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ParticipantF: Hi guys I can go next. My name is ParticipantF I'm from XXXXXX it just kind of

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ParticipantF: in XXXXXXXXXXXX, and I am a XXXXXX year XXXXXXXXXXXX major in the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX concentration.

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ParticipantF: Yeah.

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Researcher2: Awesome also just so you guys know we started recording.

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Researcher2: Just to.

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Researcher1: Introduce myself really quickly and Researcher1 I'm one of the researchers on this project, I'm XXXXXXXXXXXX in the XXXXXX department, my hometown is XXXXXX, but I've been in XXXXXXXXXXXX for XXXXXX years and definitely consider it home.

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Researcher3: Also, also quickly introduce myself, so my name is Researcher3 I'm also another XX communication and journalism concentrating in XXXXXX and I'm from XXXXXXXXXXXX, and I also can call XXXXXXXXXXXX my hometown but I don't want to.

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Researcher2: awesome nice to have you all here.

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Researcher2: Just so just to let you know that we're keeping this very informal the participants, so please feel free to jump in at any point and add something.

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Researcher2: If you want to add a even if it's not directly related to the question, please feel free to talk to each other. We're keeping this very informal.

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Researcher2: So I guess My next question is, we talked about the pandemic or ParticipantH mentioned that a little bit, so how has the COVID-19 pandemic affected you.

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Researcher2: ParticipantH do you want to talk about that?

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ParticipantH: Okay, so.

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ParticipantH: How has it affected me on a personal level um so when it first started, at least on my end right, I was kind of.

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ParticipantH: finishing my XXXXXXXXXXXX degree, right here in XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX so from a personal level, for me, I was stacking on like eight classes, just to kind of get to the finish line, so I could get you guys sooner rather than later right so.

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ParticipantH: In the midst of that I kind of took a backseat in regards to.

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ParticipantH: employments I focus more on just kind of like XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, something that would kind of open me up to take those XXXXX classes online and then get to the finish line, but in the midst of that that's when we got hit.

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ParticipantH: Around the first quarter of last year and, on a personal note, for me it was kind of like you know just it was crazy because I had to kind of reassess regroup finished that semester, but at the same time figure out, okay, what is how long is this going.

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ParticipantH: To kind of play itself out.

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ParticipantH: And will you know what is it going to look like on the aftermath, because the income was starting to dry up and resources regarding.

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ParticipantH: Like the cares act and stuff like that there was talks and rumblings right but there really wasn't.

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ParticipantH: Much information, it was kinda like a slow drip from a social media standpoint and then from just a just from any medium right from any form of medium, whether it was news, it was.

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ParticipantH: It was when I conjecture everyone was just speculating what could what could possibly happen, we were just waiting on our.

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ParticipantH: You know, political officials to really come out and say okay what it was what's going to happen and then around March is when we start realizing on these down here on my end that things were getting really rough.

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ParticipantH: I found out that one of my, my XXXXX who is significantly older than me, but she, she got XXXXXX and she had uh symptoms you know, like the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX and.

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ParticipantH: And, just like a heavy fever and weakness in your whole body XXXX self quarantined we never really saw XXXX for the most part, but until after the fact, but umm just to check in and stuff like that.

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ParticipantH: But if that's what, at least on my end it was like Oh, this is like real right because it's like there's that kind of separation.

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ParticipantH: Unless it's like directly related to you in some like on a personal level.

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ParticipantH: Because you see it on the news will COVID it it's, it's, it seems intense, but once you start noticing somewhere in your kind of vicinity.

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ParticipantH: Or within your social circles, whether its family or friends that's when it really is like oh wow. This is like this is getting closer to me right, and my local community, so I think that was an eye opener.

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ParticipantH: And just from a financial standpoint like trying to trying to finish school.

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ParticipantH: The associates program luckily, thankfully, I graduated
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX so I I got to the finish line, but it was it was like you know, at the end it was kind of like I was just like you know, on.

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ParticipantH: On one leg trying to get to the finish line you know you felt like you know, given the.

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ParticipantH: The context of everything around it and then, finally, we did graduation, it was an open ceremony, it was very eerie it was outdoors it was me and all my peers.

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ParticipantH: With masks and all that stuff and it was great and socially distance, but you could tell that in that moment the snapshot of that moment, was just very, very, very awkward and just the conversations around that event and.

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ParticipantH: That moment where, how much longer are we going to be in this right, I think.

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ParticipantH: That was crazy but.

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ParticipantH: Then, finally, just to wrap it up to them I'm rambling I'm so sorry.

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ParticipantH: I think I think, from a financial standpoint, once the cures act kicked in I started um I think this will kind of lean in so what we're doing here now is that I had to rely on social media specifically Twitter and I'll.

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ParticipantH: say why because representative, I forgot XXX name is XXXXXX.

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ParticipantH: And XXXXXX in it XXXXXXXXXXXX me tell you I will pull up right now.

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ParticipantH: and

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ParticipantH: XXXXXXXXXXXX yeah XXXXXX I'll put XXX name in the chat real quick.

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ParticipantH: So yeah I actually tweeted once there was a long.

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ParticipantH: process like you know when is the unemployment stuff going to kick in because I applied for the unemployment benefits, because I got furloughed right working for XXXXXXXX work was less.

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ParticipantH: um and it was just it was it was destroying everybody right from a from a financial standpoint, so I actually I jumped on Twitter.

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ParticipantH: Because I love Twitter and twitter's the best it's it's like instantaneous it's it's perfect.

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ParticipantH: From a community like just like talking to somebody so I reached out to XXX and I sent XXX a tweet asked XXX you know hey I know you're not in my district I'm in XXXXXX but.

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ParticipantH: I feel like you could actually because XXXX very like active on social media and I felt like if I reached out to XXX.

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ParticipantH: XXX would at least give me some semblance of an answer that I could kind of run with and at least, it will kind of calmed me down a little bit from an emotional duress standpoint.

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ParticipantH: in regards to the uncertainty of what was going on right, so I reached out to XXX and XXX actually was incredible XXX sent me

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ParticipantH: XXX asked me for my email through DM on Twitter after I tweeted XXX and then XXX provided me a Google Doc page, where I filled out my information, and then it automatically directed it to the DEO website and I kid you not within 48 hours they.

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ParticipantH: XXX and XXX team, and then the or the contact DEO that they had.

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ParticipantH: got back to me jump they did something to my page and then boom I got started getting all those benefits, so I was like wow like you know, and then I mean that just reiterate the.

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ParticipantH: That you know social media, you know it's a tool and there's a lot of negative connotations behind it and stuff like that, but if you use it accurately and with purpose and with kind of a

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ParticipantH: sense of urgency and it's in a positive way right, it could put you know it pays it forward in many ways, so I really found that interesting, I think that example.

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ParticipantH: Really kind of aligns with what we're doing here today right so yeah I mean, I think that was one of the, the biggest highlights, you know with Twitter specifically.

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Researcher2: that's great I mean.

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Researcher2: that's a wonderful story we don't get to hear many of those.

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Researcher2: Especially around all the news that's around the pandemic and I hope your cousin's feeling better.

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Researcher2: ParticipantG or ParticipantF any one of you wants to add to that how pandemic affected you.

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ParticipantG: Yeah so I can go, oh, I feel like it didn't. If I was a senior in high school, so it kind of like messed up the end of my senior year, I didn't really get to like how prom or graduation or any of that stuff so it was kind of sad, but not.

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ParticipantG: Those things aren't as big as, like other families like really struggling so like I wasn't I'm not I wasn't like selfish about it, like, I obviously knew other people were struggling way more.

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ParticipantG: um but yeah so I ended up actually getting XXXXXX my whole XXXXXX did.

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ParticipantG: um but we weren't none of us got too XXXXXX but me and my XXXXXX lost our XXXXXXXXXXXX for like a couple of months actually so that was pretty crazy um and now it's still like my XXXXXX definitely isn't like normal like as it should be so that's pretty crazy um.

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ParticipantG: And then yeah it's my XXXXXX year of college so obviously I'm taking all online classes, because of it and yeah I don't know I haven't.

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ParticipantG: It definitely like didn't affect me as much as, like most people just because I feel like I'm very blessed and like where I live, it wasn't really like everything stayed pretty much open and all that stuff in XXXXXXXXXX is also great everything's open here so yeah.

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Researcher2: that's crazy I hope your XXXXXX comes back.

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Researcher2: I'm glad your XXXXXX recovered.

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Researcher2: and you recovered. ParticipantF?

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ParticipantF: yeah so um.

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ParticipantF: I kind of had like a kind of unique situation, I was working.

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ParticipantF: On a XXXXXX campaign like when COVID started and then obviously was not finished with it until XXXXXX so on I started the job before COVID was even like a twinkle in our eye on so I kind of battled from an HR standpoint from a PR standpoint from.

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ParticipantF: A personal, social media standpoint from the XXXXXX social media standpoint that battle of like.

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ParticipantF: What do you do, how do you handle this like what in going through that like beginning part where people were like Oh, we don't know if it's that bad, but people are getting sick like I remember, I was like I was sick and still having to work like.

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ParticipantF: In like February. I just thought I had like a XXXXXX or something.

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ParticipantF: And I went to the doctor and they had all these like posted signs that were like if you've travelled to.

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ParticipantF: Outside of the United States, and I remember, I remember verbatim and they don't even talk about it anymore.

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ParticipantF: But they were like if you have a skin rash, you might have COVID like it was so like much different than it is now, then, like the conversation that we're having now, and so I kind of saw from.

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ParticipantF: Like a professional standpoint, because I was working in like in school, at the same time, just like that.

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ParticipantF: How we handled COVID from an HR standpoint, in the sense of like what can you ask people to do what can you ask people to do at home, what like what is the what is our ability as like professionals to really keep.

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ParticipantF: People working what, how can you provide oversight when people are working from home developing like those work from home strategies and then.

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ParticipantF: When was the point where people could get back to work because that's the other thing about it is like.

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ParticipantF: Obviously, working in XXXXXX has a very strict time limit, and you have to work.

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ParticipantF: very hard up into a very specific hard deadline that you can't miss like there's just nothing.

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ParticipantF: So it was very much like Oh well, when is it going to be safe enough to do this when is it going to end? it was never.

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ParticipantF: And that was like the really interesting thing is it never really like we were always like, oh well, maybe in XXXXX, we can host an in-person event, maybe in XXXXXX, we can host an in-person event, and then we really never got to host an in person event that had any substance to it at all.

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ParticipantF: So it was just really weird to kind of be in that waiting period with it on professionally and just trying to make plans and then having to cancel them.

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ParticipantF: I think, is probably what affected like me most in like my daily life was like building structures for events and building like projects that never came to fruition.

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ParticipantF: So that was definitely something that, like, I think that was probably the biggest effect was just seeing having like.

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ParticipantF: projects and what not never happen, I think that that was like the first time in my.

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ParticipantF: Like professional, educational life, where I would work on something that, just like ended up being either completely different or not at all happening um I think that that was that's probably like the most interesting thing about COVID to me.

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Researcher2: Right uncertainty, something that we've really had to deal with a lot during this time.

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Researcher2: Other than the pandemic, are there any other social events that have affected your life, this year we had so much going on, so.

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Researcher2: Any other social events that you felt had an impact on your life.

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ParticipantF: um I can go, I have a lot of friends who work on Capitol Hill and when Capitol Hill got insurrected, I was like my phone was blowing up, I was watching everything as closely as I could, to make sure everybody was okay.

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ParticipantF: I was talking to them, but I was also watching like representatives Twitter's and, like all the different news channels and all the photos and all that coming out of.

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ParticipantF: The Capitol on the day that it the day of the riots and stuff like that.

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Researcher2: yeah.

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Researcher2: um.

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Researcher2: ParticipantG, ParticipantH anyone wants to jump in?

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ParticipantG: yeah nothing, nothing really nothing else besides COVID really impacted me that that like March this year, obviously, like the election and all that stuff like very little but.

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ParticipantG: there's nothing else that happened that really affected me.

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ParticipantG: yeah.

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ParticipantH: Umm on my end I mean aside, the only thing that I could think of.

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ParticipantH: was during the black lives matter movement there was a lot of.

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ParticipantH: There was a again I live in XXXXXX which is.

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ParticipantH: I would say, like maybe XX minutes away from where there was a huge protests it wasn't really a protest it was more like a riot they live, you know bunch of cars on fire and stuff like that from so from.

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ParticipantH: In the sense of of the community and mean being within, within the this this area geographically speaking.

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ParticipantH: Knowing that there was so much.

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ParticipantH: discontent with with everything that was going on, and it was you know, there was a kind of the riots happening in such a close vicinity to where I live, that was a little bit jarring because you know I'm watching it on the news or watching it through Twitter.

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ParticipantH: In the trending aspects of Twitter right, so I would go to Twitter hit trending and then look at the live feed of what people are saying on the ground.

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ParticipantH: There in the moment because using the hashtags you know the hashtag BLM XXXXXX they were using the hashtags BLM in different cities and, as you all know, we.

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ParticipantH: The, the news CNN and all the major outlets, they were covering it with multiple windows showing all the different cities were all the riots were happening simultaneously, so I think.

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ParticipantH: When they showed XXXXXX I was like oh man I I know that's like XX minutes away from my house like that's crazy, so I think just knowing that.

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ParticipantH: The coverage was you know you're watching it, you know all over the all over the country, but then you just having that subconsciously in your mind that oh wow it's also just a few minutes away from here.

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ParticipantH: was a little bit jarring because you know, seeing all the looting and the violence and the cop cars being lit on fire, and all that stuff.

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ParticipantH: I didn't partake in any of that you know, I was staying at home, you know locked up and just making sure that where I was safe, I was quarantined.

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ParticipantH: not getting sick or anything like that, but just all that kind of.

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ParticipantH: You know bundled up together the was a was a little bit jarring I guess you know you know and then and then also not only that, but.

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ParticipantH: Then, seeing the numbers right because you would go, you would turn on the news or go on social media and specifically CNN they would on the top right corner, they would just show the numbers every day right like that that clock like that clicking.

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ParticipantH: Numbers going up right deaths the death toll and the number of cases.

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ParticipantH: And, and then seeing the comparables with my county right, because it would show XXXXXX is you know they're not doing so well, and I think seeing those numbers constantly coming out.

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ParticipantH: And being exposed to it from a social media standpoint, also from a watching news after a while you there's days you get jaded you become jaded to it.

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ParticipantH: And becomes like background noise but then, when you start seeing you know, like the BLM riots and stuff like that, and then you're like oh man, but they're.

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ParticipantH: they're not socially distanced or rioting and they're rioting probably gonna make this you know the spread of the virus even worse right and you're just starting to think about things more.

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ParticipantH: Because of the fact so but um yeah I mean that's aside from that's all the only thing I can really draw from.

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Researcher2: Right you mentioned staying at home alone and that's something that we've all been doing for the full year So what have you guys been doing at home, what has your average day been like now?

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Researcher2: or during the pandemic.

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ParticipantG: I can go oh I'm so I love working out so usually every morning I worked out and then will not during summer I didn't have school, but obviously now I have school, so I do my school work.

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ParticipantG: And I really have gotten into cooking so I love cooking and baking um so I've tried a bunch of like new recipes over quarantine and I also got into sewing because my mom has a sewing machine, so I learned how to use that so yeah just like indoor like crafts and just stuff like that.

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Researcher2: Nice some sourdoughs.

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Researcher2: ParticipantF?

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ParticipantF: um so yeah basically pretty similar I'm doing a lot of activity us like learning a lot of new things which has actually been really nice cooking a lot of like baked goods.

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ParticipantF: zoom classes, I do have like a couple in person classes.

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ParticipantF: So going to those getting COVID tests, which is like very regular um.

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ParticipantF: yeah going and getting food from my sorority house stuff like that I'm not very exciting but watching movies going on social media.

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ParticipantF: I would say that's pretty much what, what our lives have consistent over like the past year.

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ParticipantH: yeah for me.

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ParticipantH: I haven't I haven't gone out gone on a date I haven't done anything my social life has been obsolete ever since March.

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ParticipantH: just been quarantined, but I think for me personally, the only thing you know, putting school aside that I've kind of.

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ParticipantH: You know just been trying to do just to kind of keep my mental health alive and just make sure that I'm mentally, okay, and just active in a proactive, positive way, I love to create music I love to write songs.

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ParticipantH: and produce on so I've been working on logic.

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ParticipantH: The software logic pro creating songs and I've written about five songs and three of them I'm actually going to submit to the XXXXXXXXXXXXX, I was, I met their manager.

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ParticipantH: Through another friend of mine and I tested the songs with them and they're like wow this is, these are pretty good they're actually recording a new album.

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ParticipantH: In the first quarter of 2021 so once you think they're ready send it to us so I'm like putting the final touches on those three songs and then hopefully submitted to them and.

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ParticipantH: See, if they like it so but yeah just just just trying to be creative trying to be positive.

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ParticipantH: and know that there's light at the end of the tunnel, though, you know, this is just kind of a blip on the radar in regards to the difficulty of it and just kind of navigating those waters but eventually things will turn around and.

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ParticipantH: Everything will become normal once again on some form or fashion absolutely.

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Researcher2: there's no thing and that's awesome we'll keep an eye out.

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Researcher2: For XXXXXXXXXXXX songs.

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Researcher2: What kind of smartphones do you guys use, and do you use social media and other devices, other than your phone.

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ParticipantF: I can go first um I have an iPhone and I also use social media on my computer and I have a Mac.

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ParticipantG: um yeah I also have an iPhone.

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ParticipantG: And I use all my social media on my phone I don't really use it on my computer or any other devices so yeah.

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ParticipantH: yeah, this is the part where everyone's gonna hate me, I am an android XXX.

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ParticipantH: I have a Samsung galaxy phone so.

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ParticipantH: But I have it's weird I have android and android phone I like android phones, but I love Mac you know computer products and from editing and all that good stuff but yeah so that's what I mostly use yeah.

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Researcher2: I'm an android XXX too so.

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Researcher2: we'll take the heat together. what kind of social media platforms or apps do you guys use, I know you mentioned a little bit of Twitter, but what what else.

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ParticipantG: um I use mainly.

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ParticipantG: Instagram and then over quarantine I kind of got into TikTok, because that was like the thing, and then I use like Snapchat but that's all I have a Facebook account just for things like school, but I don't really use it for like on the daily so yeah.

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ParticipantF: yeah I use.

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ParticipantF: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn.

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ParticipantF: A lot of Facebook messenger, TikTok.

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ParticipantF: Yeah that's, that's probably about it for like daily usage.

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ParticipantH: Yeah I guess I previously mentioned, I love Twitter I just love to see everyone in real time just conversing talking.

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ParticipantH: engaging with one another, is it just feels more streamlined, I guess, from a conversation standpoint I tried TikTok.

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ParticipantH: I can't get behind it, I just don't I mean I think Gordon Ramsay is the only one that's figured out a way to make TikTok kind of.

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ParticipantH: creatively different, aside from the dancing and stuff like that using it in a different aspect that leans into you're your, your, your kind of your wheelhouse of what you're good at, but yeah I, aside from Twitter I usually gravitate also more towards towards Instagram as well.

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Researcher2: gotcha and.

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Researcher2: When you guys use social media, do you have an idea of how long you use it for in a day or if you can describe your daily social media routines for me if you have any.

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Researcher2: Anyone can feel free to go first.

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ParticipantF: I can go first, I know that my usual social media usage, like the one that my phone gives me as between seven and eight hours per week, so that probably means I'm on

it about an hour every single day, I would say that's probably about like 30 to 45 minutes in the morning.

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ParticipantF: and probably the remaining bit of time, so like 30 to 40 in the evening time, I think that I use I usually am too busy to use social media during the day it's more of like.

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ParticipantF: Just a necessity, like if I need to get something off of a Facebook or out of a Facebook group or post something for work or if I need to.

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ParticipantF: If I need to like keep updated on something that's occurring all use Twitter or something like that, but I usually only use it for browsing in the morning and in the evening.

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ParticipantG: um.

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ParticipantG: I honestly use my phone and social media a lot um I don't really keep track or I haven't really looked at, like the settings that tells me my screen time, but if I had to estimate I probably spend like five hours.

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ParticipantG: of my day on social media, which is definitely a lot I would definitely like to cut down on it.

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ParticipantG: crazy but yeah.

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Researcher2: Is there a specific platform that you spend a lot of time on ParticipantG?

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ParticipantG: yeah I definitely spend it most on Instagram and TikTok.

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ParticipantG: Just like scrolling.

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ParticipantH: And yeah I mean I don't really keep tabs on on the amount of time.

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ParticipantH: I'm on social media I don't even know how to even navigate that information through my android phone I don't know.

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ParticipantH: Maybe Researcher2 can kind of walk me through the logistical aspects of how to I guess going through the app settings you're going through there, possibly but.

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ParticipantH: I'm honestly I'm thinking eight classes, right now, so I don't really have that pleasure to kinda to to kind of be able to sit down, I will admit, though I don't know if we're if we're kind of classifying YouTube as a form of social media for this kind of.

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ParticipantH: Research that we're that you guys are conducting so but I, you know went out when I'm not when I'm trying to get away from.

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ParticipantH: schoolwork and just kind of decompress a little bit I'll go to YouTube and I'll look at my.

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ParticipantH: subscribers subscriber list and the videos and content creators, that I subscribed to.

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ParticipantH: Like, like John Campion who's like a movie critic.

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ParticipantH: And just kind of just decompress by watching their reviews and stuff like that, or maybe the movies or TV shows I'm kind of missing out on so I then I could kind of write it down and say.

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ParticipantH: Look, when I kind of get through the Semester, maybe have a little bit of time to catch up on all those shows and movies, that I missed out on while I was kind of bunkering down during the Semester, but yeah if it's not YouTube it's most likely usually predominantly Twitter absolutely.

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Researcher2: That that makes sense. Are there any ways in which you use social media that is not typical so.

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Researcher2: I mean feel free to define typical the way you want, but if there's something like ParticipantH you mentioned you reached out to the representative which.

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Researcher2: I can say is the purpose of Twitter, but not many people use it that way, so is there any way or any instance that you have used social media, which is not the like a typical usage.

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ParticipantH: yeah I mean I just, just to kind of piggyback off what you just said, I mean I've always kind of looked at.

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ParticipantH: You know Twitter kind of like that conversation piece like you know, and at the same time I've always used Twitter.

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ParticipantH: More as a way to, to resolve either an issue I have at hand, or to continue having a conversation over something that I.

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ParticipantH: That I love right, so if it's like right after the game of thrones finale I jumped on Twitter and I was like man, what does everyone saying and then kind of.

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ParticipantH: Sharing the memes and the pictures and the gifts and we're all just kind of laughing and talking about what we liked and what we didn't like and what we were hoping to see, and what we didn't get to see, and at the same time.

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ParticipantH: Just to kind of.

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ParticipantH: shed another story there was one time my XXXXXX TV, this is about two years ago.

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ParticipantH: I had a XXXXXX TV and it was like I think was like a 32-inch smart TV nothing too crazy pretty straightforward, but I was watching a House of Cards, and it was like two in the morning I fell asleep and.

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ParticipantH: I woke up and I smell like this smell of like burned plastic, so I was a man with a smell it smells, smells weird.

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ParticipantH: And when I turn the lights on, I realized that the back of my TV was like releasing this gray smoke behind like the with the power cord was so I was like oh my God, this is horrible so I took a picture of it and a video and I tweeted Samsung customer service.

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ParticipantH: And I said in the beginning, and I go and I put in the tweet.

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ParticipantH: Is it normal for my TV to catch on fire hashtag customer service at XXXXXXXXXXXX support whatever, whatever it was, and for the video of the picture and then someone immediately responded.

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ParticipantH: Within like less than five minutes saying no imagery that's not normal DM us, we could talk about this further and DM them I gave them my contact information and I kid you not like two days later.

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ParticipantH: The door knocks and these two guys showed up with a XXXXXX like white van and they are you ParticipantH? I oh yeah I am I going to help you they go yeah we're here, for your TV and what.

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ParticipantH: They were yeah we need you to sign this release form and I go what is it and I looked at the form and it's basically saying that I'll take down my tweet if I.

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ParticipantH: Give them and I sent out a release form saying that they're not liable for any any damage to the property it's kinda like a waiver form.

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ParticipantH: And at the same time that they're going to resolve the issue, so I was like Okay, so I signed the paper and he came inside the took the TV off the wall and then they put it in a box and then they just put it in the back of their truck and I go.

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ParticipantH: What am I going to watch and they go, oh no don't worry about it, like and they open the other side of the door of the van.

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ParticipantH: And then they pulled out a 65-inch TV, I was like oh my God like I got a major upgrade it was amazing I was so happy.

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ParticipantH: And then they installed they installed it and everything and it was super super Nice, and then they asked me to take a picture, with the TV and tweets.

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ParticipantH: At XXXXXX saying look, I had a poor customer experience issue, but thank thankfully XXXXXX turn it around and I tweeted a positive outcome right and I guess this kind of just reinforces.

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ParticipantH: How how I kind of navigate social media right I I go about it in a kind of a different route, you know, obviously, you could use it.

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ParticipantH: To either spread misinformation right or you could use it to to.

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ParticipantH: You know, create forms of hate speech and, and all this crazy stuff but there's also people that exist that are out there, like myself who just.

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ParticipantH: Trying to put their best foot forward and try to either highlight a really fun awesome outcome or

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ParticipantH: Try to resolve an issue at hand by directly reaching out to the to the to the brands and the company and seeing if there's a resolution that's, that's optional or on the table right like the representative.

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ParticipantH: In in XXXXXX and then also like the story I just mentioned, with XXXXXX so yeah.

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Researcher2: that's a that's a great story that's also like good branding for XXXXXX.

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Researcher2: anyone else wants to jump in and add on to this.

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ParticipantF: yeah I can um I am, it was kind of silly um but I was a social media base of professional I did.

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ParticipantF: Like press for a XXXXXX on in kind of similar to what ParticipantH was saying about keeping that using your brand to like build bridges and stuff like that that's what I did a lot with.

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ParticipantF: My XXXXXX accounts and stuff like that I think that's kind of an extraordinary circumstance, because you're literally operating an account for someone and you are like it's nearly an alias.

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ParticipantF: it's your job to understand what the audience is looking for and stuff like that, so I think that that's kind of a different circumstance, but what a lot of what ParticipantH was saying about.

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ParticipantF: Using social media, in a sense of everybody's watching you, and especially when you're a brand or you're an individual with a following.

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ParticipantF: You have to be so careful about what people see what people hear about you what people are talking about you on social media whether it's a TV or a candidate or.

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ParticipantF: an organization or something like that you it's such an important PR tool and I think that that's really probably.

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ParticipantF: What it why it's a little bit different to me, just like in the industry I've been in then to some other people who might just use it for fun or for their personal necessity for me it was about.

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ParticipantF: Keeping a brand healthy and, and making sure that we're spreading a message that was aligning with what we needed to be doing to win an election so.

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Researcher2: Definitely definitely.

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Researcher2: So I guess my next question is about news because we've been mentioning news a couple of times let's get to that, how do you guys get the news, do you go search for it or do you think the news finds you? Where do you get your news from?

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ParticipantG: I'll go first yeah I don't really like I don't I live in a dorm so I don't have a TV but usually at home, I, like my parents would have the news on so sometimes I like watch it, but here I actually I mainly yeah like.

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ParticipantG: I just get news from like social media because, like the big things are usually like posted and stuff.

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ParticipantG: that's usually where I do get my news from.

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ParticipantG: Just like scrolling and just through also through like friends, just like sharing stuff so yeah.

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Researcher2: Do you search for us on social media.

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ParticipantG: No, no, I don't.

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Researcher2: So it just kind of pops up.

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ParticipantG: yeah yeah.

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ParticipantG: What about ParticipantF?

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ParticipantF: I think what I think is the most advantageous when it comes to social media and news for me is push notifications, I would not be.

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ParticipantF: The person that's looking at what's trending on Twitter, sometimes I do and I'm like wow people are talking about like the number one thing, people are calling you out is like.

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ParticipantF: Jeffree Star's relationship with Kanye like I've never going to look at hashtags ever again um so yeah I would definitely say my like.

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ParticipantF: Number One way of receiving news is basically through push notifications, and then, if something entertains me I'll let go and open the APP but I usually just use like

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ParticipantF: AP's app or obviously Twitter will push and give you push notifications for like dramatic events but I'm pretty much trying to say like out of the weeds unless something like really bad is happening and they're sending me a push notification.

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Researcher2: That makes sense.

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Researcher2: So AP's a news app?

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ParticipantF: um yeah it's like Associated Press's.

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ParticipantF: yeah right.

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ParticipantH: So yeah I actually I tried doing the push notifications, then I was getting swarms.

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ParticipantH: I was getting attacked and bombarded by so many different Apps and.

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ParticipantH: Especially in the midst of the pandemic when it was the kind of at the.

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ParticipantH: Very you know inception stage of it in the beginning it was so much I just turned it all off I turned off all my notifications.

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ParticipantH: So, at that point, even up to now, given that I'm you know I'm in school now I'm not I basically seek out information at this point, and, to be honest with you, I think it's actually from a mental health standpoint it's actually call it it's calmed me down.

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ParticipantH: Not knowing that.

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ParticipantH: I don't have to feel overwhelmed getting just bombarded with all the notifications of all the craziness that's that's that could be happening because I feel personally ever since the pandemic started and even maybe a little bit before again that's just my opinion.

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ParticipantH: A lot of the news has been sensationalized and it's been it's been it's been feeling more and more that it's just more about Okay, what can we do or say.

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ParticipantH: To make it feel more intense so people could read our articles and kind of see what we have to say, from a news outlet standpoint and then cover that that.

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ParticipantH: That story as as it as it plays out, so I just turned it off, so now, at this point I just basically seek everything out I mostly, though.

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ParticipantH: seek it out through through YouTube.

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ParticipantH: And if it's something if it's something that's really that's like playing out in real time I will go to at that point I'll just jump on Twitter.

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ParticipantH: And I'll look at what's trending and what hashtags are being used on the ground, to see if what's being reported on YouTube is kind of at some on some level aligning with what I'm seeing on the ground right a good example of that is.

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ParticipantH: The the caravan that's happening of all these families that are trying to trying to come to the United States right there's so much erratic reporting.

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ParticipantH: Internationally, that it's kind of been like okay, because you know it feels like there's some censorship on summons on an international coverage, but then, when you go and you go to.

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ParticipantH: Twitter, for example in real time and you see the reporters that are they're wearing like body armor and they're like trying to show really what's happening.

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ParticipantH: it's like wow they're not even talking about this or that.

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ParticipantH: it's it's it's it's eye opening and really, really is so I think I kind of use both of those mediums.

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ParticipantH: in regards to now me having to seek it out, because, again I don't I don't I just don't the push notifications over the last 16 months it's just been it's been too much man it's been too much, and then the capital riots, I was with a friend of mine.

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ParticipantH: who came over just to say hi and when he showed up he was like oh my God I still can't believe I was like what? and.

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ParticipantH: You know, in real time just seeing what was happening on you on Twitter and then comparing doing a comparable with a live broadcast with a major outlets and then jumping a.

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ParticipantH: Different outlets, like the Young Turks or.

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ParticipantH: Daily Wire or different because I always like to look at.

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ParticipantH: different sides to really how it's kind of playing on on on on both spectrums and I think that's very, very important to have an open mind going into anything so I'm just seeing how that that and he was getting bombarded with push notification, I was a man good thing I'm not.

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ParticipantH: good thing I turned mine off so yeah at this point I basically seek it out, comparing Twitter with YouTube and other mediums but I usually now just basically I seek it all out at this point.

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Researcher2: that's great so you kind of do like your own checking in comparisons.

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Researcher2: Speaking of overwhelming and too much, what are your guys's thoughts about the balance of good and bad news in the last year in 2020 do you think.

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Researcher2: There is a balance between good and bad news, how it's covered and how it appears on social media and what do you think are the topics that you're most seeing when it comes to news.

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ParticipantH: yeah I'll just I'll just jump in real quick.

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ParticipantH: in regards to topics it's just mostly been.

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ParticipantH: You know, regarding to.

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ParticipantH: Assistance right, you know the what are they going to do from stimulus to help sustain the economy, to make sure that we don't fall into a depression, economically speaking.

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ParticipantH: But in regards to your your first half of your question that has the media and the media has been just mostly dark man it's very eerie very gloom.

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ParticipantH: very dark, so much so that a perfect counter counter to that argument and proving what I'm saying is true is John Krasinski started.

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ParticipantH: You know, some good news and that thing popped off on YouTube because it was just nothing but positivity right talking about the first line workers working at the hospitals talking about families celebrating.

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ParticipantH: birthdays at socially distance you know visiting the elderly people celebrating I ParticipantG mentioned how she couldn't go to prom is some good news.

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ParticipantH: John Krasinski the actor, he did a prom episode, where he was celebrating everyone in the class of 2020 and He threw like a live prom for everyone that was.

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ParticipantH: Of the class of 2020 so I feel like that everyone kind of flock to that and drove towards that, because we were we were creating something of positivity in the midst of all this chaos right, and I think I think that's incredibly important to just kind of highlight absolutely.

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Researcher2: yeah his channel wasn't welcome change for.

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Researcher2: ParticipantF or ParticipantG, do you want to add to that do you think there has been a balance of good and bad news.

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ParticipantF: um I don't know that they're like was ever a balance of good and bad news, in my opinion, I just think that overwhelmingly people are more interested in more devastating ask news.

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ParticipantF: There it gruesome headlines and.

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ParticipantF: sad stories and stuff like that have always attracted more clicks.

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ParticipantF: And a lot of the news channels really now or just operating their social media in order to keep advertisers with clicks, so I think that.

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ParticipantF: There are a lot of motivated reasons to keep the news at least somewhat negative in a little jarring I do think that in that same vein, people.

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ParticipantF: on social media individuals, just like regular average people spent a lot more time trying to find in trying to share positive news articles and also they were being newsmakers themselves and sharing positive information about themselves or people would post like pictures of.

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ParticipantF: them like seeing their grandma through the glass or see at the nursing home or how they adopted a quarantine cat or stuff like that yeah like ParticipantH said, if it bleeds it leads, but I think that.

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ParticipantF: In the sense we almost got so desperate as a society that people started to make their own happy news and share it on Facebook and.

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ParticipantF: People would be like oh hey like I know everything is like really bad so here's this like video of my quarantine cat I adopted from the XXXXXX county.

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ParticipantF: Animal rescue and stuff like that, so I think that we almost became little newsmakers ourselves in this sense of trying to fight the negativity because that's just for most people, not a natural response.

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ParticipantF: So yeah.

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Researcher2: that's a good point.

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Researcher2: ParticipantG do you want to add something?

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ParticipantG: yeah so I yeah, as I said before, I don't really like check the news a lot and stuff like that, but I definitely.

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ParticipantG: Like when I do, or like when I see things I definitely think it's more negative and bad crazy stories for sure you don't really see a lot of like positive or good happy uplifting like new stories anymore.

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ParticipantG: So yeah.

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Researcher2: So, how does it make you feel when you see bad news on social media like physically mentally, how do you respond to that.

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ParticipantG: yeah I feel like it's it's really upsetting like it it's sad for sure um yeah It makes me definitely want to like help like certain causes and like change things for sure yeah.

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ParticipantH: yeah I mean it's um, at least for me, it makes it makes me kind of feels like a like it's sucking the air the room.

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ParticipantH: You know it's like it's like a vacuum within itself.

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ParticipantH: Because it just it's it's showing it showing first you know, in the in the most exasperated way the the worst of humanity, and I think.

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ParticipantH: In seeing that, like the, just like the what happened on January six I was like that was awful right and then seeing the rights and the looting and then.

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ParticipantH: Seeing the video that went viral of the man this man who was in the hospital.

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ParticipantH: The first Friday was one of the first few patients who died from COVID and they were filming it to see as a you know kinda like a case study like what how How does this, how does this affect the human body, and you can see him.

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ParticipantH: Just his chest going in and out it's like I was like man that's horrifying.

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ParticipantH: I mean putting this out on the Internet right.

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ParticipantH: it's just like there's certain things that that should be released, but at the same time.

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ParticipantH: I'm kind of from the mindset that I think that there needs to be disclaimers for some of these videos and some of these images.

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ParticipantH: Just specifically on Twitter and.

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ParticipantH: and other platforms um because there's some things that are just they're just too intense.

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ParticipantH: they're just too intense to because you again, you could be it could be 13 years old, on Twitter, you know talking about you know talking about you know your favorite basketball player your favorite.

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ParticipantH: You know, TikToker, influencer, or content creator, for whatever reason, then suddenly you jumped on the wrong hashtag and then boom there's a guy dying in front of you, so I mean like it's a.

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ParticipantH: it's it's pretty crazy, so I feel like I feel like in some aspects, there does need to be some kind of.

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ParticipantH: I don't know if it's regulation, but something needs to be.

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ParticipantH: Something does need to be done or regards to at least putting a disclaimer you know, like right before something happens, or something like on the bottom of a post saying hey look this this we're we're about to you know this video or this picture.

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ParticipantH: Is a very graphic and nature or or anything of that of that sort, but yeah.

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ParticipantH: yeah.

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Researcher2: I think Instagram does that.

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Researcher2: ParticipantF, how do you feel when you see bad news and social media.

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ParticipantF: yeah so um I think that.

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ParticipantF: There are certain things that we obviously as people like are very much jarred by like a lot of the things ParticipantH was talking about people dying and.

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ParticipantF: Sick people and animal abuse and stuff like that, and I know that Facebook and Instagram and Twitter work really hard with their with their moderators to try to keep that stuff a little lower in counts, but I think that I'm bad news in general, like.

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ParticipantF: Moderate bad news like oh six more weeks of quarantine stuff like that, I think that we're pretty much desensitized as a society, in my opinion, to moderately bad news, I think.

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ParticipantF: I think strenuous and difficult things for people to look out I think that's always going to be hard because we're human.

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ParticipantF: But I think that we've become pretty saturated with things and it's very, very rare that a headline catches enough of an interest to be alive for more than you know, three three or four days, and if they are there, there are big ones, and they cause massive social change, like.

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ParticipantF: When George Floyd was murdered and stuff like that, like that holds in that grips the country, but a lot of things don't grab like that.

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Researcher2: So how do you then deal with with your feelings about news like that.

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ParticipantF: I'm sorry you broke up for like just one second I didn't hear your question.

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Researcher2: Sure I'm sorry.

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Researcher2: I was asking how do you then deal with the feelings with your feelings about news.

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ParticipantF: Oh yeah I think that sometimes you just kind of have to disconnect and.

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ParticipantF: I think we have so much more of a brilliant understanding of the new the 24-hour news cycle and oversaturation we have a really good understanding of what media can do to us physically, I think.

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ParticipantF: As you get older, you have a pretty good understanding of what your limit is in regards to consumption of negative content stuff like that, so I think that.

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ParticipantF: The best you can basically do when there's nothing else to do because you're in COVID is just trying to provide yourself a distraction, whether that be Netflix or going on a walk or something like that um, but I think that we're so desensitized that at least in, from my perspective, I.

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ParticipantF: don't necessarily.

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ParticipantF: think that I think that media has to be pretty, pretty severe for us to have a physical response that would be enough to.

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ParticipantF: kind of change our body chemistry out of being.

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ParticipantF: Like into a into a state where we had to like go on a walk really turn off our phones, I think.

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ParticipantF: we're pretty desensitized to reading about things, and as long as we're safe in our homes we're not too nervous about what's going on outside.

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ParticipantF: And I think that COVID just perpetuated that because it kind of created this thought bubble that.

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ParticipantF: Like if you're in your home you're safe and whatever's going on outside it's not really your concern, unless you want it to be.

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ParticipantF: And I think that we were already kind of like that, as a society, we were like very isolation, as people and social media made us like.

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ParticipantF: very much like well as long as we're good like we're fine and I think COVID even further back because it kind of broke the fiber of our Community so.

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ParticipantF: so desperately that now we're just really focused on what's going on in our friends circle or in our friendship circles in our family circles.

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ParticipantF: In our smaller community circles and a lot less focused on even what's going on in our own backyards or in the nation or let alone in the world, so.

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Researcher2: uh huh.

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ParticipantH: yeah I usually just try to.

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ParticipantH: counter it by.

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ParticipantH: watching something or doing something that's kind of on a different on the opposite spectrum of it, so if it's something just you know politically draining.

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ParticipantH: You know, just like political theatre at its finest but it's just exaggerator exasperated and dialed up just to kind of offset that all either write a song or I'll listen to music or I'll try to watch something that's more entertainment centric like I was mentioning earlier like watching.

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ParticipantH: You know, one of my favorite film critics and just kind of just taking it all I got to watch that movie and you know just kind of.

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ParticipantH: have something that will just kind of decompress from all that sensationalism which of the global news media and what's happening around the world, because at the end of the day and look.

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ParticipantH: there's a love for as much good as we try to put out there's a lot of bad that's out there, so I think sometimes there's a little bit of.

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ParticipantH: apprehension and trying to seek it out, because you're afraid it's kind of like what am I going to get right it's but we already know it's not going to be good it's gonna it's gonna be somewhat dark.

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ParticipantH: When you open Pandora's box right, you know it's not going to be like you know kind of going off with what ParticipantF said the 24-hour news cycle it's it's beholden to.

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ParticipantH: To those darker stories because they know it's it's more captivating to kind of watch on that episodic type of mindset, where it feels like you're watching okay what's the next episode right okay.

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ParticipantH: It was a two is all Cares Act 2.0 and literally they called a Cares Act X 2.0 they even call it like you know, a different name right, so it has this like.

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ParticipantH: it's kind of like their training the, the general audience in the, in the masses where it comes off the media, at least.

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ParticipantH: on that side as they kind of this episodic thing so it's like usually for me I just try to counter it.

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ParticipantH: By watching, something that has nothing to do with, with that subject or that particular thing about was hard to watch and just kind of offset that in some form of positivity in some way possible.

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Researcher2: that's really interesting.

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Researcher2: What I get is you guys are in some way mentioning like a kind of self-control and that the moment is it starts getting overwhelming like ParticipantF mentioned going to distractions like Netflix and stuff like that so.

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Researcher2: Do you do you do that consciously where you want to put a stop to consuming more news because you mentioned 24 hour cycle, so that continues to go on.

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Researcher2: Do you guys make a conscious decision.

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Researcher2: Of like switching.

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ParticipantH: yeah we're just real quick, I mean kind of going back on what I said earlier.

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ParticipantH: That the one of the quickest ways for me to feel that I was, I was at least in control when this all this whole thing started last year.

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ParticipantH: Again, was just turning off those push notifications That was one step right at least subconsciously for me was over here, this is there's a way for me to practice self-control and and a form of restraint in regards to.

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ParticipantH: The media, the media and just.

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ParticipantH: The whole parameter and everything not taking control of me, but more so me regaining some some semblance of control within the chaos right.

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Right.

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ParticipantH: I just felt like okay I gotta do something to kind of maybe dial this down a little bit, even though I know it's going to still continue out there and I know.

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ParticipantH: Many aspects, some people can say well that's a horrible way of thinking, because that's like saying you know the everything around us burning but you're inside your House.

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ParticipantH: And you're pretending like nothing's going on well no I'm I'm very much conscious and aware that it's out there and it's going on, and I will check in but.

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ParticipantH: From a mental standpoint, a mental health standpoint I think being wrapped up in it too much and on a daily basis is it's not going to do any good for you, I just a good example of that my mom during the election cycle.

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ParticipantH: You know down here in XXXXXXXXXXXXX, a lot of people are predominantly conservative right so.

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ParticipantH: She is a trump supporter, but not but not based on the person himself more so on on the fiscal policies and the way he was kind of conducting certain things.

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ParticipantH: She she kind of I guess it aligned with her, for whatever reason, but more so than anything when things were not working out in the election, the way she thought they were right.

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ParticipantH: She was watching the news like every day like.

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ParticipantH: Not a minute I was like man you're watching this like it's a soap opera like and I had to tell her mom you need to like.

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ParticipantH: get into like watch a movie like watch a watch a concert, you know watch something else right, I think it you got to have this kind of like this libra scale of sorts where it's like a little bit of a balance.

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ParticipantH: You know and it's just it's it's, it's I felt like it was just in there's a saying right there's that saying too much of anything is never good for you.

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ParticipantH: Right so it's like.

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ParticipantH: I I felt that that was very applicable, so I think one of the ways for me to get control was just the first step, like I said earlier, was just.

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ParticipantH: turning off those push notifications and then whenever I felt the need to be aware of something that was happening seek it out, on my own accord, you know.

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Researcher2: same thing ParticipantG.

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ParticipantF: I think that ParticipantH said something like hit the nail on the head when he said that his mom was watching the news like it was a soap opera.

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ParticipantF: I think, unfortunately I'm a combination of sensationalism a and like really surreal world events and.

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ParticipantF: Pretty perverse distractions of technology and.

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ParticipantF: New integrations of things that like people have not dealt with in the past have kind of led to this like misunderstanding about what reality is and what it isn't and I think that.

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ParticipantF: Especially with COVID it was so hard to differ us to define what reality was like are in in it even still is now, the reality is people who live in XXXXXX.

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ParticipantF: Is far, far different from the reality of, say, people who live in XXXXXX who still haven't sent their children back to school.

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ParticipantF: They're still trying to work from home in their houses with their young children on zoom with that are like seven trying to use computers.

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ParticipantF: And so, our reality is far different from that one we see an open Academy, there are people in XXXXXX, who just walked out of their front door for the first time and literally like nine months.

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ParticipantF: And so I think that we had this really we went from having this really nationalistic idea of this is what it means to be American, this is what it means to have an American like life.

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ParticipantF: This is what it means to engage in consumption and family and religion and vote and do all these American things and then all of a sudden, like.

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ParticipantF: COVID protocols and, and society and geopolitical structure kind of broke up the country in a sense that in there was no semblance of this am American reality.

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ParticipantF: And so, everybody was watching the news, but they all had a different filter on how they were watching it.

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ParticipantF: And so you had people from XXXXXX watching the news being like oh my God this COVID stuff is crazy because XXXXXXXXXXXX said I could literally go out and have a drink if I wanted.

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ParticipantF: And then people in XXXXXXXXXXXX are watching people in XXXXXX and they're like oh my God they're crazy like, why are they staying inside.

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ParticipantF: And so there was no semblance of like a singular reality and it did kind of become everybody was living in this kind of one like I kind of said before, like this kind of personal bubble, just like what their COVID choices were and what the people around them, so the choices were.

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ParticipantF: And so anything else really seemed odd because it was different than what people are choosing to do so, I do think the news kind of became like a soap opera and then also just like.

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ParticipantF: The political climate of the country like in all of the ridiculous.

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ParticipantF: stuff that happens in Washington, I think that that it all became kind of interesting and almost like insane we became insatiable we were like oh my God what is.

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ParticipantF: Donald trump going to tweet what is he going to say like how is Nancy Pelosi going to respond is she going to do something is she going to end so it will there be another impeachment trial and like.

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ParticipantF: I think that we became like nobody cares now about like what Joe Biden is tweeting because he's tweeting very presidential like things he's not scaring us and saying things go storm the capital and stuff like that, I think that that has changed everything a little bit and made it more.

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ParticipantF: Easier for us to kind of accept what reality is instead of always be on our toes like and wondering what reality is.

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Researcher2: Yeah for sure.

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Researcher2: ParticipantG, would you like to add something.

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ParticipantG: Yeah I definitely agree with everything you guys have been saying I kind of have gotten off track with the original question.

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Researcher2: Oh, we can bring you back to track or me switch topics, a little bit what.

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Researcher2: What kind of accounts, do you follow on social media.

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ParticipantG: hmm I mainly follow like friends and family, but then other accounts I follow like fitness accounts are like accounts with like food like food blogs, or like fashion blogs um but I don't really follow like.

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ParticipantG: News accounts or anything like that, or like political yeah or I don't really I also don't really follow like a lot of Famous people I just not that interested in that stuff.

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ParticipantG: yeah.

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Researcher2: ParticipantF, What kind of accounts, do you follow on social media.

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ParticipantF: I follow a lot of people in politics, a lot of.

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ParticipantF: Political influencers a lot of media political politicized media, polarized media media, I consider centralized a lot of international media.

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ParticipantF: Obviously my family and my friends.

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ParticipantF: A lot of famous political influencers I think.

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ParticipantF: Getting to see what they have to say is really interesting, it also kind of gives us a view into what the rest of the countries kind of focusing on because those are the people who are setting.

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ParticipantF: The agenda for the country so they're kind of it's a good bird's eye view into how we're feeling as a country, based on what they're talking about they're kind of dictating voting patterns via social media so.

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Researcher2: Great, ParticipantH?

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ParticipantH: So, like for me it's kind of.

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ParticipantH: it's weird right so like I've used social me like I mentioned earlier, I use social media and at least each platform very differently than than I would.

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ParticipantH: Another platform so like with Twitter, for instance, like I kind of going off XXXXXX and the representative, an economy from XXXXXX.

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ParticipantH: I follow mostly accounts of brands like for Twitter I follow brands that I that I support, you know that just as find out what's what's going on with their new products, new technology, I follow.

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ParticipantH: On Twitter again I follow a lot of movie critics so when they since they get to see press screenings a week or two months before the movie comes out if they say it sucks.

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ParticipantH: I'm not gonna, I'm not gonna go give them my money and paid at the movie theatre to go support a movie that if.

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ParticipantH: A movie critic, for instance, that has a viewpoints and their taste is aligned with my taste and I trust them and have that kind of kind of confidence in them as a as a film critic and they say it's not very good, I will instead go see something else that those critics kind of.

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ParticipantH: You know, suggest that it's probably a better a better movie um and then, when it comes to Instagram for free as a counterpart for Instagram I mostly just because it's picture driven I mostly just follow inspirational accounts, you know, like history daily plaque pics.

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ParticipantH: Which is pictures of.

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ParticipantH: Historical moments throughout history.

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ParticipantH: Like just very.

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ParticipantH: Just inspiring photos and then I also follow on Instagram the rock the rock is always you seeing him workout at three in the morning is inspirational within itself, but then again just try to focus on videos and pictures on Instagram of things that are.

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ParticipantH: Just kind of just refreshing right it's not it's not it's not all gloomy I guess you would say kind of.

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ParticipantH: When as opposed to what I'm seeking out the media of on a global and national level, where I already kind of know going in.

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ParticipantH: it's going to be it's going to be heavy handed so I use Instagram for that Twitter mostly for to support the brands, I do support and then, if I have an issue I could reach out to them immediately right and it's accessible.

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ParticipantH: I tried TikTok once I discovered okay I gotta, I gotta actually dance a lot, and so I was like yeah I got over it real quick after two videos was over.

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ParticipantH: But yeah and then Facebook I mostly use Facebook, just to kind of keep connected with family and friends high school friends and and stuff like that, for the most part yeah so I kind of use each platform and just kind of a different different ways, so to speak.

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ParticipantH: Right.

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Researcher2: Are you guys familiar with the term doomscrolling?

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ParticipantH: You said.

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ParticipantH: doomscrolling

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Researcher2: Did someone say yeah?

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ParticipantG: No.

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Researcher2: Okay, so doomscrolling is when you like we discussed a lot in today's discussion about you know overwhelmingly negative news and how it just keeps prompting on our newest fees.

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Researcher2: So doomscrolling is a term that came about and became very popular in 2020.

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Researcher2: It's basically when we just keep scrolling and looking for more and more news or information that's that can be termed as negative and we just like get into that rabbit hole.

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Researcher2: So do you think do you do it, or any of your friends do that.

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ParticipantG: hmm I definitely like keep scrolling on Instagram but not like I guess not like in with negative and like bad stuff like that I feel like but yeah.

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ParticipantH: yeah I think I think I can't wait to show her mom like a mom you're really hip and cool you were actually doing a thing called doomscrolling.

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ParticipantH: I'm just gonna drop the mic and walk away she's gonna like what is that and then, watch her start you know doomscrolling in the midst of finding out what doom scrolling is it'll be like a

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Researcher2: doomscrolling about doomscrolling

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ParticipantH: All right, but no, I had no idea what it was.

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ParticipantH: It sounds like basically she was doing that you know, aside from making fun of her that she was basically doing that, but through video consumption as opposed to actually scrolling.

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ParticipantH: Through her feet sort of speak she was you know kind of scrolling through channels to find more information about the the, the kind of the context of what was happening in real time right.

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ParticipantH: because she is she is tech savvy would.

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ParticipantH: um she doesn't she doesn't she's not on social media whatsoever, she doesn't like social media but it's interesting to hear that term yeah.

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Researcher2: ParticipantF?

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ParticipantF: yeah, I guess, I never really thought about it like that, or in a sense that it's kind of like I what I think of when I hear the word doomscrolling is that we kind of become addicted to that type of just like negativity become really dependent on how it regulates our mood.

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ParticipantF: And I think that that is definitely something that a lot of people battle through COVID 19 and will continue to battle and it's something that we do have to work on actively combating and talking I think really to young people.

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ParticipantF: Time to work it's a preventative when before people even go out into the real world, because it can become pretty pervasive.

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Researcher2: Right. ParticipantG?

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ParticipantG: On yeah I definitely, as I said before, oh.

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ParticipantG: yeah I don't.

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Researcher2: know you know.

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Researcher2: What you mentioned you scroll through Instagram.

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ParticipantG: yeah I definitely.

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ParticipantG: Like do that but I don't think I like try to get into like a negative like place.

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ParticipantH: I think I think we all do, that but.

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01:11:34.740 --> 01:11:35.850

ParticipantH: On a positive level.

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ParticipantG: yeah.

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ParticipantH: I can't speak for everybody else, but in regards to consuming content when it's things you know, like oh it's a puppy dog or it's like it's a cute cat or you know when it's.

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ParticipantH: When it's appealing to, to the to the to the viewer it's you know and before you know it you're like oh my God had mental social media for like an hour I haven't done anything productive all day, I think, on the positive, positive spectrum.

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ParticipantH: it's easy it's easy to let time get away from you, but at least I can speak for you guys, but, for me, I can't be doomscrolling.

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ParticipantH: For more than like two minutes that I would even put it up to a minute, and if I if I'm getting nothing but just craziness after like 40 - 50 seconds without me, you know what that's enough for today, let.

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ParticipantH: It just is you know, at least for me it is I can't I can't endure that much intense intensity I guess you would say.

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Researcher2: yeah it sounds like you guys are cognizant of.

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Researcher2: What you can do man, how long for.

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Researcher2: So I guess.

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Researcher2: final question which I would like to ask is how would you.

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Researcher2: How do you think the social media experience would improve or how it would change in 2021 or what would you what would you want for social media experience for it to be better.

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ParticipantG: um I definitely think that APP should like work on like limiting like content like that's that should not be posted on the Internet.

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ParticipantG: Especially like yeah TikTok it's crazy cuz I know like there's like so many like little kids that go on it and there's like some crazy stuff that's posted and I know that, like.

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ParticipantG: They like there are like rules to like posting videos and stuff and like, but I think there definitely could be more in depth now and Instagram and other things like that so right yeah.

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ParticipantF: yeah I think that I'm in a in addition to just like dangerous content, I think, dangerous ideas are definitely something we need to be careful with I think we saw a lot of that during the election.

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ParticipantF: A lot of conflicting just crazy ideas dissipating around, and I know that the Facebook moderators are always they were recently talking about how.

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ParticipantF: They added clauses and stuff to deal with conspiracy theories and conspiracy theories that would be dangerous people I think that's definitely something we have to watch as a community and make sure we restrict that mm hmm.

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ParticipantH: I think what was what was most eye opening to me was.

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ParticipantH: my XXXXXX she has a XXXXXX right
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX about to be XX actually and.

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ParticipantH: XXXX on TikTok XXXX like loves putting videos and TikTok and.

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ParticipantH: Last year, like in the summer, XXX was XXX launched after only being on TikTok for like five months.

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ParticipantH: XXX amassed after only putting like I think like XXXXXX videos of XXX dancing XXX got like 10,000 followers and I was like really disturbed by that like.

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ParticipantH: I told my XXXXX I was like this is crazy how you have all this chaos on like people spreading mis, miscommunication, misinformation.

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ParticipantH: And then my my XXXXXX who's like XX years old XXXX amassing a huge following and then TikTok shuts down XXXX account because they realize that XXXX a minor.

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ParticipantH: may pass I don't know the passing some terms or.

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ParticipantH: Conditions or something if you're like a minor and it isn't specifying the bio that your account is monitored by, by your parents or something that your account could get flagged.

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ParticipantH: I.

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ParticipantH: don't really know much of the logistics, maybe Researcher1 can kind of shed some light on that, but.

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ParticipantH: I just found it really shocking that she woke up one day, and she was crying and she called me she was like I can't believe the the band my account and I work so hard at building my fan base, I was like back up your fan base.

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01:15:44.910 --> 01:16:00.360

ParticipantH: So I just I just I was really shocked, because you know kind of going on with what ParticipantF and ParticipantG we're talking about, we have all this stuff that's going on right where there's kind of more important things to kind of sensor and and regulates and kind of make sure that.

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ParticipantH: it's that that stuff is not happening, but then instead the gatekeepers are focusing on a.

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ParticipantH: XXXXXXXXXX who just got a huge following and just because XXXXXX bio doesn't mention that XXXXXX is also monitoring the account.

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ParticipantH: they're gonna they're they're going to close so they're they're focusing their attention on closing that account rather than going through with a fine tooth comb all the craziness.

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01:16:23.730 --> 01:16:28.350

ParticipantH: That is being spread on social media I just that's what I realized man like.

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ParticipantH: Just reinforces my reasoning, to have a little bit more control and turn off the notifications I kind of check out a little bit right because it feels like a lot of those priorities are misguided.

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ParticipantH: And they're not being allocated appropriately right where a lot of the certain things are not taking more precedent over others and, again, maybe Researcher1 can just jump in and kind of weigh in on that a little bit.

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Researcher1: And they may have more legal obligation to protect.

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Researcher1: minors from posting content online just given some of the.

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Researcher1: I can't think of the name of the law, but I think it wasn't update to the 96 telecommunications act so it's more, I think, protecting themselves in terms of their legal liability.

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ParticipantH: I'll be I'll be sure to let XXX know that when I say.

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ParticipantH: Like yeah in 1996 here's the telecommunications act and XXXX like what are you talking about.

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Researcher1: I think.

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Researcher1: I think their team is when most of the platforms that sort of been made.

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ParticipantH: So there's like a threshold and age where I guess that's probably another reason why a lot of.

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ParticipantH: You know XXXXXX are XXXXXX, they have their, their age, stated in their bio is it's a form of protection from probably getting flagged as it kind of piggybacking off what you're saying.

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Researcher1: yeah.

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Researcher2: Well, that brings us to wrap up this very insightful conversation I'm so grateful for all of your comments and feedback, and this has been very insightful if you guys have any question for me or Researcher1.

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Researcher2: please feel free to ask me, you can also email me and something comes up later on about your credit and stuff like that.

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ParticipantH: Thank you, Researcher1.

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01:18:14.550 --> 01:18:15.930

ParticipantF: Thank you guys have a great night.

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01:18:16.140 --> 01:18:18.720

ParticipantH: And I know if you if you ever want a new TV.

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ParticipantH: Just tweet XXXXXX right just.