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SPS Interview for St Catharine's - Cambridge

* Questions based entirely on personal statement:

First Interview:

- Why have you described America like a zoo.
- Why do you want to do SPS? → led to discussing psychology of people, how would you measure this and what would you do with the data?
- What could you bring to college life?

Second interview:

- What is the difference between North & South America?
- How did America become so diverse?
- Is it this diversity that drives economic dynamism?
- Do you think that diversity is different in US than UK because the Church and state are separate.
- Is America democratic? → does the huge divide in wealth have an impact on this?
- What could USA learn from European Union and vice versa?

* Then I was asked to evaluate my own strengths and weaknesses, with particular reference to attitude → prompted by the question

"Here we write 24 essays in 16 weeks, how does this make you feel?"