Cheers.

乾杯

I like this one. これは好きなんだ

Oh yeah, Uragasumi does not disappoint.

浦霞はやっぱりいいね

Yeah. うん

I got karakuchi coz you like it.

オースティンのために辛口にしたんだ

These are my people. これがお気に入り

But I still like Uragasumi.

浦霞は僕も好きだけどね

But anyways,

それで

It's good.

美味しい

we're going to be talking about a topic,

今日話すトピックは

I played it up

こんなこと言っちゃったから

which is how Americans or non-Asian people

think

アメリカ人とかアジア人じゃない人が

もう悪いこと何も言えなくなったでしょ

so now you can't say anything bad about it.

Yeah, I mean,

うん

Japanese people look when they wear their mask.

日本人がマスクしてるのをみてどう思うか

I don't really have anything bad to say. いやでも別に悪いことを言おうとはしてないよ How they feel about face masks. マスクに対してどう感じてるか

It's just, it's simple.

ただシンプルだなってだけ

Okay. So yeah,

うん

I like it.

好きだよ

like just going into face masks, まずマスクについて言えるのは

It's just a clean taste.

さっぱりした味ってこと

This thing, I don't know, It's like drooping down.

なんかこれ下がってくる

Yeah. Normally like, the other karakuchi,

うん 大体他の辛口の日本酒は

Your presence is too powerful.

オースティンの存在がパワフルすぎて

you have like too much of a bite for me.

僕にはちょっと刺激が強すぎるけど

It needs to bow down to you. お辞儀してるんだよ

Bow to me, mic. マイクよ お辞儀しろ!

But yeah, so I want to start off like それでまず最初に

my first experience seeing 僕が外でマスクつけてる人を

like just a person in public wearing a mask, 初めてみた時の話をしたいんだ

coz you never see this in the US. アメリカではマスクつける人全くいないからね

Never. In fact, most places I would say like ゼロ しかもコロナの前は

pre-COVID, most places ほとんどの場所で

you would not be allowed to enter the building マスクつけてたら建物内に

if you're wearing a mask. 入れてくれなかった

Coz the idea is like, だって

'What are you trying to hide?'
「何隠してるの?」みたいに思われるからね

Yeah, right. うん そうだね

You know, 「強盗する気?」

'Are you trying to rob us?'

'What's going on here?' 「どういうこと?」みたいなね

Yeah, yeah. うんうん

So I remember when I was in high school, だから高校生の時

20 years ago now. もう20年前だけど

Yeah, you old fart. うん おじさん

What? 信じられない

Yeah. うん

It's weird to say that. 言ってて変な感じする

I don't want to say that. 言いたくない

I know. 分かる

Like, I'm going to go off on a small tangent 続きを話す前に少し脱線するけど

before I continue the story.

But like,

when was the 80s? 80年代っていつだった?

The 80s was 40 years ago, man.

80年代は40年前だよ

Dude, what the fuck? No, it's 20 years ago, man. まじありえない 20年前だろ?

It will be 20 years ago forever for me. 僕にとっては永遠に20年前に感じる

Dude, right? だよね

It is, yeah. うん

Yeah it's so funny だってさ

when I'm like

'Oh the 70s were like 30 years.. No what?' 「70年代は30年前くらいだよね...ん?違う」

Like Vietnam vets are like ベトナム戦争の軍人たちが

dying off of old age now. 歳で亡くなっていってるって

What is going on? どういうこと?

Oh, it's such an uncomfortable truth. 信じたくない現実だなぁ

But you know でも今となって

I now

finally understand how my parents are feeling ようやく両親の気持ちが分かる

coz I'm getting to the age, you know? 僕もそういう歳になってるからね

Yeah yeah. うんうん

Oh man. まったく...

Anyways, so going back to my story まぁそれで話を戻すと

so I came here 20 years ago 20年前に 留学生としてこっちに来て

as an exchange student, and

like back then like people in Japan その頃でも日本ではマスクをつけてる人がいて

still wore masks.

They were nowhere near as common as today 今ほどは普及してなかったけどね

but you still saw them.

And I remember like my first experience それで

I got on the subway in Osaka. 大阪の地下鉄に乗ったら

And there was this woman wearing a mask. ある女性がマスクをつけてたんだ

And I just remember それで覚えてるのが

like turning to my friend and being like,

僕が友達に向かって

Whoa, look at the surgeon on our way to work. 「見ろよ 通勤中の外科医だよ」って言ったんだ

Yeah, right. そうだよね

And it's like thinking they look so ridiculous. すごく馬鹿げてるって思ってたんだ

Yeah. うん

You know, でもそういう風に思ってる人が多いと思う

and I think that's like a really common opinion.

Well, you know, 僕が初めて外でマスクをつけてる人を見たのは

the first time that I ever saw someone wearing

those face masks outside was...

at U Dub, ワシントン大学だった

coz it was a Japanese student. 日本人の多分留学生で

It was probably an exchange student

with her friend 友達と一緒にマスクをつけてたんだ

and the two of them were wearing face masks.

And I remember they walked past me その2人が僕とすれ違ったから

and I just looked at them like, 僕はその人たちを見て

'What did I just see? 「え待って今の何?

Is this like a biohazard? バイオハザード的な?

Are zombies going to come out somewhere? ゾンビでも出てくるのか?

Is there a viral outbreak?'なんかウイルスでも流行ってるの?」

It was so weird for me. って感じですごく変に思った

But then when I came to Japan でもそれで日本に来てからは

and then I saw everybody was wearing masks. みんなマスクつけてるからさ

People do wear masks more now than they did ちなみに僕が10年前に日本に来た時より

when I first got here 10 years ago. 今の方がマスクつけてる人は多い

For sure. そうだね

But still, it's like I've gotten used to it now. それでももう僕は慣れた

Yeah, I have too. うん 僕もだよ

I've gotten used to it,

慣れたは慣れたけど

but it still feels weird to me. それでもちょっと変な感じがする

There was a girl who graduated from my high school

去年僕の学校卒業したある生徒が

last year.

Well, actually last month, but last school year. 去年というか先月ね

She graduated from my high school,

and I have taught her for six years. その生徒には僕は6年間教えてきたんだけど

Okay?

She never once came to school マスクをつけずに学校に来た事は

without a mask on. 1度もなかったんだ

Yeah. うん

Right?

ね?

それでさ

And I remember, you know,

watching their class graduate last year, そのクラスが卒業するのを見てて

and obviously no one was wearing a mask 当然卒業式では誰もマスクをつけてないわけよ during graduation.

Parents want to take photos and stuff, right? 親が写真撮ったりしたいからね

Yeah. うん

And so everyone's standing up それでみんなが立ち上がって

and you know,

finally, like, they call her name 彼女の名前が呼ばれて

and she's going to receive her diploma, 彼女が証書受け取ろうとした時

and I'm like, 「あれ誰?」って?

'Who is that?'

'What the hell is this?' 「え?何?」って

Yeah.

And, like, the thing that really surprised me それにすごくびっくりしたのは

is I found out she was half. 彼女がハーフだったってこと

Yeah. うん

Right. You didn't know that from her

マスクつけてたらわからないよね

just wearing the mask.

Taking off the mask changed her race. マスクを外したら人種が変わったんだ

Yeah.

うん

And it was just like,

だから

'What the...? How? What? 「は?どういうこと?え?

This is what you look like?' そういう見た目だったの?」って

I was just so blown away. まじでびっくりした

I was like, I can't believe. 信じられないと思った

And you know, it's like, でもそれって結構あることで

that's a real thing.

It's like

こっちでマスクつけてる人を見ると

when you see people here wearing masks,

it's like, you don't know what they look like. どんな顔してるかが分からない

And you know, それで I guess maybe Japanese people 多分日本人はそう考えてないと思うけど

don't think about that,

but Americans do. アメリカ人としてはそう感じる

Yeah. うん

So let's talk about how Americans find じゃあ アメリカ人がマスクに対して

face masks どう思ってるかと

and when, If ever,

果たしてマスクをつけるのはどんな時なのか

do people wear face masks もしくは全くつけないのか

and what their mindset is about that? それに対する認識はどんなものかについて話そう

So I think prior to COVID, コロナ前は

nobody in America outside of doctors アメリカでは医者以外は

wore face masks.

マスクをつける人はいなかったと思う

Yeah, right. そうだね

It was delegated to hospitals. 病院限定だったよね

You'd see in hospitals, never outside. 病院の外で見ることはない

So as an American, だからアメリカ人としては

if you see somebody wearing a mask, マスクをつけてる人を見ると

you kind of assume they're like medical staff. 医療系の人だろうなって推測しちゃうんだ

Yeah, right. そうだね

Right? でしょ

And then COVID hit それからコロナが始まったけど

and even then, それでも

I would still say most Americans are like, ほとんどのアメリカ人は

'Nah, I'm not doing a mask.' 「マスクなんてつけないぞ」って感じだったと思う

Here's the thing that was funny そこで面白いのはさ

because masks in America アメリカではマスクが

became a sign of oppression. 抑圧の象徴になったんだ

They did.

そうだね

Like the government oppression. 政府による抑圧ね

They did. They absolutely did. まじでそうだね

Because sometimes I see people だってアメリカでマスクつける人

wearing these masks in the States たまに見るけど

and a lot of people are like, それに対して多くの人は

'Oh, look at that sheep just following the crowd.' 「見ろよあいつ みんながやってるからって

'He's just following the government.'
政府の言いなりになっちゃってるよ」

Or... kind of more on the opposite side, もしくは 逆側の人たちは

they kind of fueled a 文化的な争いを引き起こして

culture war between people who...

I mean, we don't have to get in まぁこの話は深掘りしなくてもいいけど

too much about this,

but right around that same time, それと同時期に

there was the whole racial wars going on, アメリカでは人種戦争みたいな状況だったでしょ

I would say, in America,

with George Floyd and everything. ジョージフロイドとか

And so... それで

there was an association with people マスクを付けない組の人たちがいたら

who didn't wear masks, right?

It's like,

'Oh okay,

「あぁお前は自己中な田舎者だね

you're just some selfish hillbilly.

You're some stupid racist, バカな人種差別主義者だから

so you're not wearing a mask.'マスクつけてないんだ」みたいな

And so

だからその時は

it's like there was kind of like pushing

on both sides, right? 両側からの圧力があったんだ

There was like the anti-government crowd 反政府の人たちと

and there was like the anti-social crowd? 反社会?の人たち?

I don't know how to describe it.

なんて言ったらいいか分からないけど

Basically it was anti-establishment 要するに反体制のグループと

and pro-establishment pretty much. 組織に忠誠なグループってことだよね

Yeah right? And yeah, そうそう それで

So it's like それがアメリカですごく大きな論争になって

it became a real big

contention point

and I still think it is in the US. 今でもそれが続いてると思う

It's died down 落ち着いてきてはいるけど

but like

you know there was... 前に

back in the US, so like アメリカでは...

to give a little bit of context, まず背景として

like America is all about rights, アメリカって市民権のことがすごく重要でしょ?

like civil rights, right?

And the reason why there was so much pushback

それでどうしてあんなに反抗が大きかったかというと

is people thought if you force a mask mandate, マスクを強制したら

you're infringing on my rights as an American. アメリカ人としての権利を踏み躙ってることになる

Like the government 政府には 僕が自分の体に

is not allowed to decide what I do with my body. 何をするかを決めることはできないっていう

So we have to kind of ちょっと戻って考える必要があると思う

take this back a little bit

and kind of go into the background of アメリカをアメリカにしたのは何なのか

what made America America という背景についてね

because the whole founding of America だってアメリカができたのは

was basically, you know, 簡単に言うと

the British are oppressing us, イギリス政府が抑圧してて

the government is oppressing us.

And I remember there was

僕が覚えてるのは

the original flag of the colonies 植民地の旗が

was a coiled up snake that said, ぐるぐる巻きの蛇が

'Don't tread on me.'
「私を踏みつけるな」って言ってるやつなんだ

Coz like, you can't get me. そんなことできないよってね

And so, and even the Bill of Rights, 権利章典とか憲法だって

and the Constitution was made

so that government would not infringe 政府が人々の権利を

upon the rights of the people. 侵害することがないように作られた者だし

So I would say, だから僕に言わせれば

more conservative traditional Americans 昔からの保守的なアメリカ人たちは

are very sensitive 政府が自分の生活に

with government intrusion in their life. 割り込んでくることに対して敏感なんだ

Yes. Yeah. うん

And it's kind of like the whole founding of

それってアメリカの

the different political parties in the US 民主党とか共和党とかの政党が

between Democrats and Republicans. できたのもそう言うことだよね

It was like 共和党といえば

Republicans are very anti-big government 反政府の傾向が強くて

and Democrats are kind of more leaning towards 民主党は大きい政府寄りになってる

big government.

Right? But anyways, so yeah, まぁとにかく

so mask became this whole thing of like マスクが

people were saying アメリカ人としての権利を

they're impeding on their rights as an American. 妨げてるってことになりだして

And you know, そうじゃない人たちは

the other people were kind of

you're saying the opposite 反対のことを言い始めて

and it got to points where それが マスクを付けてないと you weren't allowed inside businesses 中には入れませんよ みたいな

without a mask on. ところまで行っちゃったんだ

You know, there's countless videos on YouTube of YouTube $\[\[\] \]$

people getting kicked out of Walmart, マスクつけてないからってWalmartから

for example, 追い出される人の動画とかたくさんある

for not wearing a mask.

Yeah, but then うん

people would use it as like a form of protest. それでそれをさ

Like, 'Guys, look! Walmart is pro-establishment. 「見ろよ!Walmartは政府を支持して

They're kicking me out マスクつけてないからって

because I'm not wearing a mask.' 私のこと追い出した!」って抗議したり

Yeah, yeah. うんうん

And so there's all this huge tension around masks だからマスクに対してすごく緊迫感があった

where it's really almost kind of satrical.. 一方で皮肉にも

Satrical?

発音おかしくない?

Satirical? Satirical.

あぁ間違えた

Bouquet.

ブーケの発音もね

Bouquet.

そうだ ブーケも間違えてたよね

This is going to be a bloody joke このチャンネルでいじり続けるよ

on this channel, man.

Anyways,

まぁ

I'm an English teacher. 僕は英語の先生だから

I decide what the grammar is. 何が正しいかは僕が決めるんだ

I decide the spelling. スペルもね

To be honest,

正直

satrical does sound cooler to me than satirical, 間違えた発音の方が聞こえがいいけどね

but yeah.

It's a little bit satrical. Okay. それで 皮肉なのは? It's a little bit satrical. そう皮肉にもね

But yeah, so...

During the exact same time, マスクに関してゴタゴタなってるのと

there's all this unrest

and back and forth between masks. ちょうど同じ時期に

You come to Japan, nothing. 日本では全く何も起きてなかった

Everyone's wearing masks. みんなマスクつけてる

Everyone's wearing masks.

No issues at all. 何の問題もなくね

It was like the government's like, 政府もマスクに関して

they didn't even really take a hard line on masks. 別に強硬手段を取ったわけでもなく

They're just like, ただ

'Hey guys, I mean, if you go out, 「はーい 皆さん外に行く時は

you should probably wear a mask.'マスクつけたほうがいいと思います」

That was the extent of the announcements 政府からはその程度しか言われなかった

from the government here.

So the big thing for me 僕的にすごく

that really showed me kind of...

made me think really, 考えさせられたのは

which country is more free. どっちの国の方が本当の自由があるかってこと

Because America is land of the free, だってアメリカは自由の国とか

home of the brave, 勇者の故郷とか言われてるけど

but they had lockdowns ロックダウンがあったし

where people were getting arrested 外でマスクつけてないからって逮捕されたり

for not wearing masks outside.

And in Japan, 一方日本では

they couldn't do that as a government 政府がそう言う手段は取れなくても

Still, everyone followed. みんな従ってた

Yeah, it is kind of ironic. うん ちょっと皮肉的だよね

But yeah,

でもさ

it's just so funny because すごく面白いよね

because of how soft of a stance 日本政府がそこまで

the Japanese government took during that time, ソフトな立場を取ってたのに

but like everyone's still like, みんな揃って

'Okay.' 「はーい」みたいな

Coz it's part of the culture. そういう文化だもんね

You know what's funny though? でも面白いのはさ

So did you マスクの時代に

you never went back to the States アメリカに帰省してないんだっけ?

during like the whole mask time?

No, my first time back was two years ago. してない 最初に帰ったのは 2 年前だよ

Okay. So, I went back during, そっか僕はコロナ真っ最中に

in the midst of COVID. アメリカに帰ったんだけど

Dude, coming back from Japan

帰国する人に対してすごく厳しくて

because they were really, really strict

about people coming back.

We were not allowed to leave our seats フライト中座席を離れることが

for the whole plane ride going from America. 禁止されてたんだ

That would be hell. 地獄だろうね

It was hell for me. 地獄だったよ

How do you go to the bathroom? トイレはどうするの?

You go to the bathroom, トイレは行けるけど

but you can't like move seats. 座席を移動することができないんだ

Even if the plane is empty, 席が空いてたとしても

you had to stay in your seat, you know? 自分の座席にいないといけない

That was really bad for me. それがすごくきつかった

And, you know, we had a small baby at that time. その時まだ息子も赤ちゃんだったし

Yeah. うん But anyway, まぁとにかく

so when I went to the States, アメリカに帰ったとき

coz in the States,

there's no culture of wearing these masks, あっちではマスクをつけるという文化がないから

so you would have people like 何か薄い布を

take a piece of thin cloth

and just like wrap it around their face 顔の周りに巻いて

and go to Walmart like... Walmart行ってる人とかいて

'I'm wearing a mask that's very permeable.' 「透けるマスクです」とか言ってた

Or the one that South Park always commented on, South Parkでいつも言ってる

the diaper chins.

Have you seen the South Park episode? South Parkのその回見たことある?

No. ない

オムツ顎ね

So basically, 要するにそれは

like something you always saw 当時アメリカの動画で

like in videos of America at that time

were people wearing masks, マスクをつけてるけど

but like they were pulled under ここまで下がってる人がよくいて

just like right there.

That was how we first met. 僕らの出会いもそれだったよね

Yeah.

うん

Oh my god. まじでさ

Let me tell you about this asshole このクソ野郎の話させて

when I met him, for the first time. 初めて会ったとき

So being me, the typical American, 僕は典型的なアメリカ人だから

I had my diaper chin going on. オムツ顎をやってたんだ

Which means that your mask was つまりマスクが鼻を覆ってないし

not covering your nose and hardly your mouth. 口もほとんど被ってなかったんだよね

There's more on your chin. 顎をカバーしてるみたいな

And so Arthur, at the time was それでその時アーサーは

temporarily working at my school, 一時的に僕の学校で働いてて

and I remember meeting him for the first time 彼に初めて会うってなった時は

and I was pretty excited 僕は結構楽しみにしてたんだ

coz like, obviously, だって

You weren't that excited. そんな楽しみってほどでもないでしょ

Well, I knew who you were. でもアーサーのことは知ってたからさ

Okay. あぁ

So I watched your videos 動画を観たし

and I was aware of who you are. 誰だか既に知ってたから

And so I was like,

'Oh man, this will be cool to meet this guy.' 「この人に会えるなんて楽しみ!」って思った

Oh man, that makes it even worse. まじかよ もっと酷い話に聞こえちゃう

You know, so I was at my desk 'I pity the fool.' それで僕は自分のデスクにいて ミスターTってあの俳優じゃん and I was walking in the teacher's office We'll go with that guy, Mr. T, gold chains. 職員室内を歩いてたら いかついネックレスのね and one of the teachers was talking with Arthur He didn't have gold chains, 1人の先生がアーサーと話してたんだ 先生の方のMr.Tはネックレスはつけてないけど at the time, but he had a very prominent pin. 目立つピンをつけてたよ and was like. そしたら But anyways, まぁとにかく 'Oh, Austin, hey, you should come meet Arthur.' 「オースティン!アーサーがいるよ」って言うか he tried really hard 5 その人がすごく必死に And so like I walked over there. to assert his dominance over me. 僕はそっちに歩いて行ったんだ 僕の優位に立とうとしてたんだ I just want to share my side of the story, And like saying, ちょっと待って僕にも弁明させて それで but yeah, I'll let you have the punchline, okay? 'Hey, you know, I kind of choose the rules here. 話の肝の部分は言わせてあげるから 「俺がルールを決める So I was walking into the school You know, I'm kind of like the big guy here. 僕はねその時 ここでは俺が偉いから and I had already spoken with Mr. T. You're going to kind of follow me. T先生と既に話したことあったんだけど 言うことを聞けよ I think you know who I'm talking about I'm not officially your superior, まぁ誰のことか分かるよね 役職としては上ではないけど

> And I wasn't having any of that. 僕はそれを受け付けてなかったんだ

but you're going to listen to me.' 言うとおりにしろよ」みたいな

if I say Mr. T.

And... それで

Coz here's the thing. でもさ

I don't like working in these kinds of 僕はそういうグループの中で働くのが

group environments. 嫌いなんだ

Coz someone is always trying to be on the top だって誰かがいつも優位に立とうとして

and trying to dominate everyone. みんなを従わせようとするからね

I don't like that. それが嫌い

So I thought, それで

'Oh crap. If that's how it's going to be, 「まじかよ そういう感じなら

I'm going to find my way to the top こっちだってなるべく早いうちに

as soon as possible.' 優位に登り詰めてやる」

I was in that mode when I met you. っていうモードに入ってたんだ

So here's me. 一方で僕はね

Here's where I'm coming from. どういう背景だったかというと

I had a lazy day coz all the classes were canceled

その日授業が全部キャンセルされてゆっくりして て

and I was just getting back from lunch. ちょうどランチから帰ってきて

So I was feeling really comfortable. 快適に過ごしてたんだ

And then all of a sudden そしたら突然さ

I get called over to talk to this guy. この人と話してって呼ばれてさ

It's like,

'Oh yeah, look, that's Arthur 「あ IU Connectのアーサーじゃん!

from the IU Connect guy.

All right, cool. Let's let's go see him.' よし挨拶しよう!」って思って

And we meet and the very first thing そこで目が合って最初に言われたのが

we locked eye contact,

and you looked over and it's like,

'Hey man, can you pull your mask up?' 「ねぇマスクを上げてくれる?」

I said, まぁ

'You need to pull your mask over your nose.' 「鼻の上までマスク上げないと」って言ったね

Yeah. うん in group dynamics like that, そういう特に男性とのグループの中では I was just like, 'Who the fuck is this guy?' 「誰だよこいつ」って思った especially with men, it always gets annoying like that. So here's... Okay, coz I was like, いつもそういう厄介な感じになる だってさ But I just remember I was like, 'Oh crap, is this... でも僕は 「やばい」って思ったんだ 'Hey man, put your mask up.' Coz you're taller than me, first of all, okay? 「ちょっとマスクを上に上げて」って言っただけ まず僕より背が高いから だよ So I'm like, 「Mr.Tみたいなやり方してくんのか?」 Yeah. So like for the first day うん だから初日は 'Okay, I was like, this guy's just a jerk, man. この人最低だわって思った is this guy going to try to pull the same crap that Mr. T was pulling on me? This guy sucks. I need to make sure I make... And then we went to lunch one of those times って警戒して「上下関係を でもその後ランチに行って I need to set the tone of this relationship.' and we ended up being friends. ここではっきりさせとかないと」って思ったんだ 友達になったよね Dude, you're going by prison rules. Yeah. We ended up being friends after that. 刑務所かよ うん 結局は友達になった It's like, 'No, I'm not going to get r***d. But yeah 「レoプされる前に まぁでも I'm going to do the r**ing first.' going back to like the whole diaper chin thing,

right?

オムツ顎の話に戻ると

こっちが先にレ○プする」みたいなさ

Dude, I'm telling you, though, like...

いやでもさ

A lot of Americans wore that アメリカ人の多くはそれをやってたけど

and it was like,

it was kind of this ridiculous thing それって馬鹿げた話だよね

coz it's like on one hand だって

you have this mask mandate in many places 多くの場所でマスク命令を出して

where you would get kicked out of places つけてなかったら追い出されてたりしたけど

for not having a mask.

But it was also acceptable to have the diaper chin オムツ顎は許されてたりしてさ

and it's just like, だから

'What are we doing here?' 「え?何これ?」

Yeah, there's no point in that. うん 意味ないよね

Or there was あとは

this picture of like a school band or something, 学校のバンドというかオーケストラの

school orchestra, 写真があって

and the people that were playing the flute,

フルートを吹いてる人たちが

they had like holes cut out of their masks. マスクをくり抜いてたんだ

No. まじかよ

It is a real photo, man. 実際の写真だよ

Oh my god, man. まじかよ

So they were wearing masks, だからマスクはつけてるけど

but there was a hole cut out 穴が空いてて

so that they could like play the flute つけたままフルートが

while they had the mask on. 吹けるようになってんたんだ

Yeah. そうなんだ

That reminds me of, それで思い出したけど

there was a video I saw of, ある動画で女性の政治家だったかな

I think it was this woman politician,

I don't know who she was, 誰か分からないけど

but she had a mask on

その人はマスクをつけてたんだけど

and she got pulled aside by a reporter 記者から傍に呼ばれて

to like comment on something. 何かコメントを求められて

And I just remember like そこで彼女が話すってなった時

when it was her turn to speak,

she just grabbed her mask like this and talked. マスクを引きおろして話し始めたんだ

And it was just like, それもさ

'What are you doing?' Yeah. 「何やってんの?」っていうね

So, long story short, だから簡潔にいうと

too long, didn't read TLDR,

Americans don't know how to wear masks. アメリカ人はマスクの付け方を分かってない

It's not part of our culture. 文化じゃないからね

But so why do you think it is that でもさなんでアメリカ人は

American people feel so weird 日本人がマスクつけてるのをみて

when they see Japanese people wearing masks. あんなにも変な感じがするんだと思う?

Okay, so I'm glad you brought that up because その質問を振ってくれて良かった

other than the fact 病気に対する感覚が違うことのほかに

that we just view sicknesses differently

than Japanese people,

I think... 多分

Actually, I don't think this is unique まぁアメリカの文化だけじゃないと思う

to American culture.

I'm going to go ahead and say 西洋の文化の特徴って

this is unique to Western culture in general. 言ってもいいと思う

Facial expressions 顔の表情と

and seeing someone's face during a conversation 会話中に相手の顔を見ることが

is extremely important in Western culture. 西洋文化ではものすごく重要

Yeah. うん

So during conversations, 会話中に

something that's very different

西洋と日本で大きく違うのは

their nose.. 鼻を見たり

between Western conversations

Yeah, yeah. そうだね

and Japanese conversations is

it's considered rude in Western culture 西洋では話してる時

And it's like

顔全体から表情を読み取ってるんだよね

to not look somebody in the eye 目を見ないことが失礼に値する

you're just kind of reading someone's face

when you're talking to them.

as a whole

Right?

to kind of like, you know

それで

でしょ?

gauge their opinions on stuff 相手の意見を感じ取ったり

目を見るっていうのも

And when I say look at them in the eye,

and you know 反応を見たり

Obviously like we're making eye contact もちろんアイコンタクトは取るけど

to see how they're reacting to things

but that includes your face, right? 顔全体を見るってことでもあるんだ

and to share connections on things, right? 繋がりを感じたりする

So a lot of Americans

多くのアメリカ人は

相手の目を見る時

Whereas in Japanese culture,

一方で日本の文化では

when they're looking at someone in the eye

people still make eye contact, アイコンタクトは取っても

what they're really doing is

but it's also very common for people to talk

お互い直接的に話さないで

they're looking at their eyes 目を見たり

indirectly to each other,

maybe their eyebrows

kind of look away and have a conversation. 目を逸らして会話したりする

眉毛を見たり

実際は

I'll tell you where you really see this それがよく分かるのが

is in TV shows. テレビ番組で

And obviously もちろんテレビでは

people are kind of hamming it up on TV shows ham it upして大げさにしたりするけど

to be more dramatic.

What does that mean, 'hamming it up'? ham it upってどういう意味?

I've heard this phrase a couple times. 何回か聞いたことあるけど

I don't know what it means. 意味を知らないんだ

It means like being cheesy 安っぽい感じとか

or kind of like overly dramatic. 大げさな感じってことだよ

Overly dramatic, okay. 大げさってことね なるほど

Ham it up. Ham it upね

Yeah. Really? You don't know what that means? うん 本当に知らなかったの?

I mean, まぁ聞いたことはあって so I've heard it before

and I could kind of guess from it. なんとなく予測はできたけど

But okay, just to tell you. でもさ

So when I first moved to the States 僕10歳くらいで初めてアメリカに引っ越した時

around the time when I was 10 years old.

I remember my mom used the word 'corny' お母さんが初めてcornyって単語を使ってたから

for the first time that I remember.

'Oh, that's so corny.'

And I was asking everybody around me, 周りの人みんなに

'What does corny mean?' 「cornyってどういう意味?」って聞いてたんだ

And no one could explain it to me. でも誰もちゃんと説明できなくて

I was thinking about it for like a year ずっと疑問のまま 1 年くらいして

and then I finally got it. やっと理解できた

Yeah. Like, you know, うん

it comes from the term これは

その番組に限ったことじゃないけど like calling someone a ham. 「あいつはハムだ」みたいなフレーズから来てて but I was watching Shogun and 「将軍」を観てたら Yeah. 'He's a ham.' あぁあるよね a lot of the women, Right? 女性たちが 意味としては when they're talking to like their husbands 旦那さんに話す時とか Where this is like he's kind of like a, or like talking in like, you know, その人が 深刻な状況で話す時 not really a pig, kind of like a serious situation, ぶたって訳じゃないけど the woman will be like, but like a comedian コメディアンというか 'Yes. 「そうね or just a not serious person. あまり真剣じゃないような Let me tell you about, すべき裏切りについてお話ししましょう」 Yeah. Yeah. うんうん you know, all the betrayals that you should make.' Right? ね And they're just kind of like みたいな こっち向いた喋り方なんだ Anyways, so they ham it up on TV, but それで テレビではham it upしてて? talking this way, Yeah, so, even though their husband's like right there. あぁそう 旦那さんはこっちにいるのに but like Yeah. うん I'll tell you where I really noticed this recently それで最近すごく気づいたのが And it's, you know, men do this too.

It's not unique to the show,

まぁ男性もやるけどね

Like, you know, 例えば

when a guy's talking to his boss here, 上司に話すときとか

like he'll look down. 下を向いたりするでしょ

You know?

Yeah. うん

So, people are already used to だからすでに日本では会話中に

not really looking at someone's face 相手の顔を見ないことに慣れてるんだ

in Japanese culture

when they're talking with somebody.

So I feel like だからまぁ

that's not the reason why それがマスクに抵抗がない理由とは言わないけど

Japanese people are more comfortable with masks,

but I definitely think that influences why アメリカ人より抵抗がない理由には

they're more comfortable than Americans. 絶対関係してると思う

Yeah, you know, うん It's funny because when we had dinner, さっき夕食中に

we were talking about

how college wasn't that useful. 大学がそんなに意味なかったって話してたけど

But there's this one lesson 一つ大学の授業で学んだことで

from one of these classes in college

that I use all the time. いつも使ってることがあって

And I think I've even talked about it here, まぁ前にも話したことあると思うけど

but I took a nonverbal communication class. 非言語コミュニケーションの授業で

And the guy was saying that 教授が言ってたのが

for Japanese people, 日本人にとっては

the locus of emotion 感情を表現するのは目なんだって

where people express emotions is in the eyes.

That's why the emojis like だから顔文字では

it's always a straight line for the mouth, 口がいつも真っ直ぐで

but the eyes are like very expressive.

その話めっちゃ面白いな 目の方で表現してる Oh, interesting. Okay. it's so interesting that you brought that up なるほど 面白い because I was just listening to somebody だって最近誰かが Whereas in the West, 一方で西洋では talking about the locus of emotion is in the mouth. They were talking about culture norms in Japan 口の方で感情を表現する 日本の文化的規範について話してて And so that's why and how wearing sunglasses is kind of... だから目はいつも2つの点で サングラスをつけると our emojis are just two dots It's not necessarily frowned upon, 嫌がられるって訳じゃないけど with like a smile face, 口が")"なんだ but at the same time, you know parentheses. it's kind of cringy in Japanese culture. まぁ日本ではちょっとイタいというか And so when you cover someone's face だから日本では口を隠しても It's like 「何カッコつけてんの?」 when you cover someone's mouth in Japan, 'Okay, what are you, just trying to be cool?' you still have their eyes. 目が見えるから That kind of thing. みたいな感じになる You can see their emotions. 感情がわかるけど So that's interesting. だから面白いなと思った But in the States when you cover their mouth, アメリカでは口を隠すと Yeah. It's funny because I remember one time... うん 一つ覚えてるのが it's like you're covering their emotions. 感情が見えなくなっちゃう I remember I went to a business meeting. 2016年くらいのずっと前に

This is way back in 2016.

You can't read them anymore.

You know,

学校に仕事のミーティングに行った時

I went to a business meeting at a school

and rijicho of the school, 学校の理事長がいて

basically it was supposed to be a meeting その時僕は学校でやるプログラムの

where I was going to present this program

I was going to do for the school. プレゼンをするっていうことになってたんだけど

But he ended up just talking for 30 minutes. 結局理事長が30分くらい話し続けて

And after a while, しばらくしたら

he asked a question to everyone in the room そこにいた人たちに何か質問をしたんだ

and no one answered. そしたら誰も返事しなくて

And I was thinking, それを見て僕は

'What the heck? 「何だこれ?

You just asked everyone a question. みんなに質問したのに

No one's giving a response.' 誰も返事してないじゃん」って思ったんだけど

But what I noticed そこで気づいたのが was that they were communicating with their eyes 彼らは目で会話してたってことで

whether they agreed or they disagreed. 賛成か反対かを目で伝えてたんだ

Yeah. うん

And like sending that information. 目線で情報を伝えてた

Whereas in the States it'd be like, それがアメリカだったら

'Come on, you're not saying anything.' 「おいおい なんで何も言わないんだ」

Like って

'Guys, come on. 「君たち

I asked you a question. 質問したんだから答えろよ」 ってなる

Freaking respond.'

Yeah. But people communicate this way. でもそうやってコミュニケーション取ってるんだ

So that's why it makes more sense. だからサングラスつけることに

'Don't cover your eyes with sunglasses.' 抵抗があるのも理解できるよね

But yeah, まぁでも

so whenever that nugget of information... そのちょっとした情報が...

By the way, like I told you, ちなみに さっき言ったように これは

I got it from a nonverbal communication class. 非言語コミュニケーションの授業で学んだんだけ ビ

I hope he's not watching. 教授がこれ見てないといいけど

I hope he never watches,

but he was the most awkward 彼は今まであった教師の中で一番コミュ障で

noncommunicative teacher I've ever met ぎこちない感じの人だったんだ

in my life.

But I got this nugget from his class. まぁでもこの知識は教えてもらえた

Arthur, you just didn't understand ただアーサーが彼が発してた

the sign language of nonverbal communication 日本語の非言語コミュニケーションの

he was giving off, it was in Japanese. 暗号を理解してなかっただけでしょ

Oh, sorry. Yeah. そうだわ ごめんなさい

I don't speak Japanese sign language. 日本のやつはわからない Yeah, exactly. でしょ?

Okay. うん

Oh, man. あぁもう

So was there anything else ほかに何か言いたいことある?

that you want to share on this?

I think this is a good spot to end it on. この辺で締めるのがちょうどいいと思う

Yeah, we have a live soon anyway, so. うん もうすぐライブ配信もあるしね

We do. うん

Yeah, I'll see you next time. じゃあ次回ね

See you, man. バイバイ