**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:
   1. Name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Age? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. Racial Identity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   5. Gender Identity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   6. Sexual Orientation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where are you from? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. Tell me the long story of how you, or your family ended up in New York City.

COVID-19

1. How has the Coronavirus changed your life?
2. What was it like to be home so often?
3. How did it impact you mentally and emotionally?
4. How has it impacted you socially?
5. How did it impact your family?
6. Are people in your household working?
   1. Follow up
7. What have you learned about yourself and your family since the beginning of this crisis?
8. What has been the hardest part of this pandemic for you?
9. Has there been anything positive to come out of the pandemic for you?
10. What do you think the nation and the world should learn from this pandemic?

BLM Protest

1. Explain to me why you think these anti-racist protests erupted?
2. Why do you think NYC became an epicenter of the protests?
3. How have the uprisings across the country shifted how you think about your ethnic identity and your place in US society?
4. Do you have any stories you are willing to share about encounters you have had with racism or the police?
   1. Are more stories among friends and family members being shared about racism and the police since the protests started?
   2. Have you learned about an experience of someone close to you?
5. Were you active in the protests at all in a digital or in person way over the last 6 months?
   1. If So...
      1. How so?
      2. Why did you decide to get involved?
6. How have protests, in the context of the Coronavirus, shifted the way you think race in America?
7. How have the past few months changed how you think about police and racism in the US?
   1. Did you learn more about the history of racism in this country since the protests started?
      1. What have you learned?
8. What have you seen your peers doing that inspires you?
9. What do you think about the cops’ response to protests that began in May 2020?
   1. Can you be more specific?
10. What do you think about the local and national government’s response to protests that began in May 2020?
    1. Can you be more specific?
11. How would you like to see this movement resolved?
    1. What is your role in achieving that outcome?
12. Is there anything else about the anti-racist uprisings you’d like to share?

2021

1. What are your reactions to the invasion of the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters on January 6, 2021?
   1. What do you think led these people to attempt to violently overthrow the government?
   2. Were you surprised how they were treated by the police?
      1. 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?
   3. What did you think about President Trump’s reaction to the invasion?
2. What do you think about the impeachment trial of former President Trump?

Additional questions created based on respective interviewees.

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