Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

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Length of Interview: 1:31:09

Time Log

00:00:17  Trung Duong talks about where and when he was born.
00:00:33  He describes what Saigon was like during his childhood.
00:01:11  He talks about his parents and how his father went to a concentration camp.
00:01:55  He talks about his father’s opinion of the concentration camp.
00:03:08  He talks about how his family was financially in Vietnam.
00:04:00  He talks about his sister.
00:05:04  He talks about his childhood.
00:07:05  He talks about daily activities his family would partake in.
00:07:48  He talked about his grandparents.
00:09:09  He talked about how he remembered going to the temple when he was young and how his family was Buddhist.
00:10:35  He talked about how his family celebrated Tet.
00:12:13  He described how school was and how it was for him personally.
00:15:59  He talked about how the war affected his family and surroundings.
00:17:54  He talks about who in his family was involved with the war and concentration camps.
00:18:45  He talks about what his parents would say about the war.
00:20:00 He describes his escape from Vietnam.

00:21:43 He talks about the refugee camp in Malaysia.

00:25:22 He talks about being part of the scouts.

00:26:40 He talks about the boat he travelled in.

00:31:08 He explains about why his mother and sister were left behind.

00:32:26 He discusses how no one knew where they were while on the boat.

00:33:59 He explains why his parents decided to escape Vietnam.

00:35:07 He describes how he felt about the trip.

00:36:08 He describes learning English in the Philippines.

00:36:41 He talks about other people who were struggling in the refugee camps and shares stories about what he had seen and heard.

00:40:08 He talked about his impressions of the United States.

00:41:11 He explains where he was staying during his arrival and his time in Virginia.

00:44:18 He describes the types of food he would eat.

00:44:56 He talks about how his father decided to move to California.

00:46:41 He talks about how his father was on welfare and found a job.

00:48:31 He talks about how his father lived somewhere else to be able to work.

00:48:54 He talks about his school in California.

00:51:07 He describes why his father decided to move to Torrance.

00:51:30 He compared school to Vietnam and describes his experiences in America.

00:52:30 He explains why he got a job as a paperboy.

00:55:00 He talks more on school activities and experiences during school.
00:56:22 He mentions graduating high school and attending UCI.

01:00:35 He talks about how UCI has changed in the past 20 years.

01:01:59 He gives his opinion on the Vietnamese community in Orange County.

01:03:21 He gives his opinion on Hi-Tek and describes it.

01:04:41 He describes his current occupation and previous occupations.

01:09:11 He describes how he is still Buddhist.

01:10:45 He explains how he met his wife and their wedding.

01:14:39 He talks about his kids and how he’s choosing to raise them.

01:19:02 He describes how his family still celebrates Tet.

01:20:09 He explains where he travelled and why he visited Vietnam again.

01:22:31 He explains why he likes living in the U.S. more than Vietnam and what he likes about the country and what he dislikes about it.

01:25:31 He talks about what he misses most about Vietnam.

01:26:11 He compares Vietnamese food with American food.

01:27:40 He talks about his opinions on American culture.

01:28:30 He talks about his favorite experiences in the United States.

01:29:54 He gives good advice to future generations.