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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT Q & A -- WELLESLEY CLASS OF '69
MAY 1994

- 1) Did attending a women's college play a major role in shaping your view of yourself and your personal and professional choices?

Attending a women's college did play a major role in giving me confidence and support for making choices in my life. I chose a women's college in part because I had gone to a very big public high school and I wanted a different experience. At Wellesley, I got a first-rate education, but I also made friends of a lifetime among faculty and students who have supported me on personal and professional choices ever since I left college.

- 2) To what extent has your life over the last 25 years conformed to your expectations? Are you more idealistic?

My life has conformed to some extent. I knew when I graduated that I would go to law school and be involved in helping solve public problems through volunteer work and public service. And, although I didn't know exactly what my work would be, I have had the opportunity to do those things.

I think I'm still idealistic, but maybe in a different way. I probably know now how much harder it is to make changes in the world, but I still believe we are capable of being a much better people and a much greater country than we have yet demonstrated. And I still believe there is always work to be done on behalf of others.

- 3) How have you negotiated the balance of work and motherhood?

I've probably done it in the same ways that many of my friends and classmates have done it -- on a day-to-day basis, doing the best I can every single day. That means knowing when I have to focus my attention completely on my parenting responsibilities and how to make room in my work life to permit that. It also means knowing when I have to focus on work.

Much of that balance can only be accomplished on a day by day, week by week basis because the needs of your children change as they move through different stages of their lives.

I feel grateful that I've had work that permitted me the flexibility to attend every school event and be home for my daughter most evenings and weekends. Many women don't have that luxury. They punch a clock when they go to work in the morning

and when they leave at night. They're not given time off to go to parent-teacher conferences. And they just have a much harder time being true to themselves and fulfilling their responsibilities to their children and to their work.

But no matter what circumstances you find yourself in, it's always a challenge. And I don't know any mother who doesn't feel pangs of guilt at some point in her children's lives. We just have to be committed to meeting our children's needs first and everything else has to fall behind that. I'm grateful that I've had incredible support from my husband, my mother, my mother-in-law, and my friends. Fortunately, my daughter has always had a lot of loving adults around her.

4) What moments in your life have you felt the greatest risk?

Certainly my decision to follow my heart to Arkansas and start a new life there, against the advice of my friends from Wellesley and my family. That was the biggest risk, although it didn't feel like a risk at the time. Being involved in public life also has some risks, because I'm trying to take on hard issues like education reform and health care reform, where what I believe is controversial and creates strong opposition.

5) How do you feel about power and how have you sorted out for yourself what makes an appropriate and an effective style for a woman in power?

What's most important to me is how power is acquired and how it is used, not the gender of the person who acquires it. There are good uses of power and there are dangerous uses of power. And women are just as capable as men of using and abusing power. I don't think there is a style of power that is particular to women. The style I like to see in men and women is one in which power is used to bring people together to solve problems and reach collective goals.

6) What kind of mother are you compared to your own mother?

I hope I'm as good a mother to my daughter as my mother was to me. She encouraged me, she challenged me, she supported me, she gave me the confidence that I could succeed at whatever I chose as long as I worked for it. That's what I'm trying to do for my daughter.

I don't have any prescription for my daughter to have a successful life. If she is satisfied with her life choices and meets life with enough confidence, courage, and hope, to cope with whatever obstacles are thrown in her way, then I will be a happy mother. I don't have preconceived notions about what she should or should not do. I'm trying to give her the tools to make decisions on behalf of herself, and I will respect whatever

decisions she makes because I have a lot of regard for her as a person and trust in what she does with her life.

7) To what extent do you limit her exposure to popular culture?

When she was a little girl, her father and I limited the time she could watch television and we supervised what she could see. We were concerned about violence in any form, and all the other messages that undermine human dignity and responsibility. As she got older, we let her make more and more decisions for herself. But we always talked over the decisions with her. Now that she's a teenager, we have a trust in her ability to make her own decisions. Occasionally we tell her we don't think something is appropriate for someone her age. More often than not, she agrees with us because we have always tried to talk honestly about it.

8) What do you see yourself doing in 10 years?

I don't have a clue.

I have never planned my life. If you had asked me in 1969, when I graduated from Wellesley, what I would be doing in 10 years, I never could have predicted that I would be married to the Governor of Arkansas and be ready to embark on a whole new adventure in my life. I just don't live my life that way. I try to do the best I can with whatever I'm doing and build toward the future.

I do have private aspirations. I care deeply about what kind of life I live and how integrated my life is, how much integrity it has. I care deeply about the big issues of values and faith, which I pursue mostly in private. I care deeply about the quality of my family life. And I think the quality of your faith life and your family life determines to a great extent how you feel about the sum of your life as you get older.

5/4/94

I think attending a women's college did play a major role in giving me confidence and support for making the choices in my own life. I choose a women's college in part because I had gone to a very big public high school and I wanted a different experience and thought that I could find it at a place like Wellesley, and not only did I get a first rate education, but I made great friends of a lifetime among faculty and students who have supported me and advised me on personal and professional choices ever since I left college.

Q: What extent has my life over the past 25 years conformed?

HRC: Well, to some extent, my life has conformed in that I knew when I graduated from Wellesley that I would go to law school, and I would do something in the law although I had no particular idea what it would be, I also wanted to be involved in helping to solve public problems through volunteer work and public service and I have had the opportunity to do that.

#2: I don't know if I am more or less idealistic today. I think I am still idealistic, but maybe in a different way than I was in 1969. I probably know how much harder it is now to make changes and to give people the self confidence they need to face a changing world, but I still believe that we are capable of being a much better people and a much greater country than we have yet demonstrated and that there is always work to be done for people who are willing to work on behalf of others to improve their communities and their lives around them.

#3: How have I negotiated the balance of work and motherhood?

HRC: I have probably done it in the same ways that many of my friends and classmates have done it, on a day by day basis, doing the best I can every single day. Knowing when I had to focus my attention completely on my parenting responsibilities at certain points in the life of my daughter and making room in my work life to permit that. And also knowing when I had to concentrate on work that had to be done. But much of that balance can only be accomplished on a day by day week by week basis because the needs of your children change from stage to stage of their lives. And I feel grateful that I've had work that permitted me the flexibility to attend every school event and to be home for my daughter most evening and weekends. Many women don't have that luxury, they punch a clock when they go work in the morning and they punch out at night and they're not given time off to go to parent teacher conferences and they just have a much harder time being true to themselves and fulfilling their responsibilities to their children or to their work. But no matter what circumstance you find yourself in, it is always a difficult challenge. And I

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Q: What moments in your life have felt like the greatest shift, the greatest risk?

I have so many shifts and risks in my life , it's hard to remember them all. Certainly my decision to follow my heart to Arkansas, and against the advice of my friends from Wellesley and my family, to start a new life was in my experience the greatest risk that I ever took, although I didn't feel like it was much of a risk at the time. Being involved in public life, taking on hard issues, both on behalf of myself, whether the work I did in education reform or what I; 'm trying to do now in health care reform where what I believe in is controversial, and creates strong opposition. and behalf of my husband's political activities where I have supported him because I believe in him and know that he can make a difference for the better in people's lives have posed lots of risks and challenges by people who didn't agree or people who were out to undermine what we were trying to accomplish. The greatest shift would be becoming a mother.

#5: How do you feel about power and how have you sorted out for yourself what makes an appropriate and an effective style for a woman in power.

HRC: I feel about power the way I feel about a lot of things, there's good power and bad power. There are good uses for power and there are dangerous and unfortunate uses of power. Properly used, power used -- whether it's within a family or a church or a community, or a country, can be used to help bring people together and to help them solve problems to set out goals that can be reached together. I don't know that there is an appropriate and effective style for women in power, I prefer to think of women as individuals making choices that are right for them and choosing where appropriate to use power on behalf of others, as being the style I'd like to see. But there's no stereotype or stereotypical way that has to be done, women are just as capable as using or abusing power as men. What's important to me is how power is acquired and how it is used in the lives of people who have it, and what they do for others with it. Not the gender of the person who acquires it.

#6: What kind of mother are you as compared to your own mother?

Well I hope I am as good a mother to my daughter as my mother was to me. She encouraged me, she challenged me, she supported me, she gave the confidence to do what ever I choose to do if I were willing to work for it. That's what I'm trying to do for my daughter. I don't have any prescription for my daughter to have a successful life. If she is satisfied with whatever life choices she makes and she meets life with confidence and courage and hope so that she is able to deal with whatever circumstances life throws up to her, then I will be a happy mother and I don't have any preconceived notions about what she should or should not do, because I'm trying to give her the tools to make good decisions on behalf of herself and I think I will respect whatever decisions she makes because have a lot of regard for her as a person and trust in what she does with her life.

#7: To what extent do you limit her exposure?

When she was a little girl, her father and I limited the time she could watch television, supervised what she could see on television and what kinds of movies we let her see. We also were concerned about violence in any form and other messages that we thought were undermining of human dignity and responsibility and as she got older, we let her make more and more decisions for herself but we always talked over decisions with her as to what movies she and her friends could go see and what she might have seen on television at a friends's house if she spent the night. So we always stayed in touch with her feelings about what she was being exposed to through pop culture. Now as a teenager, we have a trust in her ability to make decision and occasionally, we tell her we don't think something is appropriate for someone her age, but more often than not she agrees with that because we have always tried to talk honestly about what we think is appropriate messages for children and young people to be exposed to.

#8: What do you see yourself doing in ten years.

I do not have a clue, I have never planned my life. If you had asked me in 1969 when I graduated from Wellesley what I would be doing be in ten years I could have never have predicted that I would have been married to the Governor of Arkansas and about to embark on a whole new adventure in my life. I just don't live my life that way. I try to do the best I can with what ever I'm doing and build toward the future in that fashion. I do have private aspirations. I care deeply about what kind of life I live and how integrated it is -- how much integrity it has. And those are private aspirations. I care a lot about continuing to worry about the big issues of values and faith that I have cared about for a long time in which pursue mostly in private but occasionally speak out on publicly. I care deeply about the quality of my family life with my husband and daughter and mother and brothers and all my relatives and my extended family of friends who are very important to me and who I try to be as

supportive of them as they are of me and I think the quality of your faith life and family life defined largely determine the great extent how you feel about the sum of your life as you get older. I do hope that on a private level the work that I care about publicly and the service that I have tried to be a part of is translated into a better quality of life for people in their private lives. I said many times, "I don't care who gets the credit for solving problems so long as we solve them together." So that on a private level children can play in parks again without fear and mothers can take their children for health care without being turned away at the door without for lack of insurance. I want to live as a private citizen in a society that reflects our better values. That's what motivates me to be involved in the public arena and why I care about what happens in these great public debates. That is very much the way I felt at Wellesley. Wellesley helped nurture and nourish that belief in me and I'm grateful for it.

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April 28, 1994

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

For some years now, U.S. News has devoted special editorial attention to the role that American higher education plays in the life of the country. As part of that effort this year, we have worked closely with Wellesley alumna representatives to sponsor an extensive poll of Wellesley graduates from five of this spring's reunion classes. To accompany the results of this survey, which seeks to explore how several generations of Wellesley women have been affected by the major social, cultural, and economic trends during their adult lifetimes, U.S. News is planning on publishing an extended portrait of your college class, which this year celebrates its 25th reunion. With this piece we hope to examine how a group of highly talented women on the cusp of the huge social and economic changes of the working world of the last 25 years have dealt with the many difficult choices they have faced.

No profile of the Wellesley Class of 1969 would be complete without your experiences, of course, and we very much appreciate your willingness to entertain some questions for this piece. The enclosed queries closely track what we are asking a number of your classmates. To give you a sense of some of the reporting we have done to date, we have included observations from several of your classmates in our questions. We hope you will feel free to be expansive in your answers.

Should it be easier for you to respond to these questions by tape recorder rather than in written form, we would of course be happy to make a transcript and provide you with a copy. Should you have questions or further comments and wish to speak with our reporter, Miriam Horn, directly, we would of course be delighted to arrange that as well.

Once again, we thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to help with this project and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Merrill McLoughlin
Mike Ruby

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR MRS. CLINTON:

1. Did the fact that you attended a women's college play a major role in shaping your view of yourself and in the personal and professional choices you have made since leaving Wellesley?
2. To what extent has your life over the last 25 years conformed to your expectations and aspirations at graduation? Are you more or less idealistic today?
3. Almost without exception, your classmates have described as their greatest struggle balancing work and motherhood. Your classmate Lonny Laszlo Higgins had her newborn brought to the hospital where she was a resident so she could breast-feed; Kris Rogers job-shared with her husband; Susan Alexander left the ministry for Wall Street so she could afford to singlehandedly raise her son. How have you negotiated that balance?
4. A number of women in your class have made radical shifts at some point in the last 25 years in the service of personal or public convictions. Nancy Wanderer Mackenzie left her marriage to create a life with a woman. Lonny Higgins sold her house and took her small children to sea. Kris Rogers jeopardized her career to defy the orders of a Reagan-appointed U.S. attorney. What moments in your life have felt like the greatest shift, the greatest risk?
5. In advising corporations on how to integrate their workforce, Janet Hill urges service-minded young women to pursue careers in the for-profit realm, where so much power is wielded. But Kris Rogers worries about the degree to which she has been co-opted by becoming part of the power "establishment". Too often, she worries, she censors herself, or compromises her aspirations to make them more palatable. How do you feel about power? And how have you sorted out for yourself what makes an appropriate and effective style for a woman in power? Does this differ from your view of what makes a man in power effective?
6. What kind of mother are you compared to your own mother? What would it mean, in your eyes, for your daughter to have a successful life? To what extent do you limit her exposure to, for example, rap music, violent TV or other cultural forces that you consider destructive?
7. What do you see yourself doing in 10 years? Do you have private aspirations that don't have to do with service and public life?

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① Played a role - confidence + support for nat'l. Decisions - as our life. Chose to call for high school student diff. exper. Thought I could find it at a place like W. Not just 1st rate educ. but also

② To some extent my life has unfolded - knew I'd go to 1. school to do sth. up/learn. Also wanted to be involved in solg. probs. in vol. + pub.

Not sure if I'm more or less idealistic - still idealistic but prob. is a diff. way - conf. to face the world - but capable of being a much greater coach. Because have yet demonstrated -

③ I've prob. done it in same way that my friends & classmates do by my day - knowing when to focus on school by day then + know when I had to concentrate on work that had to be done

Needs of ex-child care change - grateful I've had work that permitted me flexibility - my home don't have that luxury -

Much tougher time by themselves or to their own

No matter how you do it it's always a
diff. chally. Don't know a.w. that
doesn't feel some pass of guilt —
grateful for sup. I have, my mother-in-law,
friends — a lot

- (4) So many shifts & so many mts.
Cent. my decision to follow my heart to Ark
against adv. of fam. & friends of W. —
& start a new life here

Cent. the greatest
Bec. involved in pub. life — taking on diff.
issues — educ. reform & h.c. reform —
& on behalf of my husband's pol.
activities — & bc can make a diff —
posed lots of mts & lots of challenges.

- (5) Good power & bad power —
good uses & dangerous ^{& unfort.} uses &
- Prop. used; can help by ppl together & solve
problems

Don't know that there is a proper style
for women in power

To use power on behalf of others —

no stereotypical use of power just as capable
what's up to me is how it's ^{of abuse}
argued & how it's used

- (b) Hope I'm as good a mother as my
mother was for me
she challenged me, encouraged me;
No precepts
If she is satisfied
If she meets life w/ conf, courage &
hope so that she can deal
w/ obstacles.
I'll be a happy mom
Try to give her good tools to make
decisions on behalf of herself

Limit exp/

When she was little - we told her
She'd watch tv - supervised
What she'd see; concerned abt
violence in any form + any
mess that were under; their
dignity + responsibility

As she got older let her make more
& more decisions but talked over
what moves she went to see -
what she is exposed to w/ pop culture
Now she trusts her decisions -
Sometimes tell her what's appropriate
not for her age - but after
than not she agrees

I don't have a clue. I've never
planned

my life.

If asked '69 I never

I just don't live my life that way.

Just try to do the best

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Cont. to worry abt the big issues

of value & faith -

persons mostly in private

care deeply & usually of my family life

& my extended family & friends

the quality of my family life & my life

determines largely the extent you feel

I do hope on a personal level that

work I care abt publicly is translated

into a better quality of life in my lives

I don't care who ^{gets credit for} solves our problems

as long as we solve them

I want to live as a citizen in

a society that reflects our values

W. helped nourish & nurture that belief

in me.

GLORIA STEINEM NOTES

Playboy

Redstockings - 1968 - w. abortion

Newer Postable / caustic

Roundalin -

Organs

Volunteer

next generation -

Bummerhouse

steadfast, courageous efforts to make life better for
American women

Certif of

The Pres awarded her

Certif of Commendation to

GS

Citizen > 100 years