

Transcript of Interview with Bailey DeMoss by Noah Densel

Interviewee: Bailey DeMoss

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Abstract: [from item description] The content of the Oral History project is to record peoples experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic. What that does is it helps researchers and others understand different peoples experiences other than their own. This helps them come up with information and statistics to go along with their research of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ND: What is your name and what are the primary things you like to do on a day-to-day basis? For example, your job, extracurricular activities.

BD: My name is Bailey DeMoss. The things I like to do on a day-to-day basis include schoolwork, household chores, and attend classes.

ND: Where do you live? And what's it like to live there?

BD: I live in Delaware, Ohio, but I'm currently a student at the University of Dayton. Dayton is similar to where I grew up, which has made adjusting easier than expected.

ND: When you first learned about COVID-19, what were your thoughts about it? How have your thoughts changed since then?

BD: When I first heard about it, I thought it was going to be similar to the flu and expected it would be over in a few months. And then I realized that it was more than the flu and it has changed how we live our daily lives.

ND: What issues have concerned you most about the COVID-19 pandemic?

BD: The lack of consistency throughout the US and the beliefs of our citizens?

ND: Here are some basic questions about your employment. Has COVID-19 affected your job and what ways?

BD: I was unable to secure an internship during the summer of 2020 due to the pandemic.

ND: What concerns do you have about the effects of COVID-19 on your employment in the economy more broadly?

BD: As a college student, it hasn't affected my career employment. However, I have no doubt that our economy will be back and booming as soon as the virus allows.

ND: Has the COVID-19 pandemic affected the employment of people you know and what ways?

BD: Yes. As a business owner, my father did not receive a paycheck for many months as he used his paycheck to pay his employees.

ND: Here's some family and household questions. How has the COVID-19 affected you and or your family's day-to-day activities?

BD: COVID-19 has made it so that my family and I are unable to see many of our loved ones. And it has also affected the ways in which we work and attend school.

ND: In what ways- Sorry. What have been the biggest challenges that you have faced during the COVID-19 outbreak?

BD: I think one of the biggest challenges I've experienced is attempting to adjust to online classes and doing so away from campus.

ND: What have you, your family, and friends done for recreation- recreation during the COVID-19 pandemic?

BD: My family and I have spent our time playing board games and hang around our pool outside our home.

ND: Here's some community questions as well. How are people around you responding to COVID-19 pandemic?

BD: The people around me have slowly become frustrated with the current situation.

ND: Have you seen people around you change their opinions day-to-day activities or relationships in response to the pandemic?

BD: Yes, I've seen people go from scared to very frustrated.

ND: Has COVID-19 changed your relationship with family, friends, and community? In what ways?

BD: Yes, because- Yes, it has changed my relationship with my friends and family because it has began to get political.

ND: Some health questions. Have you or anybody you gotten sick during the COVID-19 outbreak? What was your experience in response to the sickness?

BD: Yes, some of my loved ones had been sick, but are not experiencing anything more than common cold symptoms?

ND: In what ways do you think that COVID-19 is affecting people's mental or physical health?

BD: I think Americans have become very lazy, therefore hindering their physical and mental health.

ND: Have you been- your prime- What has been your primary source of news during the pandemic?

BD: Press conferences from both the President and governor?

ND: Have your news sources changed during the course of the pandemic?

BD: No, they have not

ND: Here are some government questions. Have the leaders and government officials in the community responded to the outbreak?

BD: They've been very cautious and done everything in the community's best interest.

ND: Do you have any thoughts on how local state or federal leaders are responding due to the crisis differently?

BD: I feel as though the COVID-19 crisis has become political when making decisions. However, I feel that people are making the best decisions that they can during this time.

ND: Now for your future. Have you- Has your experience transformed how you think of your family, friends, and community?

BD: No. I feel like this is a test and not feeling different towards each other?

ND: How does the pandemic compare to other big events that have happened in your lifetime?

BD: There is nothing that has happened in my lifetime that I can compare to this pandemic.

ND: What do you hope your life is like in a year?

BD: I hope we have adjusted to a new normal while being as close to an old- the old normal as possible. And I hope to be able to attend sporting events and class without a mask and social distancing.

ND: Thank you Bailey.

BD: Thank you.

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