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Interview

The interview that took place was based on my research question which is “what makes Anime so popular and important that it’s supported by the government?”. The interview was done via facetime at around 2:00 pm. The person who I interviewed was an expert friend named Madyan who has lots of experience with Anime and is very knowledgeable in the field.

When I had to decide who I should interview, I immediately thought of my former High school friend named Madyan. I had picked Madyan because I knew he would take it seriously and would be able to answer the questions formally. Madyan had texted me before the interview and asked me to send the questions so he wouldn’t be stuck, but I told him that the questions were nothing he should be worried about especially since I know how much he watches Anime. I wanted to keep the interview as natural as possible so I didn’t tell him what the questions were about specifically.

When I facetimed Madyan I noticed that he had a casual outfit which was a champion hoodie, glasses and he had a ponytail with a scruffy beard. I haven’t seen Madyan for a couple of months and laughed and told him “he grew a beard” and I saw him smirk and chuckle a little. The first question I asked was “what was his favorite Anime show and why ?” and he replied with “Naruto because it was part of a childhood” I was going to ask him to elaborate more but I

didn't want to bother him. The second question was what was his favorite character from Anime and he told me "Gohan " I asked him why and he stuttered a little and talked about how Gohan was a kid and was very strong and he trained a lot. I noticed Madyan was talking in a monotone voice where he didn't seem very excited and instead looked tired and bored. I kept in mind he is Muslim and he was probably fasting for the month of Ramadan and was probably very hungry so I kept going along with it. I asked him what are some snacks and meals he eats when watching Anime and he didn't really have one so I told him it was fine and moved on to question 4.

I know Madyan plays video games because I used to play Ps4 with him so I asked him what are some Anime video games he recommended and to paraphrase he said Xenoverse and naruto storm 4 and fighter z. I then asked him what separated cartoons from Anime and he stated "the storytelling was deeper" which caught my attention because I heard Anime is good with storytelling. One of the best questions that he gave me the best response was when I asked how Anime affected his lifestyle? And to sum it up he said it taught him life lessons. He gave an example in Naruto where it taught how to not give up on hopes and dreams which I thought was a great lesson to learn especially when watching something you love. I know how important insider phrases are so I asked him what were some insider phrases from his subculture? He replied with "The infamous you can't beat goku" which was funny because he said it in a monotone voice and the phrase itself was funny. When I finished the interview I thanked him because he took his time to help me and gave me good responses.

To conclude, the interview gave me a view of Anime so differently then what I thought because I never thought it could teach life lessons like Madyan explained which really opened my eyes and caught my attention. I felt as if this interview answered my question pretty well

because now I understand the storytelling which is why Anime is so popular and well respected. It helped me understand that Anime is a part of many peoples childhood which is why many of my friends including Madyan constantly talk about it daily.

Questions

What is your favorite Anime show and why?

What is your favorite Anime character and why?

What are your favorite meals or snacks to eat when watching Anime?

When it comes to video games what are some Anime video games you recommend?

What do you think separates cartoon animated shows from Anime?

What would you want people to see if they had no idea what Anime looked like?

How has Anime affected your lifestyle?

What do you think made anime so popular globally?

Tell me about Animes fan basem

Tell me about some phrases Anime fans use when speaking to each other?

What are some events that are from Anime and what goes on in that specific event?

If you were to describe Anime in one word what would it be and why?