

1. Which are -in your view- the main differences between your life as a young woman and that of your mother at the same age?

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Young women today have more opportunities to participate into economic and social activities. While thirty years ago, for example, discrimination against women was hard enough to limit such opportunities, women now can independently act in society and judge things on their own ideas.

2. Can you ask the opinion of your mother about the same question.

Yes. Young women today can express their opinion more freely than before,

3. What would you really like to do in life?

My profession is teaching at senior highschool, so I want to educate children who will be able to take responsibility for the international society. The children should be *a strong force to build democratic & peaceful Japan.*

4. What do you consider the main issue in your society?

The problem of militarization. The Japanese government and the ruling elite proceed the military build-up and bring the nuclear weapons in the Japanese islands. However, young people are rather depoliticized and the popular movement against the above trend is still wanting.

5. Do you think that women have a special connection to that issue?

Yes. Women's activities can change the reactionary trends, such as militarization or building nuclear plants. But generally, for example in the universities, only a small group of female students seem to have interest in such social problems and participate into the movement.

6. Who is the woman you admire most? Why? Who is the man you admire most? Why?

I do not have one, particularly.

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This is PHASE I. These questions are asked to several young women from different countries. If the questions interest you, you are asked to send your answers until 31 dec. 1986 to:

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PHASE II: A picture of young women in North America, Europe and Asia will be drawn. It will be sent to you.

PHASE III: A summer '87 seminar will take place in the south of Europe.

