**Question Script for NJ Women’s Voices Interview**

1) What is your:

* Name?
  + Carole Yates
* Age?
  + 49
* Education level?
  + 2 years business school
* Current profession?
  + Secretary
* Marital status?
  + Divorced
* Race/Ethnicity?
  + Caucasian
* Hometown/where were you born?
  + Philadelphia
* Political affiliation?
  + Independent
* Religion? (Or, would you consider yourself a religious/spiritual person?)
  + Christian
* Relationship to me (the interviewer)?
  + Friend’s mom

2) In what format did the interview take place? (Face-to-face, phone, or email)

Face-to-face

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

“Yes, four boys:

Joey Yates- 26

Jonathan-25

James Michael-20

Jacob-19”

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 great to be a stay-at-home mother or father because I think it is so important to be there for your children. I think there is a big difference between a child being raised and a child being watched. If you are at home with your child, you are able to raise them and influence them whereas if you send them for childcare, your child is simply being watched. If it is possible for one parent to have a job, I would want to stay home and be a stay at home mom”.

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

these qualities?

“A woman has the ability to nurture anyone who comes into their life with love and respect. Not only should they be respectful, but a woman should deserve respect as well. Whether the person is a child or a peer, a woman has the ability to care beyond words and show so much compassion to someone. I don’t honestly know of one person who completely embodies all of this, but it would definitely be a combination of my mother and you’re mother (the interviewer) because I know a lot of people that care but they also have a selfish side to them and this takes over sometimes and the compassion drops off”.

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?

“At this point in time, the body image crisis that puts so much pressure on young women today. I personally feel like I’m trying to live up to an unrealistic image and inside it makes me feel like I’m failing”.

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?)

“I think we are sexually exploited by ourselves because we let the media send out falsified images and then in turn try to live up to these standards and end up oppressing ourselves. As long as we keep letting ourselves be sexually exploited, we give the power to be oppressed to anyone that wants to. Examples I would point to would be magazines, billboard ads, ads, television, and other media networks”.

8) Have you personally experienced sexism or know of anyone who has? If you

have, briefly describe the situation and its outcome.

“There are male supervisors at my work that overlook the female coworkers (including me) and only listen to what the other males in the workplace have to say. A lot of times they completely ignore what I have to say and don’t seem to respect my opinion like they do for other males in the workplace.

I’ve also experienced where men in authority feel that it’s okay to treat me with disrespect and walk away, however, I don’t take this behavior and I stand up for myself. I don’t become angry or flip out; instead I handle the situation by standing my ground and telling them how I feel in a respectful manner”.

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 definitely believe there is a double-standard, but it is becoming blurred. In today’s society, morals aren’t as strict and it seems as though women are able to do a lot more sexually and get away with it than in the past. A lot of women engage in “slutty” behavior but it seems to be more acceptable today like it is with men. In regards to the last question, women can use their sex appeal to get ahead, but this type of behavior doesn’t really work for men”.

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?

“Women are absolutely more emotional than men. Women were made to be emotional creatures whereas men were made to be analytical creatures. I think a female president would bring a whole different way of reasoning to a critical situation which could be good or bad depending on the situation. I think a female president would be able to handle a tough situation as well as a male, however, it would be handled a lot differently”.

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?

“In my opinion, feminism is a fight to the death for equal rights for women. I agree with equal rights, and I stand for what’s fair, but I do not wear feminism as a badge and wouldn’t consider myself an active feminist. I am a believer in respect for all people, not just females. Another way to describe me would be an advocate for equality”.

Remember to have the participant sign two copies of the consent form. You keep

one to give to your instructor and the participant keeps one for her records.

Remember to send your participant a thank you note.