**Interview Transcript with Jerry Wang**

**Interviewer**: Cool, so we are recording now. And can you just say your name?

**Interviewee**: Jerry Wang

**Interviewer**: And today is November 5th, 2017 and we are in Byrne 1. So Jerry can you tell me a little about yourself and your background?

**Interviewee**: Hi my name is Jerry. I’m a ‘20. I was raised in China, so I know a lot about Chinese superstitions.

**Interviewer**: Cool. And can you tell me good luck/ bad luck superstition that you are about to explain to me right now? Can you tell me about it?

**Interviewee**: Yeah. For sure. The superstition I’m going to explain is superstitions about numbers in China. People generally like the number 8 but think that the number 4 is bad luck.

**Interviewer**: And so can you explain to me the cultural context behind why the number 8 is good luck while the number 4 is bad luck?

**Interviewee**: Yeah, so this has to do with Chinese language. In Chinese language, the number 8 rhymes with the word that means getting rich, so and people want to get rich right? So it is generally considered a good luck number. On the other hand, the number 4 rhymes with the word for death so it is considered bad luck.

**Interviewer**: Makes sense. Would you have a social context where you would want the number 8 or avoid the number 4?

**Interviewee**: Yeah so like one big thing is when people select license plate numbers for their cars. They usually want the last number to be 8, so the sequence ends with like the number 8. So if you read the sequence, the last number rhymes with like getting rich. While people would avoid having the last number of the serial number… erhh the license number sorry... to be 4 so when you read the license plate number it sounds like something death.

**Interviewer**: Gotcha. And are there any other social contexts?

**Interviewee**: Just generally people like having 8s in their phone numbers but avoid 4s.

**Interviewer:** Gotcha, thanks.