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### *PART 1: EMIC (INSIDER) PERSPECTIVE*

#### **1. What does your group call itself?**

This group calls itself skiers, but that is a broad assignment of different types of skiers, like freestyle, park, backcountry ect.

#### **2. What is your group's history?**

Skiing dates back to a long time ago, primarily in nordic regions, and has evolved to be both a competitive and hobbyist sport.

#### **3. How is your group organized?**

It's not necessarily organized, but there are a couple different sub groups, like competitive versus not, park skiers, backcountry skiers and so on.

#### **4. What is your relation to or position in the group?**

Skies for fun, dipping into different parts like park, downhill and following the culture and professional landscape.

#### **5. When and how did you become a member of this group?**

Started skiing young, went on family trips, took lessons and overtime got more and more involved in it.

#### **6. How do you interact with other members of your group?**

Will ski in groups with family or friends who also ski (or snowboard), and interact with other fellow ski enthusiasts online.

#### **7. What beliefs or values unite your group?**

Powder is king. The powder must be followed wherever it goes, "there are no friends on a pow day". Skiing is fun and a great form of exercise, also allows you to get outside and enjoy nature.

#### **8. Which customs or traditions do you practice?**

Throwing bras or beaded necklaces on trees while passing on the ski lift.

#### **9. What foods or drinks are associated with your group?**

Redbull, other energy drinks, extremely overpriced resort food like chicken nuggets and fries. Of course many other drinks are associated with the lively nightlife following a great day of skiing.

#### **10. What kind of clothing or adornment does your group wear?**

Naturally most of the clothing worn by this group is skiing gear meant for the slopes, outside of the mountain you can find skiers wearing warm fashionable clothing and beanies in particular.

#### **11. What sayings, words, or phrases does your group use?**

"Butter", "Jerry", "Wicked", "Sick", "Steezy", "Gnarly", "Yardsale", "Stoked"

#### **12. What do you do for entertainment?**

Skiing, watching other people ski, that's pretty much it.

#### **13. What symbols, styles, or visual arts are associated with your group?**

There are a lot of movies and documentaries about skiing, many company logos and branding that are important to the culture, and many different styles, both on and off the mountain.

**14. What makes your group different from others like it?**

While it is a sport, it is a more niche one and much harder to get into for many reasons. But it has a deep history, and its followers are dedicated.

**15. How do you think outsiders perceive your group?**

A lot of people think that skiing is elitist, mostly because of how expensive it is, and that you have to travel to do it usually. In particular park skiing is perceived as maybe a bit degenerate, but overall most people have a good outlook on skiers and their culture.

*PART 2: ETIC (OUTSIDER) PERSPECTIVE*

**16. What did you know about your partner's group before the interview?**

I knew a lot about their culture mostly because of how closely related our cultures are, and also because I used to be a part of that same culture. Most of the people I go skiing/snowboarding with are skiers, so I have spent a lot of time involved in their culture as well as my own.

**17. What did your partner know about your group before the interview?**

Similar situation, my partner knows a good amount about my culture because of how closely related it is to her own, and also because she has been skiing with me for a long time. Since parts of both cultures overlap so much, members of both cultures know a lot about the other one, while still valuing what makes their own unique.

**18. Were your preconceptions confirmed or denied by this interview?**

Because of how well I know my partners culture, I didn't really have many preconceptions about their culture, but I have always thought skiers were a little bit snobby, and most elitist than snowboarders are, which based on this interview can sometimes be true, but is not always the case.

**19. How well do you think you represented your group in your interview?**

I think that I represented my group well, although there are many intricacies that I might have missed about our culture, overall it is one about positive vibes and enjoying our sport.

**20. What realizations about your own group did you have while learning about your partner's?**

I realized that while the two groups have their differences and their disagreements, the two cultures are really similar and we both have the same goals of enjoying our sport, giving out positivity, and allowing new members to feel welcomed into our group.