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Short Essay #2 - Sample Interview Questions.

These are based upon questions generated in class and a few others. Adapt and/or add questions as needed to fit your situation.

Everyone:

1. Ask for name, age, where they were born and where they live now.
2. What has been your personal experience with inequality or injustice or discrimination based upon race? (substitute “labor inequality” or “injustice at work” or “migration”)

Inequality/Labor:

1. Basic information – where do you work and what do you do?
2. How have you encountered inequality or injustice at work? What took place? OR What experiences have you had that represent inequality or injustice at work?
3. Was there ever a time in your job or day where you felt like you were being treated unequally? Where and how? What happened?
4. What working conditions made your job unsatisfactory for you?
5. What steps have you taken to make things better (or to address this situation)?
6. Have you been part of organizations or movements to change this situation? (If yes, what did you do as part of this movement/organization?)
7. What does labor justice/equality mean to you? Or What changes would help bring about labor justice/equality?

Race:

1. How have you encountered racial injustice or discrimination? What took place?
2. Was there ever a time when you felt like you were being treated unequally based upon your race? Where and how? What happened?
3. What made you feel like you were being racially profiled? What happened? When?
4. How did you feel when you were treated differently from other people based upon your race?
5. What steps have you taken to make things better (or to address this situation)?
6. Have you been part of organizations or movements to change this situation? (If yes, what did you do as part of this movement/organization?)
7. What does racial justice mean to you Or What changes would help bring about racial justice?

Migration:

1. What prompted you to migrate from your home country (also ask what country they came from)?
Did you have any second thoughts before leaving your home country?
2. Why did you choose to come to the United States? What struggles motivated you to come here?
3. What kinds of ties back in your home country did you leave behind when coming to America?
(Prompt – educational ties, career ties, family ties)
4. What was the process of migrating? Was it a difficult process? If so, in what way was it difficult?
5. How was the adjustment to living in the United States? What did you do to adjust? How was coming here the same or different from what you expected and envisioned it to be?
6. Were there any cultural differences / fears you had when you came to America?
7. How has being an immigrant impacted your identity (and/or life circumstances?)
8. Have you been part of movements or organizations to improve life for immigrants in the United States? (if so, what did you do...)
9. What does justice for immigrants mean to you Or What changes would help bring about justice for immigrants?