INTERVIEWER

All right, let's begin.

So how would you define a meme

**UNKNOWN**

**Meme?**

**It's interesting. Well, okay. So, like, if I were to define a meme it would be like something that's, like it pokes fun at something. You know?**

Yeah.

**UNKNOWN**

**So be like,**

**geez, literally like the meme.**

**I don't know,**

INTERVIEWER

Like a SpongeBob meme or

**Unknown 0:31**

**there's a lot of those, you know, but then there's some that are pretty harsh at the same time, like,**

INTERVIEWER

give me an example.

**Unknown 0:41**

**Okay.**

**Okay. So there's a meme out there. That's like,**

**you know how there are people that believe in not vaccinating your child?**

INTERVIEWER

Yes. I love those memes, those memes are great.

**Unknown 0:53**

**Okay so those are pretty harsh so you know, just that those people**

**are mostly like, Oh, don't know why my child died so early. It's not like they didn't have any recommendations or anything. And I'm like, holy cow. It's pretty harsh**

INTERVIEWER

Yeah. Okay. I see what you mean. **Right** at one that can be pretty mean.

**Unknown 1:13**

**But there's also like, really funny ones. I like I can't think of any on the top of my head. All I knows that. They're pretty hilarious.**

INTERVIEWER

All right. I like that.

All right. What's your first experience with a meme?

**Unknown 1:29**

**It's probably like anyone surfing the internet. Yeah, you'll probably find them. Especially on social media.**

INTERVIEWER 

What's the oldest one you can remember?

**Unknown 1:38**

**Geez,**

**it has to be when the hurricane showed up**

**the what's the most recent Hurricane**

INTERVIEWER

Andrew?

**Unknown 1:55**

**before that. It was like Hispanic name.**

INTERVIEWER

Katrina. No, that's not Spanish. A

Spanish name Hurricane

There was Sandy. That was Andrew. There was Katrina. I missed the ones that are between.

**Unknown 2:17**

**Okay. It was that one. But it was basically saying like, it was something like**

**hurricane Pablo was coming but not if**

**Trump has anything to do with it.**

INTERVIEWER

Okay. Yeah, that's fake.

That’s fake

Okay. That so that’s your first meme

Unknown

Yeah, that’s my first meme

INTERVIEWER

that one's pretty funny. That's funny. I like that one

Unknown 2:39

I think is like, I think it really was Irene. I think it was Hurricane Irene.

INTERVIEWER

Irene. Okay.

Any memes that come up during Hurricane season are funny

All right. What, do you prefer a gif? video or image?

**Unknown**

**video?**

INTERVIEWER   
Video?

**Unknown**

**Yeah.**

INTERVIEWER

Why video?

**Unknown 3:00**

**Because I feel like it's more immersive than image.**

INTERVIEWER   
Okay, why?

**Unknown**

**Why do I feel like it's because like, I can stare at a video and put it on replay all I want. And then at the same time, I'll find like more details**

**on the picture. Because the pictures like once you take it, that's it. What do you think about it? Or videos, a whole bunch of pictures put together. So you can literally pause it anytime and be like, What's new in this frame.**

INTERVIEWER

sure. Okay.

Okay, that's a good answer

What memes do you find more relatable?

**Unknown 3:31**

**honestly, I think it has to be the racial ones**

INTERVIEWER 

the racial ones?

**Unknown**

**the racial ones to me just because, like, well, like, comedians, they say the same thing. It's like, racism is interesting. Well, racist jokes are interesting, because, you know, you take them, they hurt being, you learn to laugh at them, because they're true at the same time. So you kind of take them with a grain of salt. But the same time you make you they make you feel like I can really true ones are a little bit more racial, I guess.**

INTERVIEWER

All right. Um, do you use memes as a way to communicate?

**Unknown**

**no**

INTERVIEWER

Not at all

**Unknown**

**No**

INTERVIEWER

why not

**Unknown 4:12**

**I am a very anti-social person; well not social I can talk to people just fine when it comes to like, if I want to talk to you on which rather talk to you in person than over the phone. Okay. You know, social media, just because, like you say, like, means, I feel like he can't really put your point across, like, let's say, okay, for example, if you're going on a date with something, are you going to send that girl of meme or something?**

INTERVIEWER

no

**Unknown 4:37**

**There you go.**

INTERVIEWER   
Well Maybe,

maybe I will send my date Like a meme we started talking to each

**Unknown 4:44**

**but that's after you go to comfortable with that person. Right? Yeah, but now I can but not like in the beginning.**

INTERVIEWER

That's true. But me? Maybe that's the icebreaker.

Unknown 4:53

I mean, I guess it depends. I mean, personally, I'm not a big meme person

INTERVIEWER

Okay. Okay. I All right. Um, would you rather use means as a way to express yourself instead of words?

**Unknown 5:07**

**No,**

INTERVIEWER

no? Okay. I had a feeling because we answer that question before you're going to know. So why not? Exactly.

**Unknown 5:19**

**It's probably because I'm not used to it. Like, I'm pretty sure if I do it constantly be like, I'll be able to send it but then maybe you sent I think it won't be the same as me saying, Hey, how are you? And then sending like, a meme that does it will be a lot different. Because what is that other person doesn't get it the other hand if you'd like, write it out? Of course, like,**

INTERVIEWER

Ok. I see what you're saying.

**Unknown 5:42**

**But Wait, but then it's interesting. Cuz like, I mean, every seen that we like, like think that Hello. Is universal for everyone. And so like, how would that person not know that that’s means hey**

INTERVIEWER

Yeah,

**Unknown**

**so I guess**

INTERVIEWER

it can work either way Or I think I think I mean,

I use memes to complete convey my emotions a lot . So if I'm like, let's say upset I might be or I'm like trying to run away from the situation I'll use like a running meme

**Unknown**

**Running meme**

INTERVIEWER

Yeah, like a forest gump like gif, I'll use that as like to implicate what I'm doing

**Unknown 6:19**

**yeah**

**what if that person has never seen forest Gump?**

INTERVIEWER

you met somebody who hasn’t seen Forest Gump

**Unknown 6:26**

**they mostly internationals**

INTERVIEWER

Oh, ok. So

I'll give them a pass they might not have seen but I think for is that it least nine times because of school. And because my parents just wanted to watch it at that time

**Unknown 6:42**

**That interesting Like, we can relate into like, visual imaging. So we know what that is subconsciously. But like, but then there's some of them were your like I don’t understand what this is.**

INTERVIEWER

yeah, I get those sometimes when there might be a situation like here, I don't get it. And 90% of the time I get it , but ten its that 10% were I am like What? Because I don't I just, I just don't understand what's going on. Like sports means from time to time on the I'm not a sports girl

**Unknown**

**See there you go**

INTERVIEWER

I'm not into sports, I might get the basketball means more in the basketball than I am into any other sport. So, I get the basketball ones. But someone tried to talk to me about soccer or football. For some people. I'll be like nah I don’t know what you are talking about

**Unknown 7:25**

**Yeah Definity**

INTERVIEWER

So you know, do you use memes as a way to lift yourself up. Like if you're sad. Would you go look for memes to look at .

**Unknown 7:36**

**No**

INTERVIEWER

No

**Unknown**

**Well**

**Gosh, I don't know how to answer this properly. Okay, so**

**I guess it will help me but I don't necessarily need it**

**To help me. You know, to cheer myself up**

INTERVIEWER 

Oh, okay. Well, what means would you look at if you were sad

**Unknown**

**super happy**,

INTERVIEWER

super happy,

**Unknown**

**super happy ones. Like kittens or something? Or maybe like, you got this or cheer up memes or There's something like that.**

INTERVIEWER

Oh, okay. All right. So little simple ones with animals then

**Unknown 8:06**

**or anything funny actually. Because, like,**

**honestly, happy like, if you like, if you find something that would cheer you all that's it? I mean that they can make or break your day. So basically, if it's super happy, then it'll be fine**

INTERVIEWER

That's true. All right. I see what you're saying Do you feel like memes are an appropriate way to express your emotions?

**Unknown**

**no**

INTERVIEWER

no

why not

**Unknown 8:31**

**it's not the same personally it's not the same as words** okay **to me just cuz like extent Barry barriers though.**

INTERVIEWER

They could misconstrue

**Unknown**

**Yeah misconstrue Or like**

**that. So like, I just feel like nothing works better than words. or like actual talking It's like, No, I'm super happy.**

INTERVIEWER

Okay, that's fair. I feel like talking is a better way to communicate it to so um, why do you feel about Oh, do you feel like mean culture is toxic? Or bullying?

**Unknown 9:07**

**Yes,**

INTERVIEWER 

yes.

**Unknown**

**Yes,**

INTERVIEWER 

you do. Okay.

Why?

**Unknown**

**Just because, like, Okay. Especially like,**

**okay, I don't want to say that. Like, we I think personally we're all pretty bad people. Yeah. Like, I know, like, if we like show like memes and stuff like that. Is this like, an escape route for us to be like, harsh, really harsh without us basically saying, you know, so it's like, instead of me saying something harmful to that person or something like that. I can just meme it to them**

INTERVIEWER

Meme it

So wouldn't it be just as mean or harsh

**Unknown**

**see the thing kind of like happening it's like**

**someone might take like a meme as a joke or someone might take it personally it depends on that person but it's a person who sends them you can hide their intentions behind the meme** that's true **so like if I would send like a hateful meme the someone that might take it as a joke but like me subconsciously I sent it to hurt them enough yeah so there's that but honestly like I told some of those memes are pretty horrible.**

INTERVIEWER

I feel I don't know

some horrible but they're also

funny so you know

**Unknown**

**at the same time see but then that's where you can like mentally change yourself to adapt to it and be like okay I can take this as a joke**

INTERVIEWER

then so how do you feel about controversial memes

**Unknown**

**Controversial like racial or**

INTERVIEWER

no like um so I so for example the recent memes out now is that has to do with 21 savage I don't know if you know what that is, but like recently came out recently that he was originally born in the UK, he came over when he was 12. And he was not he's not from Atlanta, but he was born there. So right now that we make it means that him getting deported because Ice actually went picked him up and are actually trying to deport him from the country. There's lots of memes out here about that. Do you feel like that's hurtful? Or do you feel like it's just all in fun?

**Unknown 11:16**

**I guess**

INTERVIEWER

because originally, I thought it was funny until I feel found out what he what they were doing to them. And the detention department. Yeah, I was like, that's low key f'd up after this is what a lot of people have to go through when they’re getting deported

Unknown 11:31

**Definitely. So honestly, depends. It depends. Because like, if you have a background like understanding the deforestation process or any legal immigration process, you don't take that as a joke you take that very serious.** Yeah**, because you're messing with people's lives at that point.** Yeah. **And you have to like at one point, you have to stop thinking selfishly and be like, holy cow. If I was that person, how would I tell my kids Hey, you know I about to get deported Yeah. Hey, you know, I don’t know how you’re going to survive my best here but I will try my best to do what I can, you know, type deal.** Yeah,

**that's kind of why I don’t like that kind of stuff just because, like we do it, yes. Funny. You know, but not if you're in the other side of that.**

INTERVIEWER

Okay, well, what about something like

barbecue Becky? This was one that was pretty big like a couple months ago there's white lady who start messing with a group of black people who are like just cooking at a park or something and they named her BBQ Becky, and they made memes about her, just make it fun of her. Do you think that's fair? Or you think that's like harassment?

**Unknown 12:43**

**Here's the thing about the it's it's interesting because, like, of course, like, we say that we justify that like, oh, we're attacking a racist individual. Right? Okay, we justify that way. But basically, we're doing the same thing by judging them and making memes about them now with it doesn't make us any better than that person. You know. Yeah, I know. I know. That sounds like very like okay, I How can I say that? It sounds very like generic like that's something someone would say right?** Yeah**. Right. I know I get that but you have to understand that this true for reason and that's basically because like we have to be the better person it sucks it sucks a lot honestly. Because of course it hurts especially like if you can relate to that Yeah, but I mean if you do the same thing you know we're not really doing anything and even if we do that even if we like say harmful things with that person that's not going to make them change or maybe anything that's going to reinforce the right deals and be like see this is why**

INTERVIEWER

maybe maybe not I don't know ever happened to her but I know she was bullied into non existence so

**Unknown 13:51**

**There you go see I told you it was gonna be the other way around .**

INTERVIEWER

but another thing I would like to ask was do you think means to stay for the long run or should we evolve to the next form whatever that form may be

**Unknown 14:03**

**honestly I think feel like the overstayed their welcome already I'm pretty sure there's something in there on the way it's kind of like overtaken**

INTERVIEWER

really? you think memes have overstayed their welcome already.

**Unknown 14:13**

**Well, like how did we get memes**

INTERVIEWER

you are asking the wrong person I just know they were here. I'm not sure when it began. I think it was like, the first thing I ever saw was like a girl who was like this. That was my very first it was good, the name of that mean now, but like they photoshopped your face way out there. And it was funny. They use that meme for everything. But

that's like the very first meme I remember. I know there's probably more around but I don't remember how meme even came about. I think it came about with the introduction of social media like Instagram and Facebook.

And then maybe like a couple years after, that means we're being introduced into the system.

**Unknown 15:03**

**Now I remember my first meme so that it's like, if I can say it's like,**

**it's so like, it says, like, it shows a picture of a manual car. And it says anti theft**

INTERVIEWER

anti-theft ?

**Unknown 15:16**

**Yeah. anti theft device.**

INTERVIEWER

why

**Unknown**

**Because it's manual. Not a lot of people know how**

INTERVIEWER

Ohh okay thats correct

**Unknown**

**everything's automatic.**

INTERVIEWER 

Yes. Nobody wants to drive that I hate stick shift. so

**Unknown 15:29**

**So that's kind of poking fun at us because we're learning a basic skill just because we evolved enough to a point where we don't need to learn and even though its better**

INTERVIEWER

Stick shift better?

**Unknown 15:41**

**stick shifts save on gas. And its faster**

INTERVIEWER 

I hate that I hate switching. I just wanted to just put it in then it's switch itself. I don't care. It's so annoying.

**Unknown 15:55**

**Okay, well, I can't counteract that. But I'm**

**just saying**

INTERVIEWER 

I know it's faster.

**Unknown 16:01**

**Stick shift is a lot better**

**because like you can't one on one with the car. And you know,**

INTERVIEWER 

Oh, God.

**Unknown**

**No, seriously, like you're there. It's you in the car. And at one point, like you start getting addicted to those. (car noise)**

INTERVIEWER 

Nah but

**Unknown**

**you say that now. But once you get behind the wheel and you actually know what you're doing. You'll be like, you know what that person was right.**

INTERVIEWER

Okay friend All right. But, um, alright, that conducts Our interview

Unknown

That's it?

INTERVIEWER 

Yes.

Unknown

Awesome. Thank you.

INTERVIEWER 

Thank you. Oh, wait, hold on.