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NEW JERSEY WOMEN'S VOICES INTERVIEW.

1) Background information:

Name: Ama Quansah

Age: 25 years

Education Level: BSN Degree in Nursing

Current Profession: Registered Nurse.

Marital Status: Single

Race/ Ethnicity: Black

Hometown: Cape- coast.

Political affiliation: Liberal

Religion: Episcopal

Relationship to interviewer: Friend

I don't have any kids.

2) What do you know about feminism?

A movement to fight and provide support for women in society. It aims at empowering women and ensuring that they enjoy equal opportunities and equal rights.

a. Do you consider yourself a feminist? Why or why not?

Yes I do consider myself a feminist because I feel being a women, I believe in equal right for women and every woman deserve the same opportunities as men. I share the feminist ideologies, such as; the right to vote, the right to freedom of speech, empowering women etc.

b. Do you think being a feminist means giving up romance and chivalry?

No, in my opinion that's not what being a feminist stand for.

c. In your opinion, what has been the greatest obstacle that the feminist movement has overcome?

The power to vote in the countries elections. In the past only men were allowed to vote but the feminist movement helps fought for women's right to participate in elections. I think it's a remarkable achievement to give women the opportunity of letting their voice be heard through the ballot.

ii, has the feminist movement hurt women and men in any way?

Anytime there's a change there's always a positive and negative outcome. Whilst women were pleased to be presented with the opportunity of getting their voice be heard and equal work opportunities men felt their egos were being put down. They felt they lost their power and the authority they once commanded.

D. What would equality for men and women entail?

It will take equal respect appreciation and effective communication between both genders. The fact that a woman decides to stay home and take care of the child caring responsibilities does not mean they are unintelligent. And women and society should not look down on men when they decide to contribute in providing care responsibilities at home, they should rather be encouraged. Both men and women should be rewarded equally for equal work.

ii, Can men and women ever achieve true equality? How so or why not? Yes but not without a challenge. This can be achieved by society according the same rights and opportunities for both genders. Both genders would have to appreciate each other's contribution towards the socio-economic development of the country.

3) How does society view housewives?

Society views them as just stay home women without any skill of making it in the labor market, uneducated, lacking confidence and no mind of their own.

- If you had or have the option of being a housewife, would you consider it? Why or why not? No, I would not consider being a housewife. I have always been that kind of woman who wants her independence to be able to live and achieve my dreams. I don't like women who live in the shadows of men and waiting to be told what to do. I like to be prepared for any sudden events in my life, that way I can survive without depending on a man.

A, When I was growing up my mother was the head of the household and being a single parent she made all the decisions.

- Absolutely yes, men and women have different upbringing and make decisions based on what society has thought them and expects of them. Our parents thought us how a girl and a boy should be act and what decisions to make in different circumstances. Thus both genders make decisions depending on what they were thought to be their gender roles or how they were cultured.

B, Do you think women in male dominated professions must diminish their feminine traits in order to gain respect from their peers?

- No, they shouldn't, it's often expected of women to show such a tough and "bitchy" attitude in order to progress and compete with their male peers. I believe that if women exhibit feminine traits it will be beneficial to them and society. There's no need for them to fake their personalities in order to compete. I think you contribute

and perform best when you are yourself and not when you are trying to be someone else.

C, Now that the United States has elected a Black male President, do you think the

Country will elect a female president in the near future?

Of course, in today's world anything is possible. It's just a matter of time. I think if women stay true to themselves, just as they were able to triumph in getting the right to vote they could do so to earn the presidency and probably rule the country better than men. Who would have thought we would have women in the highest ranking of the judicial system. So am pretty sure we will get there some there someday.

D, What would you consider to be the most challenging aspect of being a female?

Do you think males share this struggle?

For pregnancy, even though it's a great experience I think it's very tough to go through the nine months and then through labor. No, men do not and would never have to experience that. The closest they come is their contribution towards child care responsibilities.

li, What advice do you have for young people today?

I will tell them that it's important for them to believe in themselves and be respectful of other people's views. Work hard and get involved in the fight for equality and together we could build a better future.