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NJ Women's Voices Interview

1) What is your:

- Name- Dawn Deluca
- Age- 31
- Education level- B.A. in Sociology from the University of North Carolina State University
- Current profession- Physical Education Teacher at Bridgeton
- Marital status-Single
- Race/Ethnicity- Caucasian
- Hometown/where were you born- Hammonton, New Jersey
- Political affiliation- Liberal
- Religion? (Or, would you consider yourself a religious/spiritual person?) Catholic
- Relationship to me (the interviewer)? Friend of a Friend

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?) No children

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 that if the family has the income or the means to do that, more power to them. I would love to be a stay at home mom. It would be great for the man to step up and take on the hardest job. Money would definitely be a major influence on my decision about childcare/*

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

- *That is a very hard question because there is a lot of things you can use to define as a woman then males can also use to define themselves. I guess a woman is an adult female that is a mentally strong and independent person.*

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 would say that women in the workforce struggle with having a glass ceiling. Also there is a lot of controversy over equal pay between men and women. I have faced many struggles throughout my life so far. One example is when I went to buy a car. The car salesman thought that because I was a woman I wouldn't know anything about cars. He was really surprised to find out I knew my stuff.*

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, women are both sexually exploited and oppressed by men. There are women out there that put themselves in that position. Women who stand on the corners and strip*

*for money feed into that. Also there are a lot of men out there who do not think that women should be in the workforce.*

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

- *I am an athletic director and one of my co-workers (who is a man) expects me to clean up everything at the end of the day. I am his superior and if he needs to send anything out to parents or had a question about things he should come to me. He hasn't come to me at all rather her goes to another male co-worker to have his questions or problems solved.*

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?

- *Yes, I do feel that there is still a double-standard between men and women. Women who go out on weekends might find themselves having men buy them drinks all night. It's hard to find women who want to buy men drinks.*

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?

- *For the most part yes. I would say that yes, outwardly a female would be able to handle tough situations. Inwardly, she would harbor certain feelings towards things. It's easy for people to put on a façade.*

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 feel that feminism is women who stand up for women's rights. Yes, I do consider myself a feminist because I believe in equal rights between men and women.*