeah. Well, I definitely, I heard about the Coronavirus I'd say early January and we talked and touched base upon it in my history class, but I never really thought I think serious event until it hit the United States.

Isabelle Cincera 1:25

Yeah, I can agree. What was your reaction in New Jersey's mandatory quarantine? Is that like when you really started becoming nervous about the Coronavirus or?

Teah Bordick 1:35

Yeah, well, when they first canceled school for, I think it was 14 days, I definitely kind of realized that this is something serious and we should definitely be taking it seriously. But once the, the quarantine got, kept getting pushed back more and more weeks, that's when I really, really understood the concept of this virus.

Isabelle Cincera 1:59

Yeah, I can imagine this also impacted your life as a student. Do you think that you could tell me more about that and what your daily life looked like like, in the middle of this quarantine?

Teah Bordick 2:12

Yeah, well, it definitely changed my life a lot. All my classes became online, like many, but it was kind of a weird adjustment. You know, you go to school for how many years, and you go and interact with people. So it was it was definitely a big change my life and all my activities, friends, I couldn't see for three or so months. So yeah, it was a big, big adjustment to my life.

Isabelle Cincera 2:38

Yeah, I can imagine. And it must have been stressful for you too, especially with such a, so much change in such a short amount of time. Are a lot of your classes still online or?

Teah Bordick 2:52

Um, yeah, out of my five classes, two of my classes are completely online. But my other classes, I do have some in person and which is nice, because, you know, I haven't been in school or have in person classes since early March. So it's really nice having that interaction with my other peers and my professors.

Isabelle Cincera 3:11

Yeah, I can totally agree. Um, do you think that we will still use these technologies that you use for your in person or your online classes as a main source of communication in the future? Or do you think that we'll go completely back to normal and still have mostly in person work and school interactions?

Teah Bordick 3:34

Well, to be honest, I feel like we'll never completely go back to only in person classes. Just because we have such an easy way to go to class online. You know, with all these technological advancements, I can't imagine us having to be forced to go back to school in person especially, you know, getting sick these days is so risky, and it's so easy for students to access it online and especially in Boston, you know, snow days, I feel like it will be a lot easier to get the most, most

days in the year if our classes remained online with of course some, some classes in person, but I think in the future as school goes on, I think that this, this advancement with, with the option to stay online is gonna have a big toll in how we, how students go to school now these days

Isabelle Cincera 4:27

Yeah, and I've also heard a lot of discussion from businesses, basically considering going completely online just because of-

Teah Bordick 4:36

-Yeah.

Isabelle Cincera 4:37

-how productive people are, especially during this pandemic, and it's-

Teah Bordick 4:40

Yeah, you really get the most out of your time too when it's online.

Isabelle Cincera 4:45

Yeah. Finally, do you think that you could tell me more about how you feel about our global response to the pandemic and if you wish things were done differently?

Teah Bordick 4:54

Yeah, well, of course, I wish things would be done differently, you know, going through firsthand as a senior high school, getting so much taken away from me, I really wish, you know, globally and nationally that we take a look at this virus when it first came in and not blame things on how people didn't believe in it or didn't believe in masks. I feel like a universal mask mandate should have been put in early March. And I really think that would have reduced the cases. And we would have came out of this a lot stronger and a lot earlier than we are right now.

Isabelle Cincera 5:29

Yeah, I think we can all agree on that. Especially reflecting on other countries that were able to come back and now have completely, almost seemingly normal life and reflecting on how they reacted to that.

Teah Bordick 5:45

Yeah.

Isabelle Cincera 5:45

Thank you so much, Teah, for your time and thoughts on this pandemic.

Teah Bordick 5:49

Of course. Thank you so much.