Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: ANH VUONG MANOCHI
Interviewer: Loan Xuan Tran
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Length of Interview: 01:21:29

Time Log

00:00:59 Anh Vuong Manochi talks about her parents.
00:03:11 She begins to talk about what she remembers about growing up in Vietnam.
00:04:37 Anh describes a bit about what her mom and her uncle did in Vietnam.
00:05:59 She talks a bit about her job occupation as a poker dealer.
00:06:39 This begins the discussion about her marriages, starting with her first marriage.
00:07:41 Here she talks about her second husband.
00:08:07 Her mother did not really approve of the marriages of her daughters.
00:09:02 Traditions and customs are not really kept here in America.
00:11:54 There is a small discussion about religious beliefs.
00:12:44 She begins to talk about how the war affected her childhood.
00:17:29 Anh talks about how her mother and their escape from Vietnam.
00:18:38 Here is a small discussion on how Anh view the Communists.
00:23:19 Anh talks about her schooling in Vietnam after the war.
00:25:08 Anh discuss family’s views about the war.
00:26:25 Her escape from Vietnam, which goes on to how her older brother escape first.
00:36:14 She goes back to talking about the uncle that helped her family escape.
00:38:30 She talks about family life back in Vietnam, who got left behind and who escaped.
Anh discusses her Chinese heritage past and how her family came to Vietnam.

Anh returns to discussing in more details about her escape from Vietnam.

She describes her time on the ship, waiting to be sponsored.

Her time flying to San Francisco to Texas.

Her memories about being put into American school right after she arrived.

Anh discusses how she came to live in Southern California.

She talks about how her family support themselves.

She thinks back on her decision to leave Vietnam to come to the US.

She talks about her first job.

Her discussion on racism.

She talks about how she identifies herself.

She talks a bit about her life here in America, how she gets the news, if she votes…

She talks a bit about her mom, how she travels now that she retires.

Anh values her open-mindedness and tries not to be old-fashioned.