

Susan Interviewed By Ashley Wilson

1) What is your:

- Name? Susan
- Age? 54
- Education level? High School
- Current profession? Waitress
- Marital status? Divorced
- Race/Ethnicity? White
- Hometown/where were you born? West Creek/ Teaneck
- Political affiliation? Independent
- Religion? Catholic
- Relationship to me (the interviewer)? I am your boyfriend's mom.

2) In what format did the interview take place? Face-to-Face

3) Do you have children? (How many? What ages/genders?)

- I have three children. 2 girls that are 29 and 22, and 1 boy that is 21.

4) What do you think about full-time stay-at-home mothers? What about full-time stay-at-home fathers? If you have or plan to have children, what influenced, influences or will influence your decision about how to manage childcare?

- I think it is wonderful if a mother or a father can afford to be full-time stay-at-home mothers or fathers. When I was raising my children, my husband and I decided to work different shifts so someone could be always be home with the kids. If we were unable to watch the kids for any reason, an immediate family member would care for them that day/night.

5) For you, what defines a woman? Is there anyone you can think of that embodies these qualities?

- A women is someone who can survive in this world with or without a man. Someone that embodies these qualities is my grandmother who raised 8 children during the depression era all by herself.

6) What do you believe is the most challenging part about being a woman in today's society? What personal struggles have you faced as a woman?

- One of the most challenging parts about being a woman in today's society is not receiving equal pay. For example, when a woman gets divorced she usually takes the children, yet they have the less paying job. Personal struggles I have faced is raising my 3 kids alone after my divorce, and maintaining the house alone.

7) Do you think we still live in a society where women are sexually exploited by or oppressed by men? Why or why not? (What examples/evidence would you point to support your ideas?)

- Yes, I believe women are still sexually exploited/ oppressed by men. One example would be in the world place. Women use their sex appeal to advance their career. Some do this by choice, but others realize they may not get ahead if they do not. Another example would be male employers constantly hit on girls. In recent events, David Letterman and his sex scandal with his workers.

8) Have you personally experienced sexism or know of anyone who has? If you have, briefly describe the situation and its outcome.

- I have not and cannot think of someone I know that has experienced sexism.

9) Do you believe there is still a double-standard when it comes to men's and women's sexual behaviors? For example, is society still more tolerant of men who have sex with multiple partners? Are there behaviors that women can exhibit that men cannot?

- I do believe there is still a double standard when it comes to men's and women's sexual behavior. It is okay if an older man goes for a younger girl, but when an older woman goes after a younger man she is robbing the cradle. Behaviors that women can exhibit that men cannot is using their sex appeal to advance their career.

10) It's often assumed that women are more emotional than men. Do you agree or disagree with that common assumption? Do you think a female president would be able to handle tough situations as well as a male president?

- I agree women are more emotion due to our hormones. However, I believe a woman president could handle the tough situations as well, if not better, because we as women are stronger if we understand how to manage our emotions.

11) What do you know about feminism? Do you consider yourself a feminist? Why or why not? If you wouldn't call yourself a feminist, is there another term that better describes you?

- I know that this is still a man's world, but I think feminists have been working hard to try and change it. I consider myself to be half a feminist because I agree with some issues such as equal pay for equal work, but not others such as all jobs being gender friendly.