

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Monday, March 18, 1985

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R Brandwein

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. March is Women's History Month, and today we will be talking about a history in the making, a history of women. It is about women who are poor. It is a history in the making that is sometimes called "The Feminization of Poverty."

With us today is Dr. Ruth Brandwein, dean of the School of Social Welfare at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Brandwein has been researching this emerging field, and has developed some interesting, and perhaps to some, startling, conclusions. Dr. Brandwein, as a layperson it would be my hunch that the feminization of poverty is a new field for research, a product of new social conditions, and yet we should not confuse that with the fact that women have always been poor. Is that right?

INTERVIEW BRANDWEIN:

- Define "feminization of poverty"
- Review women's status in American society over past century, especially during past 10 years
- What conditions have been prominent in accounting for the changes in the life of women?

-- Discuss:

- Politics / Admin. / Gov't (Heckler)

-- longevity

-- elderly rejected by younger family

-- discriminatory benefits, rates for *women*

- teen-age pregnancies

-- other societal changes (singles)

-- What improvements are in prospect?

Pay Equity

14:00

AFO: We'll continue our discussion with Ruth Brandwein in a moment.

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

AFO: Hi. I'm Al Oickle. I'm talking today about the feminization of poverty with Dr. Ruth Brandwein, dean of the School of Social Welfare at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Brandwein, we had just begun to discuss changes already under way. I know that education is playing a rather prominent role in helping improve the status of women in society. And I know that your school at Stony Brook has a remarkably high percentage of women, and older women, enrolled in both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

INTERVIEW BRANDWEIN:

- Review figures on enrollment
- Why so many women in welfare work?
- Review work opportunities
- What kind of courses?
- What kind of research?
- Prognosis and predictions for future

also cyclical

) diversity

29:00

OUTRO

