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Everyone has debts to pay.

In Blood Debts, we tell these stories of choices and sacrifices to pay back what we owe and pay forward something greater -- the hope for a better life.

From student loans to mortgages to time spent taking care of family and the community, a person's relationship to debt is bound by both fear and duty,

This thought provoking series takes a deep dive into people's relationship to debt through the eyes of more than 50 Filipinos across the diaspora.

Why Filipinos?

It's rare that Filipinos are the main characters of their own narrative. Blood Debts is one space to ensure the Filipino experience is amplified and highlighted through something that has an impact on people's lives regardless if you are Filipino or not - debt.

Guilt

Blood Debts

Launch: October 2020

With more than 50 interviews with Filipinos across the diaspora over the course of 28 months, Blood Debts offers a deep look into the meaning and impacts of debt through a Filipino lens. Podcast episodes will be released weekly.

Debt Across Industries



Gift



Origin Story

Gratitude

This project's catalyst comes from a 2015 CNN story on how I became an accident homeowner at age 25: <u>A Millennial, a mom and a</u> <u>mortgage: Ties that bind</u>

Redefining Debt

When is debt

Debt is present across industries, not just in the financial world. This series poses the question, 'What does debt look like in health, education, public service, tech and creative spaces?'"

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something you have to pay back? When is it a gift? With story, you'll walk away with things you never thought about when it comes to the debts we pay back and pay forward.

About



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In 2019, she was selected for Reynolds Journalism Institute Non-residential Fellowship. Leezel's other stints include roles at The Associated Press, CNNMoney (now CNNBusiness), CBSNews.com, VICE News, NowThis, ABCNews.com, KCBS/KCAL and The Press-Enterprise newspaper in Southern California.

She received her Bachelor's degree at Loyola Marymount University and a Masters degree at UCLA. She was named 2018 Member of Year by the Asian American Journalists Association. She is a 2019 Filipino Young Leaders Program (FYLPRO) delegate and sits on the FYLPRO Board of Directors and is the chair of the FYLPRO COVID19 Task Force.