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My partner from my interview is named Fathima Alam. She's a female and She is 21. She is brown, south asian and bengali. her pronouns are she/her. She is currently in the first semester of her second year. And she is from brooklyn so basically she was born and raised there .

She said it is a marginalized community because She told me that her community still has more privilege/power than other people of color because they're not standing up for themselves because there has not been any events or rallys from her community but there are sometimes where there's events that can happen so that way her community can come together. Also she said that community means that people can help each other or come together as a community and someone you know that you can spend time with and she also thinks that community means people who are there for each other because people can be very helpful whenever someone has a crisis. Her community she mostly belongs to is bed-stuy, Clinton Hill and Fort greene. She also says that she belongs to the bipolar, celiac, and eczema community because she is currently facing these illnesses. There are some other communities she belongs to too. She belongs in a female community because she is obviously a female. She also belongs in a queer community. And she is also a part of a Bengali and Bangladeshi community. Some people don't take her seriously meaning like people make fun of her race. Her nationality is Bangladesh and she said that her country is actually a little newer because Bangladesh has claimed their independence in the 70s. And she said that her father remembers all that stuff. And she loves her culture and the reason is that she loves the movies they have in her country. And also the holidays she celebrates are Eid-al-fitr and Eid-al-adha. They are special holidays that she

celebrates where she gets to put on some beautiful sarees to represent their holiday. And she also likes beauty because of jewelry and stuff like that she likes to wear.

Her community is marginalized from the American mainstream because of low incomes but other than that her community gets along together because of special events. She says that they need to reduce drug usage, crime and violence. She also said that we need to fight for the opportunity to bring immigrants to the US. Also she attends special events in her neighborhood so people can get along. Also, She loves to help people because she explained everything about being kind and that is the most important thing. She also says as a woman of color, her doctors don't give her the right medicine meaning that her doctors don't give her the right medicine because of her race. So basically she has been suffering from being discriminated against by someone. And she also told me that her brother got pulled over because of his race. So basically there have been some problems of racism in her life.

Overall, her community is marginalized because of special events, people coming together and being kind. And she is suffering from racism. But she is bengali and bangladeshi which is actually pretty nice because they have holidays where they have to put on sarees which they are so beautiful and these things are so cool.