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Perspectives on Women

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1. What is your:

* name- Donna Mainart
* age- 48
* education level- high school graduate
* current profession-customer service rep
* marital status- married
* race/ethnicity- caucasian
* hometown/where you were born- Camden, New Jersey
* political affiliation- democrat
* religion- Presbyterian
* relationship to me-neighbor

2. In what form did the interview take place?

* Face-to-face

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

* 2 children- 1 male, 18 years old, 1 female, 17 years old

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 stayed at home until the kids went to school because she feels it is important for the kids to always have a parent around.

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

* My grandmother embodies qualities of a woman. She is honest, caring, and non judgmental of people and she lives her life as a Christian woman.

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?

* I have faced trouble at work. Men seem to get promoted a lot quicker than women, and I have personally experienced a man getting promoted before I did.

7. Do you think we 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?)

* I do believe sexual exploitation such as children in beauty pageants, dressing up in sexy outfits and wearing makeup that makes them look older.

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 personally experienced sexism, but when I used to work at a real estate company when I was in my early 20’s, the men working there constantly made degrading comments about women. I tried not to be in that situation, so I would not have to be around them because I felt uncomfortable.

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?

* Absolutely, men can date a lot of people and no one says anything about them, but if a woman does the same exact thing as a man, she is called a tramp.

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?

* Yes, women are more understanding and want to talk about full subject; men just want one word answers. I would love to see a female president someday.

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 would consider myself a feminist. If something is wrong I tell my husband, I do not let him walk all over me like some women do.