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## Interview with a First Generation Female Bulgarian Immigrant

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00:00:00	Life in Chapters
00:00:32	<b>The African Chapter</b>
00:00:50	<b>The Austrian Chapter</b>
00:01:20	<b>The American Chapter</b>
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00:00:05	First five years in Morocco
00:00:22	Exposed to many nationalities at school
00:01:21	Morocco had strict educational system
00:02:55	Moved for father's job
00:03:09	Christians living in Muslim country
00:04:20	Clear up what interviewer wants
00:05:00	Felt privileged living in Morocco
00:05:23	Felt at home in Bulgaria
00:05:38	Social nature of Bulgarian culture
00:07:05	Attending French school
00:08:03	Learning English
00:10:20	Immersion training
00:11:27	Attending college
00:11:46	Belgian attitude towards college
00:12:22	Attending college in Austria
00:12:52	Western European and American immigration experience differences
00:15:20	Meeting her husband
00:16:11	Age when immigrating to America
00:16:29	Why she came to America
00:17:08	Did not plan on coming to America
00:18:00	Experiences as a child helped her assimilate
00:19:07	Expectations were not realistic from American movies
00:20:36	You must make a place yours
00:21:33	Americans feel threatened by many different nationalities
00:22:52	Finished French degree in America
00:24:41	Teaching foreign languages made her accent a plus
00:26:15	Living her faith wherever she was
00:31:45	Austrian official immigration harder
00:31:59	American naturalization process
00:36:10	Return to Bulgaria every summer notice changes
00:40:25	Misconceptions of Americans about Bulgaria
00:41:24	Relationship with parents
00:43:21	Community involvement
00:44:53	Technology made immigrating easier
00:47:22	Having her own family made it easier to immigrate
00:49:11	Family did not expect support from them
00:50:22	Full time student
00:51:12	Religion has been a theme in her life
00:53:01	Her personality traits
00:54:23	Plan to return home to help

00:55:55	Miss social life in Bulgaria
00:56:50	Housing in Bulgaria
00:58:11	Class differences
00:59:35	Opinion of melting pot in America
01:02:09	Everybody should not immigrate
01:02:45	Teaching cultural differences in school
01:06:12	Americans immigrating
01:08:01	Accepting other cultures
01:10:40	Respect people and privacy
01:12:34	Almost drowning changed her attitude
01:14:41	Americans rushing life
01:15:52	Different countries family oriented
01:17:09	Opinions on spending money
01:19:42	Are Americans lazy
01:26:01	Experience countries by living there
01:28:01	Summing up