

For this week's assignment, I chose to do option 1, the person I chose to interview for this assignment was my grandmother who grew up in Guyana and then moved to Saint Vincent when she was around 18. One difference that she came up with was how different it was back in the day to foster and maintain **strong ties** among family and friends. She went on to say that back in her time, you had to physically come up with a plan to spend time with each other face-to-face which can make some spontaneous ideas difficult as you had to meet the person first to tell the idea. This is a big difference in what we can do currently with the technology we have today. Right now, you could have a friend that's an hour away where you can easily converse with them either through text, or phone calls from almost anywhere to even ways such as a chatroom in a video game. It's because of this is why the social networks for communities back then were a lot smaller than what they are today. Back then your network would be limited, as you couldn't get anyone that was way outside your community, whether that be at work or the area that you live in. My grandmother did bring up a counterpoint to this though, she stated that even though their communities were a lot smaller back then, they felt more tightly connected. When I thought about it, I could understand her argument, with a smaller social network, you have fewer commitments so you wouldn't spread yourself too thin, which would mean you have time to interact with the persons geographically closer to you which in turn strengthens the tie. In contrast to our period, our social network is normally way bigger than persons from the past because of technological advancements, our ties might not be as strong as we decrease the number of face-to-face interactions and instead increase our screen time which can decrease the strength of our ties, as well as since our network is so large we end up spreading ourselves thin and more and more bonds not only weaken but break away.

The next thing I asked her about was how was how talked to friends and family members who weren't in the country. This was an interesting one as my grandmother came from a place where even though technology existed it wasn't in full force yet. So, in cases like these, she relied on writing letters to them. It could take months before she hears back from them, and that doesn't include the cases where the friend passes away or the letter is lost during delivery. We don't have that trouble again because we have access to things such as mobile phones and text messages, and with the **Internet Revolution**, we all have the ability to access large amounts of information at a given time, which even though it may sound morbid if a friend didn't call to tell you about the passing of a friend, you would most likely hear about it on the Internet most likely on your social media page.