

Question Script for NJ Women's Voices Interview

1) What is your:

– Name?

Donna Lee Roake

– Age?

51 years old

– Education level?

Associates in Applied Sciences Union County College

– Current profession?

Physical Therapist Assistant

– Marital status?

Married 26 years

– Race/Ethnicity?

Caucasian

– Hometown/where were you born?

Wilkes-Barre Pa.

– Political affiliation?

Independent, but I usually vote democrat.

– Religion? (Or, would you consider yourself a religious/spiritual person?)

Roman Catholic

– Relationship to me (the interviewer)?

My teammates mother

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

I have 3 children, 2 girls ages 21 and 25, 1 boy age 22.

3) 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?

Feminism to me is the battle for women to gain equality. Yes, I do consider myself a feminist. I think all women should be treated throughout society.

4) What do you think of the media's portrayal of the ideal female body? Does it impact your own perception of your body? How or why not?

I do not agree with it I believe that women are shown as sex symbols rather than being intelligent, or being shown for other things they can offer. Yes, it does impact me because in a way it makes me insecure about my body and keeping thin and in shape.

5) As a child were you ever told you couldn't do something simply because you were a girl? What was the situation? Were you ever told you couldn't be what you wanted to be when you grew up because you were a girl? If yes, who told you that and why? If no, who encouraged you to be whatever you wanted to be?

Yes, I was told that I could not play sports as a child because mother want me to be a cheerleader. Yes I wanted to be a police woman, but my mother called it a man's job.

6) As a woman do you feel pressured to be successful in the fields of family/home life, business/work life, income *and* appearance? What defines a successful woman in your

mind? What factors influence your opinion of what defines a successful woman? Has your understand of success changed over the years?

Yes, a successful woman is someone who can take care of his or her house, family, husband, and job.

7) As an adult do you ever feel that you are treated differently due to your gender? How so? Do you like being treated differently because you are a woman or would you prefer it didn't happen? Does it depend on the situation? Please explain.

No.

8) How would you define gender equality? Would you say gender equality is important to you? Why or why not?

Equality between men and women should be followed throughout all aspects of life. Yes, gender equality is important to me because I am a woman of today's society.

9) 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 do not agree. Yes, a female president would be able to handle situations as well as males.