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NW: Are you still engaged with, I mean I know that you're engaged with the Hibakusha project, do you have any . . .

KY: That's only, that's really, that's once every two years. It's not a . . .

NW: Right.

KY: . . . whole lot of time, but our Sansei group gets together informally once a month. You know, we meet at someone's house, we share, we order out food, or there's other things that come up, like, we went to a baseball game, you know, the Mariners and the A's because they have all those Japanese players, we went to that. So there's . . .

NW: Right.

KY: . . . some, you know, and we have email contact and . . .

NW: Right.

KY: . . . we get together, there's a couple of different groups that I get together with, and yeah.

NW: In addition to just talk about things and then share feelings about many issues, do you talk about some political issues, social issues, that are unique to . . . ?

KY: Yeah, we do political stuff because we tend to be pretty progressive, left, Democrat, we just, I don't know if why, but there's some very political people in the group who, who actually do a lot of, you know, political work. So there's several who do that, others of us, all, public sector kind of stuff. No one has a lot of money, no one made a lot of money . . . I work part-time so I'm not, I, I do fine, but I only work three days a week, so I'm, I'm not a full time, full time doctor.

NW: Oh okay. Right.

KY: But it's very gratifying to talk with people, you know, we talk a lot about caregiving, of parents, because . . .

NW: Oh!

KY: . . . because, that's I think that, that Asians tend to feel a lot of obligation to take care of their parents. Japanese . . .

NW: Of course, of course. Yeah, of course, yeah.

KY: . . . so there's a lot of, a lot of that talk.

NW: What are the other particular issues that you talk about? What are the . . . ?

KY: Probably a lot of people have, feel discriminated in the workplace. Or they feel like they get harassed because they are Asian. Now, I work in a place, this clinic, we have, we're like, everyone's part-time except for the medical director. We're all women, we have one very part-time male. An African American male. But the, it's the, this clinic has traditionally been mostly women.

NW: Interesting.

KY: Which really helps. It really, really helps. And we are, we have a biracial African American as the medical director, we have a biracial Filipina who sits there, but she's on vacation. There's me, we have two lesbians, we have a Korean and we have a Korean nurse practitioner. So it's very, it's not a white dominated place.

NW: Right, right.

KY: And I think it makes a huge difference, so everyone else is talking, telling stories about how they got felt slighted, about something, and I don't have those because we're . . .

NW: What do you think then, your friends think about you? Do they envy you, that you don't have to deal with that? Or?

KY: Yeah, yeah. I mean, they're, yeah.

NW: Yeah. Probably has something to do with the fact that this is a public . . .

KY: Yeah, absolutely.

NW: Right.

KY: Absolutely.

NW: Facilitate you, can take care of poor people or patients.

KY: Right. Absolutely. Yeah.

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