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*Interviewee is staying anonymous. They are around 55 years old, Syrian, who moved to the U.S. before 2015 because of the war*

Cristy: Can you talk about your exit story?

Interviewee: I left when it was unsafe for me and my family. I sold some stuff that I knew I wouldn't be able to take with me. I gathered my things and I traveled to the safest country closest to Syria. And from there I went to the U.S.

Cristy: What do you miss the most about Syria?

Interviewee: I miss a lot of things. I miss my home, my family, my properties, my work, my friends.

Cristy: How does your life at the moment (people around you, job, location...etc) compare to the life you had in Syria?

Interviewee: It's very different. Instead of being the employer, I am an employee.

Cristy: How did the language change affect you?

Interviewee: It's a different language and culture. So I understand most of what people say, but not all the details.

Cristy: Do you think the people you know in the U.S have an accurate image of Syria? Why or why not?

Interviewee: You can find some people who do, but it's not like my friends in my country. That's because of the different culture, attitude and everything else, all together.

Cristy: What would you like the world to know about Syrians?

Interviewee: The Syrian people are very kind and generous and humble and they like others; no matter who they are and where they come from. And they are friendly; if you meet them, you feel like you have known them from a long time ago.