

Interviewee: Alice Guyot (Her parents are divorced and now both in a homosexual relationship)

Interviewer: Daphnee Chabal

Interview translated from French

*I am explaining the project: we are trying to get interviews from people who don't have traditional last name practices [Giving examples] to understand why: practical reasons, personal reasons or feminist reasons. Understood. We are trying to see the long term consequences of practices. Know that your participation is entirely voluntary and that you can stop the interview and withdraw all or some of your sayings at any time. You have your answers will be posted to a website that I will have to give you and that you can check out and tell me if you want me to withdraw some claims and I will do it immediately. Understood. Do you want to use a pseudonym? No, it's fine. Ok. Know that you might make you uncomfortable about being asked certain questions and seeing certain claims on the website. [Alice asks when those questions and that she consenting but interviewer explains it is the procedure as the interview is recorded] Know that you are not giving up any of your legal rights and that you are still benefiting from all of them during and after the interview. You have my contact and you can contact me anytime to before and after getting the results. So do you agree to take part in this interview? Yes, Yes, I accept.*

*So what is your last name? Guyot. Your father's? Yes. Your parents are married? Do you want to explain the story? Yes ok. So my parents were married 15 years. My mother had my father's name. After the divorce, she took back her maiden name but us, the three children, had and kept our father's last name. Your parents are now in a relationship with other people? Do you have their names? Middle or last? No, their names are not part of my name at all.*

*Do you know why did your mom take your father's name in the first place? I think it is because of convention. At that time that is the way people did it. Did she like your father's name better? Is it because the writing or the aspect of it or the pronunciation was better? Not at all. Ok. [interviewer says it is difficult to translate, at first translates wrongly, creating confusion] Did it cause problem for her to use your father's name in her career? Does she regret it? I don't understand the question. Did she regret having my father's name?*

*Did she publish any articles or use your father's name in her work? Nope. She is a librarian so she did not publish anything. And I am not aware if she has any regrets but I really don't think so. If you got married, would you take your husband's name? I think so yes. Would you care about the aspect of his name? Not really, unless it's very difficult to pronounce or extremely difficult to spell. And would you give your name to your children? Would you inform yourself of what you can do? Hyphenated, Combined? If I take my husband's name, I think I'll give the children his name. Would you consider having both your name and your husband's? No. Do you know if your mother knew how she could keep her name, have both or combine names? No I don't think so.*

*Would your parents care if you took another name? I think they would not care at all. [laughter, interviewer takes time to translate rightly and] Did it cause any problem that you have your father's name since they are divorced? Sometimes it's a bit complicated since teachers do not know I do not have the same name as my mother. But it is not that problematic, you just have to explain.*

*Did it disturb your mom that she was called « Mme Guyot » after the divorce? [explaining the question]* Yes for personal reasons since it is her ex-husband's. It is not always flattering. [explaining question, checking with Alice if background information are right]

*If she got married again and if your father would get married too, would they keep their name?* My mom would keep her name. Since she is now in a homosexual relationship, she would not consider changing her name. If she was with a man, maybe she would think about changing her name again. My father who is in a homosexual relationship too would keep his name too.

*Would she keep her name for feminist or to be un-conventional or for personal reasons since our project deals also with feminism?* I think it is for personal reasons, since she already experienced a divorce. *Do you have other role-models in your family that have influenced your choice to take your husband's name? Friends?* Yes I heard lots of people say how important it is for them to have their husband's name so I think yes it influenced me.

*Did you ever meet people who thought differently about it?* No, not really. *Do you think people will judge you for keeping your name in case of a marriage or having both your and your husband's names?* No. *It is just your choice.* Yes. [interviewer explaining her case doesn't really apply too much to the questions so she has to sort them out.]

*It seems that the aspect of the names doesn't matter to you. What is your mother's name now?* Decosse. *And did you ever think about taking her name?* Yes, very often. *Oh, why?* Because I have some troubles with my father's family and I feel closer to my mother's family. Also I don't really think I will marry anyone even if I meet someone, so I think I will keep my name anyway and so it would be good if it was my mother's. So yes, I often thought about taking her name. *Good. And did you look up any of the procedures to do so?* I did. However you have to have very valid reasons to do so. And I don't really have valid reasons to do so. My only reason is that I am not that close to my father's family and it is not a very good reason.

*Does the pronunciation and aspect of your mother's name influenced you to desire it?* Yes, I like it better. Most people mispronounce my father's name and it is bothering me. I like better the spelling and pronunciation of my mother's name. *Is it a French name?* Yes, D-E-C-O-S-S-E. So yes, I think so. *So will you cross the line?* I don't know, I don't want to angry some other people and confuse them. *And your brothers, do they think about taking your mother's name?* Not really. *Will your decision influence them?* I don't know. One of my brothers will not like it if I change my name. The other would not care at all. *You are the oldest?* Nope, I am the youngest.