

EDT 180

Construction Module: Empathy Interview

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What is your Area of Interest?

Los Angeles Crime Rate

Who will you interview?

Lori Miller (Mother, medical director for PPE Los Angeles County Resident)
Victor William (College student, Los Angeles County Resident)

Interview Questions

- 1. Do you feel safe in the city? Have you thought of moving out since crime went up?
- 2. What ways can City/County Los Angeles Officials can do to decrease and stop crime
- 3. Do you feel that the pandemic had an effect on crime?
- 4. Should District Attorney George Gascon recall from office?

When will your interview take place?

Lori's Interview: 6/8/21, 1pm, audio

Victor's Interview: 6/10/21, 1pm, audio

Recording

Lori: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ps07EKMnGRulaU5D6-OqtYMte5Cz5QuO/view?usp=sharing

Victor: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v_-7MXbpTB9eMUVqjsigtM9j76m4FynA/view?usp=sharing

Summary

From 6/8-10/21, I interviewed Lori Miller and Victor William about the issues of the crime rate in the County of Los Angeles. Lori is a regional director to provide PPE in hospitals. Victor is a college student at Cal State Los Angeles. My first question to them was if they feel safe in Los Angeles at the moment and if they thought of moving out. Both feel proud of being born and raised in the city, but are upset about their lives changing due to crime going up. Neither do they want to move out of Los Angeles. The second question was about how officials can decrease the rate of crime in the city. Lori wants more law enforcement and change of policies that led people to commit. Victor suggests officials to fix economics and have more jobs for people to be hired. Unemployment is one of the reasons that crime is happening more often. The third question about did the pandemic lead to a huge effect on crime in LA. Lori feels that the pandemic did not have a major effect but it made it easier for criminals to commit. Having masks on makes it harder to identify the criminal. Both felt the people losing their jobs during the pandemic have desperately found illegal ways to earn money or do bad things out of boredom. Victor feels uncomfortable going to the ATM, thinking he may get robbed, even in a nice area of LA. The final question was about District Attorney George Gascon and if he should get a recall due to lack of protecting citizens. Lori did not vote for Gascon because she knew how he ruined San Francisco with his policy on not arresting people who steal \$1,000 or less of items. He also changed policy for mental health and there were less resources for anyone to get help. She felt that this was the worst the state has been and would like to see a recall on

Governor Gavin Newsom. Victor voted for Gascon because he felt the previous DA Jackie Lacey was getting too comfortable with her position and caused a stir with citizens. He felt that Gascon could reason in discussing these issues rather than make radical decisions. However, Victor thinks Gascon may last one more year. He wants officials to be accountable for their actions. What I learn from both interviewees, is that they want changes in the city because they do not feel comfortable in the streets when crime is ramping. Their solutions and reasons are similar, but political values and who they vote for are different.