

1) What is your:

Name?

Malika Hogan

Age?

31

Education level?

Masters Degree in Bio-medical engineering

Current profession?

Supervisor of Quality Assurance at Actavis Pharmaceuticals

Marital status?

Married

Race/Ethnicity?

African American

Hometown/where were you born?

Livingston New Jersey

Political affiliation?

Democrat

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

Muslim

Relationship to me (the interviewer)?

Supervisor

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

Yes 4 children

12 year old female

6 year old male

2 year old male

1 year old female

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 is a woman's way of being independent and being able to express her views and not being overly criticized for being vocal. I do and I don't consider myself a feminist. I feel independent and that I can do things as any male counterpart can, however I do like some traditional things such as taking out the garbage. So I guess the word I would use to describe myself is independent opposed to feminist.

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?

The media portrays women as overly thin and all about outward appearance opposed to inner beauty. Yes the media does have an impact on me because they make you feel as being over weight unacceptable.

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?

No I never was told I Couldn't be anything or do something because of my gender. The schools I attended did pushed me to pursue math and sciences.

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 I do feel pressured in a family/home life because men seem to think it's a woman's responsibility to take care of the house by doing things such as chores. Yes also for business/work life because males dominated society and as a woman you have to work twice as hard to prove yourself.

When it comes to income I do feel pressured because of the rising prices in this world, two family incomes is a must. However when it comes to appearance I don't care what others think but I do like to feel as though what I do have is enough.

A successful woman is someone who has set a goal, worked hard to achieve that goal and has accomplished it by over coming any obstacle that might have been in the way.

No my understanding hasn't changed instead I just set higher goals in life.

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.

I am sure it has happened to me. If it was a positive treatment I wouldn't say it's a problem. For example if a gentlemen opened the door for me because I am a woman I wouldn't find anything wrong with that. But if someone hired me for a job because I was a woman is wrong because I want to be hired for my education not my physical appearance.

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

Being judged by some criteria no matter what your sex is. Yes gender equality is very important to me because men and women should be held to the same standards.

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 disagree in some situations men are just as emotional if not more. Sure! Just because you're a female has nothing to do with being able to handle a tough situation. The same applies to men. For example Obama and McCain on election night. McCain couldn't keep his emotions to himself. He expressed his anger and how upset he was in

certain ways where as Obama handled the situation without showing emotions.