

So i'm here with my friend isabella, alright, please state your full name and please spell your full name.

- Isabella rosetti (spells it out)

Perfect, now where and when if you're comfortable sharing were you born?

- October 26 2003.

And what is your current occupation?

- I an a barista in starbucks

And what is your education?

- I went to highschool in Centereach, and I am currently working to try to get into college to get a liberal arts degree.

Now please tell me about your parents, what did they do for a living, and what is their educational background? So where were your parents born?

- In Crema Italy

And what did they do for a living?

- My father was a butcher in Italy. My mama was a housewife.

And what is or if they have any educational background

- My mother went to school until highschool she had to drop out early, and my father finished high school.

Ok :) and tell me how many brother sister you have

- I have 5 brothers and sisters. I am the eldest and the others are younger than I am so they do not work.

\*\*\*explaining i prefer not to answer\*\*\*

OK so why did your parents or grandparents immigrate so, why did your parents?

- They moved to have a better life

Who made the decision to come over?

- My father, because my uncle came here first and made a life here and so they brought myself and my rest of my family.

You said your uncle was here then your father, so where did they live once they came?

- In Brooklyn.

Ok, so what were the financial resources like?

- It was very hard in the beginning but they had help from my uncle so my father supported my mother and the rest of the family.

Ok, what was the neighborhood like?

- From what my father told me, there were alot of Italian settlers in the area, but there were also German and jewish influences with a strong community to pull resources from.

Was there a job waiting for them?

- Yes for my dad only because my uncle came here first.

And the rest of your family?

- My grandparents still live in Italy and my mom's siblings still live over there.

Do they live close to other family members?

- They migrated all over the country due to job opportunities.

What about your identity? Do you see yourself as an Italian- American ?

- Italian American

And tell me about the holiday traditions and customs you keep.

- We eat fish on new year's eve to bring good luck to the family.

And do you and your family continue to practice these traditions?

- Yes we do.

Why?

- Our grandparents instilled it into us.

And what did you decide to change or stop practicing?

- There is nothing I would want to let go of.

Do you eat Italian cuisine at home? Who prepares it?

- We typically eat Italian and incorporate some foods from different cultures.

And where do you buy your products? Do you have a garden?

- We do have a garden and in the summertime we grow a lot of tomatoes in a jar and make our own tomato sauce for the rest of the year.

And where do you buy your products from? Any specific place?

- Yes we do, we go to the butcher because we know that the meat is fresh, and various other groceries stores

Do you cook from scratch? What do you usually eat at home?

- My mother cooks from scratch and has been teaching me some older recipes passed down.

And what kind of dishes are a part of family tradition? Who prepares them?

- We typically have mainly pastas with different sauces, occasionally with meat, and my mom is the main cook in our family.

And do you share family meals every weekend?

- Yes, the family typically comes over for Sunday lunches. Red gravy, Americans would call sauce, insalate- salads and cheese course.

What kind of holidays do you celebrate with your family? What do you eat during these celebrations

- We celebrate ferragosto, the day of rest after hard labor. But we also celebrate like Americans Easter and we have all of our family over.

Ok, if you go out to eat, which restaurants do you go to?

- My family doesn't like olive gardens, so we eat everywhere else but olive garden and carrabas. We do American food, sushi, Chinese food, Asian food.

And how does food inform your identity?

- Food is a huge part of Italian culture and it brings the famiglia together. And everyone comes over for Sunday lunch and shares the week's stories and things that happens. Eating around the dinner table brings us closer together, and all of our family together.

What is the most important or meaningful event in your life?

- The most important thing in my life was getting on a plane back to Italy to visit my nonna, and all of my aunts and uncles and seeing my family for the first time after not seeing my family for so long.

What is the happiest moment in your life?

- I think the happiest moment for me was when each of my siblings were born having another sibling to care for and to love.

And what are your dreams and visions for the future?

- To go into business for myself and with my liberal arts degree I really want to branch off into something and work for myself and keep my own hours. Within the next 5 years i would like to see that happen.