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SETTING UP AN INTERVIEW

- I. Find a fixed (non swivel) chair for your interviewee
- 2. Check the background behind the chair (is it boring, too busy, too bright?)
- 3. Raise the camera lens level with the eyes of interviewee
- 4. Place camera as close to the eye-line as possible
- 5. Check the tripod's spirit level
- 6. Zoom in to check the interviewee is in focus
- 7. Zoom out to an MCU of the interviewee
- 8. Frame the interviewee on the thirds (green line)
- 9. ... with looking room in front of them (red arrow)
- 10. White balance camera
- 11. Mic interviewee and check level
- 12. Mic yourself and check level
- 13. Check exposure
- 14. Start recording....Start asking questions
- 15. Remember if you change shot size do it only when you ask a question.
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- 16. To help with the edit shoot their hands
- 17. Then shoot an over the shoulder 2 shot
- 18. Plus, some appropriate cutaways

W.....White balance A.....Audio F.....Focus F.....Framing L....Legs (tripod) E....Exposure

