

Asking about a total “future vision” for 2038 (!) can take people by surprise. Consider working up to it with specific questions. Examples follow:

1. In your ideal future, what kind of work will you do in 15 years? If you see two possible paths, what would each be?
2. Would you have attended graduate school? If so, what kind?
3. Where would you like to live—East, West, South, middle of country, other country? Do you prefer a city, suburb, country, other?
4. What kind of living and family arrangement do you hope for—alone, communal, partnership, marriage, children, pets? If children, how many and what sex? What order (same as family of origin)?
5. Would parents or in-laws live with you or nearby?
6. Who would perform domestic responsibilities and childcare tasks? One person, two, more?
7. How would you want to divide the tasks, e.g., one does indoor tasks, one does outdoor tasks, other?
8. What were your family and community like as you grew up? Where, demographics, etc.?
9. Where did your parent(s) work—inside the home, outside, both, other? What kinds of work?
10. What siblings did you have, if any? Sex/gender? Older or younger?
11. What kinds of toys did you have and like? What TV, books, and other media did you enjoy?
12. What kinds of activities did you participate in and enjoy (sports, music, dance, art, etc.)?
13. Was religion part of your family's life? If so, which religion and to what extent (weekly, rarely, ethnic tradition, other)? What moral code or other core values played a major role?
14. What relatives were influential for you; how (their jobs, expectations, personalities, etc.)?
15. What role models do or did you have (teachers, coaches, community members, other)?
16. How has MIT (other institution) influenced you in terms of goals, role models, plans, etc.?
17. What else has influenced you-- travel? Celebrities? Nobel Prize winners? Beyonce? Anthony Fauci?

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