

Transcript of Interview with Ian Cohen by Padraic Cohen

Interviewee: Ian Cohen

Interviewer: Padraic Cohen

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Abstract: Mini oral history with Ian Cohen, 2/19/2021. Interviewed by Padraic Cohen.

Padraic Cohen 0:00

Hi, my name is Padraic Cohen, and I'm a graduate student intern with the COVID-19 Archive at ASU. The date is February 19th, 2021. The time is 3:17PM, and I'm speaking with Ian Cohen. I want to ask you a question about your pandemic experience, but before I do, I would like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 Archive. The COVID-19 Archive is a digital archive at ASU that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

Ian Cohen 0:33

Yes, you do

Padraic Cohen 0:34

Thank you. First, can you tell me your age, name- uh, sorry, your name, age, race and where you live?

Ian Cohen 0:42

Ian Cohen, age is 67, and I live in Cochrane Alberta, Canada

Padraic Cohen 0:50

And your race.

Ian Cohen 0:51

And I'm a Caucasian male.

Padraic Cohen 0:53

Okay. Thank you, now I'd like to ask you a quick question about the pandemic. We've experienced a lot of changes in 2020 and many have been negative and disruptive, but perhaps it's not all bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

Ian Cohen 1:11

One positive thing... I think it's brought people together and uh, made them a little more aware of each other and needs of each other and supportive of each other.

Padraic Cohen 1:29

Thank you. Uh, thank you for your time today that's all then I guess

Ian Cohen 1:32

That's it?

Padraic Cohen 1:32

Yeah, that's it. It's just one question, do you have anything more you want to say?

Ian Cohen 1:38

Well, I just think that, there has been a lot of negatives from the pandemic, but um, it's proved people to be resilient and to be able to focus their attention on other activities. It's created better- in some cases better family awareness and probably brought families together more, focus on the things that mean more in life than just the superfluous kinds of things that we usually focus on

Padraic Cohen 2:14

Mhmm. Yeah, that makes sense. Alright that's it. Thank yo-

Ian Cohen 2:18

I hope that was enough.

Padraic Cohen 2:19

Yeah, that was perfect. Thank you so much. All right.