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Interview with an American Citizen returning to America

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00:00:00	Immigration history
00:00:39	Life in Chapters
00:02:29	Childhood in New York
00:03:35	Immigration to Beirut
00:03:50	Moved for father's job
00:04:03	Rejected father's Lebanese family
00:04:44	Spoke English at home
00:05:16	Mother was scared she would alienated by Arabic language
00:05:51	Brought America to Beirut
00:06:48	Learned French
00:07:01	Learned Arabic in college
00:07:33	Moved to France
00:07:53	Embraced French culture
00:08:13	Father's 1930s Lebanese Immigration experience
00:09:42	Reproduced father's immigration in France
00:10:37	Returning to America
00:11:31	Americans abroad granted right to vote
00:13:32	Voting made her feel American
00:14:36	Identified as American
00:14:52	Obstacles to moving to America
00:18:52	Immigration policy difficulties moving to America
00:20:07	Legal status difficulties in France
00:21:02	Finally obtained job in America
00:21:28	Difficulties moving back to America
00:27:26	Getting American Drivers License
00:29:01	Culture shock moving to Plano
00:30:33	Felt she was an immigrant in America
00:31:38	Joined Dallas Museum of Art
00:32:01	First marriage
00:32:59	Second marriage
00:33:11	Was easily identified as foreign in Beirut
00:35:26	Beirut cultural issues surrounding public persona
00:36:22	Fully assimilated into French culture free of Arab influences
00:40:45	Did not have same problems moving to France as moving to America
00:41:16	Found idea of Social Security number foreign
00:42:25	Banks in France have community focus
00:43:09	Many differences created by geographical size
00:44:30	French Social Security Number
00:45:33	Religion
00:45:53	Lebanese religious experience
00:49:04	French religious experience
00:52:47	American religious experience
00:55:04	Lecturing on counter terrorism
00:56:22	Lebanese express religion with symbolic jewelry
00:57:21	Looking for church home

00:57:46	Faith gave her signs that led her to America
01:00:25	Identifies as American
01:01:25	Felt she was denied American heritage in Lebanon
01:01:56	Twin sister in France not American
01:02:06	Mom wants to return to America
01:02:29	Helped sister immigrate to France
01:03:04	Civil War in Beirut
01:04:08	Ties to sister did not keep her in France
01:04:40	Moved to America to discover her citizenship
01:06:00	French do not accept immigrants example North Africans
01:08:17	Wanted to bring parents home
01:09:48	Her immigration was a search for identity
01:13:02	Jealous of people with strong national and cultural ties
01:14:20	Made to feel she is not from America
01:14:44	View of current immigration issues "Freedom of Movement"
01:21:59	Significance of American Passport