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INTERVIEWEE: ANDREA ESTEBAN

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TRANSCRIPT

(Below is a dialogue between me and Andrea Esteban during the research)

Me: Hello Andrea? How is your day?

Andrea: Hello. I am doing fine. I am quite expectant, today is my 22nd anniversary. I do not know what gift my husband I going to offer. My gift is these two tickets to a cruise. He has always dreamed to go on a cruise ship vacation and I just found the perfect time. He will love it.

Me: You too seem to be very close. I have some questions that I am going to ask. Some may be personal but you can choose not to answer if you feel uncomfortable.

Andrea: Yeah, we are. I will try my best to answer every question.

Me: Did you have a toy or a pet? What are their names?

Andrea: I had a barbie doll named Mackenzie. It was my favourite thing from my mum and I kept it with me until my 10th birthday. At the age of 10 after my birthday, my dad brought me a hound named Kristal. It was from France and has been my best companion until I reached 15. At that time, I did not have many friends because I had to move from my mom's place to my dad's every time.

Me: How did you grow up? which type of environment was it?

Andrea: Up to the age of 10, I had the best childhood. I had everything I wanted especially my parent's love. Later on, my parents started having issues, arguing and fighting every time which eventually led to a divorced. I was so depressed and even lost friends at school. My mom remarried twice so that I can have a father figure around. But it was never enough, she

started smoking and was diagnosed with lung cancer that caused her death. My father took me in and was admitted to a prestigious high school. I had few friends...we used to smoke and do a lot of drugs. The school found out and we got expelled and rehabilitated. After my treatment, I knew what I wanted and decided to focus on it.

Me: How important is the relationship between a child/family in growth?

Andrea: Families provide not only care but also social interpretation on reality. It's within the family that a child's personality is developed.

Me: What was the relationship between kids and families that stayed in your community?

Andrea: During our time rich kids would isolate themselves because they consider themselves as knowledgeable. Their atmosphere was very competitive and there was less value to kids who had nothing. Even in schools, kids from the poor background would receive the worst treatment and no one cared. However, kids from a rich background would even disrespect teachers and nothing could be done about it. Most of the poor families were from rural areas and were never allowed to interact with the rich in any way.

Me: How did your teachers help in socializing?

Andrea: We used to have a lot of activities then. At the end of each season, we would do camping. We would get divided into groups and given a topic to research. The group who had cooperated in getting a lot of information would get special treatments. We also had sports activities, science symposiums and conferences which were both educational and social.

Me: How can we reduce technology on the socialization of children?

Andrea: technology has contributed in one way or another to our social and personal relationships making us closer to automatic relations. I don't think if there will ever be a way to reduce this.

Me: What is the role of the family in protecting society from extremism?

Andrea: Extremist governments want to have access to every child by overworking parents and offering extensive day-care to our children. There was this time where I used to work at an HR department of a science research center for 20years. My work was to go outside the country and conduct meetings and conferences It was so tiresome and there were no retirement benefits even when you serve the company for 20-30 years. I had to quit this job and apply as a part-time nurse in a family hospital. I have been working there for 4 years now.

Me: What things do you get to do now that you did not do when you were younger?

Andrea: My dream was to be a doctor when I grow up but I never got to do what I wanted. I joined the Science Research Centre because to make my father wanted me to. The work was so tiresome. I took advantage of the company's holiday and I was able to finish classes in a local technical nursing school. I am now a registered nurse for four years. At least this is near to being a doctor.

Me: Where is the most likely place to find friends?

Andrea: During our time, we used to go to dances, clubs and social gatherings. You can also make friends at work. Nowadays, through technology, it has even become much easier to make friends.

Me: What are your recent social activities?

Andrea: Right now, am a quilt club member and I love golfing and camping with my husband.

Me: What is the biggest transformation you have seen in society?

Andrea: The biggest transformation is the gap between the rich and the poor. My grandson is in an aristocratic college right now. We are slightly rich but he still has good connections with the wealthy kids.

Me: What are the effects on children's romantic relationships who witness domestic violence?

Andrea: Violence may impact a child either positively or negatively, later on, one may end up unmarried or in a marriage where they want dominance.