

## **Women and Tattoos**

### ***Interview Questions***

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##### ***General:***

- What is your name? Age? What city?

##### ***For Tattoo Artists:***

- How did you become a tattoo artist? initial inspiration?
- How was your experience as an apprentice?
- How many years have you been a tattoo artist?
- What are the tattooing regulations in your state?
- What have some of your career highlights been?
- In your estimation, what percentage of tattoo artists are women?
- How many artists work in your shop? Male/female ratio?
- Have you worked with other female artists?
- Do you have a sense of community with other female tattoo artists?
- How has gender been an issue in career? In what ways?
- What are your observations on gender and tattooing? What have your experiences been with tattoo clients and co-workers?
- What shop do you currently work at?
- What is the relationship between your identity and your tattoos?
- What female artists have inspired you?

##### ***For Tattoo Collectors:***

- How did you become aware of tattooing?
- When did you begin getting tattooed? Initial inspiration?
- What have some of the highlights of your tattooing experiences been?
- How has your gender influenced your relationship to tattoos?
- What is the relationship between your identity and your tattoos?
- What is the reaction of your family to your tattoos?
- What are your tattoo stories?
- Have you “crossed the line” for “female appropriate tattoos” (i.e. have too many tattoos; too large; etc.)? If so, what has that experience been like? Public reactions? How do you manipulate or work with this public response?
- Do you have children? If so, what is your experience as a tattooed mom (i.e., reactions of children’s friends’ parents, or school teachers, etc?)
- How have your tattoos altered your life?
- Do you plan on getting more tattoos? If so, what do you want to get?

##### ***Conclusion:***

- Those are all my questions. Do you have anything else to add?