



Manjinder - Camaraderie in Factories

There was a comradery between the actual owners of businesses and, you know, people generally wanted to help each other and I think in terms of my dad being able to provide work for people who'd just come from India or somewhere, you know, and I think that was really cool. And the ladies, the ladies were mainly the sewers, right? Then the men used to be all doing the pleating the skirts and all that kind of stuff, so I think there was a sense of camaraderie.

And I think, now, obviously it's completely different, that rag trade has disappeared due to online stuff, due to various things. And I think the factory industry just sort of dissolved after a while. And I think the Asians being very hard working, immigrants trying to make their own opportunities, entrepreneurship, wanted to make it a success and they did.

But then once that went out, I guess they've gentrified the area and they've now got high-end boutiques and boujie coffee shops. So, on the corner of that road, I think there's now a really nice bakery or something and there's like, lobster, all these fancy lobster shops and sushi sticks. And when I was back, that shop would have been some kind of hat shop or something back in the day, in the '80s or something.

And so, the type of people, there are loads of city workers, it's catered for high-end people who earn a lot of money. And so, it was, you know, it's gentrified so that the manufacturing industry was, sort of, washed out, let's say.



And so that you can make way for, I guess, it's prime real estate so that you can build more offices and fancy-end shops, and that. So therefore, you don't have that sense of, you know, the average working-class let's say.