

# Basic Detail Report

## **Title Interview with Tiffany Samuels**

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Description Interview with Tiffany Samuels. Interviewed by Felicia Pilewski on November 16, 2022 at the Elihu Burritt Library at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Connecticut. She was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Historical Society's Community History Project discussing her experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Tiffany first heard about covid from her mother and initially believed it would go away quickly. She recalled being confused because people were calling covid by different names. She initially thought it was a sickness that affected older people. Tiffany recalled that almost everyone she knew had covid at some point. She said that she heard about the vaccine about three months before people were allowed to receive it. She struggled to find reliable information about covid because of social media and difficulty using the CDC website. She agreed with vaccine mandates and mask mandates, but points out that many safety measures during the pandemic did not make sense, like using a disposable fork and a reuseable knife. Tiffany described her struggle to find a job during the pandemic after her graduate assistant position was cut. She noted the exhaustion of living during a pandemic while also witnessing the Black Lives Matter movement. She voted for Joe Biden because she believes that Donald Trump did not handle the pandemic well.

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Tiffany agrees with absentee voting. Tiffany lost a lot of her optimism during the pandemic, particularly in relation to people acting negatively around one another and not respecting boundaries.

Dimensions Duration: 14 Minutes, 20 Seconds