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(Below is a dialogue between me and Andrea Esteban (62 years) with Philip Mayor (65 years) during the research)

Me: Hello? 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.

Philip: Hello? My day is going on great. Maybe yours?

Me: Mine is going to be eventful Philip. Andrea you and your husband 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.

Philip: No problem

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.

Philip: No, I never had either.

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 divorce. 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.

Philip: I grew up in a very competitive environment. My father had a strict personality and never tolerated laziness. If I was not exercising, I was reading. My father always wanted me to take the family business and even found the best university to learn business management. I, later on, I changed my course to engineering. I used to be a nerd in school and had few friends but that was never my concern. I met the love of my life in the school of engineering and my life became even brighter.

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.

Philip: As we all know family is the initial agent of socialization. a child who is isolated by family members and relatives may end up depressed and suffer from emotional issues. The stronger the bond between children and their family members, the healthier the child.

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.

Philip: Family has always been a basic unit of every society. In my society relationships were used to bring families together most importantly for business purposes. Kids whose families were influential were favoured in our community to create some kind of connection. Not only do the poor people are discriminated against, but rich people with low ranks are also looked down upon. In general, the more powerful a certain family is, the more people will try to curry favour with them.

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.

Philip: Regarding socializing, teachers are the most influential. My teacher used to give us freedom where we could do whatever we wanted without being told. This gave us time to explore play by ourselves or by interaction. School activities were also involved whereby cooperation was an important aspect

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.

Philip: I don't think if the technology is reduced. The world is growing as technology grows. So technology should be used as a medium to self-define cultures and impose morals into our children. No one wants to sit down and listen to an old man bluffing about culture thus the media is the message.

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 20 years. 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.

Philip: Parents are to equip their children to reject extremist violence. Specifically, the nurturing and intuitive quality of a mother gives them unique capabilities in detecting any changes in the behaviour and thinking patterns of their family members.

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 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.

Philip: Since my childhood, everything that I have done is what I have always wanted to do. There is no comment.

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.

Philip: Friends are everywhere, it just depends on how you interact and present yourself. A person with an approachable attitude will have quite a several friends compared to a cold person.

Me: What are your recent social activities?

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

Philip: I am a person who mostly socializes with books, I want to know more about different cultures and their morals. Most of the time you will find me in my home library reading.

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.

Philip: Actually, the biggest transformation I have seen is social norms. Nowadays, in the USA and western civilized countries, there is no problem if leaders are talked about in either a positive or negative way. This discussion may be in debates and even news articles. However, in people who are no western civilized, this is considered unpatriotic in society and individuals are even punished if found out.

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. Children who are nurtured in a carefree environment usually develop a sense of insecurity and may also develop anger issues. Their want in domination may be due to the fear of being left alone. This may lead to violence too if their wives don't want to be controlled.

Philip: Children who experience domestic violence suffer enormous physical, emotional symptoms and behavioural despair and may not even reach the age to be in a relationship unless someone intervenes and assist the victimized children. These children are often isolated while the adolescents may join gangs. If involved in a relationship, it always impersonators the learned behaviour.