

INTERVIEW REFLECTIONS III: March 11, 2002 (College Sophomore)

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- 226 00:53:51 Romina I think that. I think about that a lot because I think it's very hard to mold education around... Like I know. I don't know. I think we pretty much learn the same way (looking at Jeff). I don't learn well. Like if you give me a book. I didn't even really use textbooks in high school 'cause I mean for math I never really had a textbook ever, and I don't learn well like that and that's... I'm having a lot of trouble in college now with that because I don't even know who my teacher is. Like if I saw, if they saw me on the street, they wouldn't recognize me, and most of 'em it's like you have to read a book and then you're tested from what's in the book and I never learned like that so I'm just. I, I'm better at learning if like thinking about things, discussions, group work, and I've always been, and now when I, now I'm not, I'm not doing as well as I think I could be doing in college because we're just not taught like that anymore, and I, maybe I should have during high school and during my earlier years, I should have practiced more learning the other way. That way I would have been prepared for college. And...
- 227 00:54:48 T/R4 I have a question. Sorry to interrupt.
- 228 00:54:49 T/R7 I'll be quiet and keep thinking. (Laughter) Sorry, John.
- 229 00:54:55 T/R4 I know you've been asked again and again and again. Off your experience with Rutgers, and now where you are, what things did you feel, that you took from your Rutgers experience, have been a plus in your work? I just want to situate your Rutgers experience in the context of where you are now. What strengths you felt that you have then, where you felt you had worked differently. This question may have been asked here, but I'm still curious to ...
- 230 00:55:28 T/R7 John, when you say "by their Rutgers experience" you mean their experience with the Rutgers people, right?
- 231 00:55:32 T/R4 Yes, I want you to concentrate on your Rutgers experience. All you learned and, and how this reflected in where you are now. Positively, or it could be strengths or weak... Whatever you want to say.
- 232 00:55:47 Romina I think I, I deal with groups. I work very well with groups. Um, I do some of my best work with other people so that's helped me because I'm assuming that in the long run, I'm going to have to be, I hope to be in some sort of leadership role where I'm going to have deal with people and delegate, and I do that very well. I think. And another, I just noticed this, and I was... I had an interview last, in January. It was my first real interview, and, um, and I was not qualified for the job. I was not in the age group; it's not in my major; it's not, but it's something I really wanted and, um, I have no trouble walking into a room full of people that are supposedly, like I mean, like, I've dealt with professors and I have no problem walking into a room and sitting down and just discussing things, and I don't get, I get nervous, because it was odd, someone new, but I

didn't, I performed well, performed well under pressure especially when, like, when people are older.

233 00:56:40 Jeff

They take out cameras and they put them on you. (Laughter)

234 00:56:45 Romina

I mean it's pretty. Yeah. I don't, I don't get nervous and I ended up getting the job because I, in the, he even told me on the phone. He's like "Your interviewing skills," he's like "the way you presented yourself to me, I was very impressed with that," and he's like "and that's why you have the job 'cause you're not qualified for it." (Laughter)