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That's a good question. So I guess it's hard to think about the first time that I actually heard about it because it was such a small concern for me when I first learned about it, you know, I, it felt like, like the Ebola breakout or like something else, you know, that has happened during our lifetimes where it's a breakout, and it's a disease and it's a worry, but it's far away, you know, so it was in China, and it didn't seem to me like a huge concern. When I first started hearing about it. Um, and then, as it got worse and worse, we started talking about it in classes. So that was really when it started to seem more serious to me and I remember I was in the library. And one of my friends comes up to me and she's like, my professor just like told us that, um, that she working on a plan for free like go online after spring break and I was like No, like, there's no way that happens like I haven't heard that from anybody that like can't be a thing. And I just like so did not want that to happen. I was so unwilling to believe it. And then I was on spring break with my friends and the school sent the email and we just all like we're in such denial we were like, trying to figure out a way that that we could stay in Winston and like still be around each other for the rest of semester but I think that the when I really knew it was gonna like really impacted my life is when I went home then for that second week of spring break that they gave us because basically they they like just canceled class for that second week after spring break. And I in my head, I thought I was going to go home. Stay there for that week and then come back to one seven Um, and so I only packed for that week I went home for a week just like see my family and stuff. And that's when I was like there's I don't like I'm leaving and and it really like hit me so I would say that's

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um, what is your new normal?

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Well, I mean, I've talked about this with friends you know, but just the fact that we the biggest fan of this to my life are we're obviously online school and online schooling was happening. But to me that's a that doesn't really capture that phrase like new normal because it won't continue next semester, at least hopefully, at least from what I've heard from most people. I don't think that that will continue. So I think the new normal is more than that. And that will persist for like years to come. So like, I don't know about the masks for years to come, but like wearing a mask in public is just what I do now you know what I mean? So that's a new normal and I don't see that going away really anytime soon, especially at the

grocery store and stuff like that. And then like, like, I'm in Winston now and a lot of people are living here for the summer, just like in their, in their houses here, if they're at least started, you know, so I've been seeing people but like, when you run into someone, you know, normally you would hug them and be like, I haven't seen you in two months, but like, nobody is hugging like, it's just like, Oh, hi, I'm just kind of this awkward, like, how do we greet each other now, you know, so that's something that I think people will be more weary about in the future. And just like standing too close to people, that personal space and personal hygiene and all is gonna really ramp up I feel like after this, um,

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how did your transition into this new questions not make sense how how did you transition into this new normal? What factors of your life socioeconomic status distance from home race, ethnicity, etc? affected this process?

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Yeah, um, well, I mean, that's something that like, I've thought about a lot throughout all this because, you know, it's easy to feel like especially when I was at home, it was easy to feel like, my whole world like has been turned upside down and like this sucks and like my life is ruined, basically. But, um, I mean, for some people, it really is their whole life has been turned upside down and it's ruining their lives like economically, or like if they've lost a loved one, you know, so for me, I'm not having any Have those experiences has made the transition relatively easy. Um, but does that take away from the fact that I'm still, you know, suffering in my own way? I don't think it does. But it's just something that is good to think about. Every once in a while. I have a friend who both her parents, like this isn't even like the worst of like a lot of people situations, but both her parents are central workers. And so she's like, a lot more nervous about everything because her parents are going out into the world every day and then coming back home every night to her, you know, so, even if she's like quarantining all the time, they aren't so by like Association she's not and then she's worried about them and they don't want to be working but they also feel lucky. lucky to be able to again, so you know, it is a lot harder for a lot More people. And that's like a good thing to think about. But I guess what I'm trying to say is the transition was relatively pretty easy for me. Because I don't have any of those factors in my life.

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How did you feel about virtual education?

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I personally I had some friends who loved it, um, I hated that, like, I really hate. I am like, such a, like, group type of learner like I like like discussion and like, I like like small classes where it's not going to just be like lectures all the time where like, you actually get to know your peers and your professors really well and I was really enjoying my classes before all this happened. And then you know, this just kind of derailed everything. I mean, for the situation, it went well, and I didn't do poorly or anything. It's just, it was so weird, especially at first, like, I remember the first, like, zoom class that I had we got on and everyone was just like, how do we like, what do we and no one would it would be like, you know, the professor will ask you a question and just like, silence, like just heads, like, staring at the screen and like, It's weird. It was so weird. And like, for me, what what we know learning to be, um, but you know, I mean, at the end of the day, my professor is I think did a good job with it. I still feel like I learned

like enough. I don't feel like it was up to the standard of like normal week education but I mean, I think they did the best they could with the situation at hand and when I do it again now, but, you know, it was kind of cool to experience I guess for half a semester.

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how has COVID-19 affected your relationships?

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Um, well, I mean,

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it hasn't drastically altered any of my relationships. I have a lot of friends who, like have like, broken up with someone during this time or, you know, had falling outs with people because they haven't been able to see them and they just like, think about their relationship. Why am I even friends with that person? Um, but for me, I think it affected my relationships the most when I was actually in quarantine. Like fully with my family, just because being cooped up and I have four it's four kids. So it's me and I'm three siblings, and then two dogs. And then my parents, like, our house was like, packed and, like, not having my own space, while also simultaneously simultaneously having to deal with the fact that I was not supposed to be there at all, you know, like, it wasn't just like summer at home. Like, it wasn't normal. It was like, I'm not supposed to be here. Like, I'm supposed to be on campus. Like, that's where what I'm supposed to be doing right now. So there was a lot of anger from me towards especially my parents, who would just like, start normal conversation with me and I was like, you know, he like annoying back to them just because I was like, mad at the world. Um, but I mean, that ended up having like, Asked me like, what's up? Like, why are you being like, so irritable all the time, and I just had to tell them, like, I am just angry at like the world right now. Like, it has nothing to do with you. And then that helped a lot, because then they knew to, like, give me my space. So that's the only relationship that was really altered, I think, um, but not long term, just like in that short amount of time that I was at home.

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Ah, lastly, what effect has COVID-19 had on your values?

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My values? Well, I think it's made me think a lot about I mean, as a politics major, we talked about this problem all the time, like the collective action problem, you know, which basically means if there's an issue that needs solving from everyone, but it can get accomplished with like a few people Doing it or if someone like defaults, then everyone starts to default basically. So, for example, like climate change, you know, like, like, people, it's a collective action problem because people feel like, they their small

contribution, like not using plastic straws or something is not gonna, like change the world. And like no one else is doing and so why should I do that type of thing, so they just to follow and do their normal behavior. Um, but in terms of this, it's like, me doing, like, wearing a mask in public could like save like, could directly like save a person's life. Um, so, like, I was gonna do it, you know what I mean? So I think it's been, I think, a lot more about other collective action problems that we have in society and like, how that type of thinking is really dangerous. Especially for COVID but for other things too, like like climate change, for example. So I think that is the biggest value change, like a new sense of collectivity, you know, and like the US is such an individualistic culture. And we're taught to like kind of think, for ourselves and do things for ourselves. But there are definitely upsides to being a more collectivist culture where we care more about the common good than our own good, I guess. So. That Yeah, that would be the biggest value change.

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Cool. Okay. I think that's that's pretty much it.