

Claudia Stravato Oral History Interview Index

- :17 Birth in Dallas, Texas
- :45 Living in Amarillo, Texas in 1977 and views about issues at the National Women's Conference (NWC); in 1976 was ousted from the Republican Party for supporting women's rights
- 1:58 Memories of the Texas state meeting in Austin; Hispanic women walkout led by Diana Camacho
- 3:10 Election as delegate; involvement in Texas Women's Political Caucus as a Republican
- 4:06 Memorable moments at the National Women's Conference: standing by Margaret Mead; group of prostitutes at conference who wanted legalized prostitution; Cast Off Your Old Tired Ethics (COYOTE)
- 5:30 Description of auditorium and people there; impressions of older women at the conference
- 6:41 Government major at Texas Woman's University, then University of Missouri at St. Louis, then West Texas State University (bachelors and masters)
- 7:15 Desire to work in government
- 7:45 Ann Richards and Sarah Weddington
- 8:48 Work for State Comptrollers office and work for Bob Bullock; field manager for 26-county area in Texas Panhandle
- 10:48 Executive Director of Arthritis Foundation; worked at the State Comptroller's office for 25 years; reflections of working for Bob Bullock (ran campaign for Bullock's bid for Lieutenant Governor; then was Chief of Staff)
- 13:00 Health problems; husband's fear for her to get necessary blood transfusions because he feared she would get AIDS
- 14:43 Bullock called the University of Texas Southwest Medical School and asked them to give Stravato a job; Director of Professional Education; there 7 years
- 15:23 Friendship with Ann Richards; Richards appointed Claudia's husband Chairman of the Criminal Justice System; Bullock's anger about this appointment
- 16:03 Ran Planned Parenthood in Amarillo for 11 years; some people's hatred/harassment of her and Planned Parenthood in general; Bishop John W. Yanta
- 17:40 Teaching at West Texas A&M University (17 years)
- 19:24 *Who's Who of American Women (1979, 1985)*, Career Achievement Award from Amarillo Women's Network ; Woman of the Year from Executive Women in Texas Government; Outstanding Woman in State Government; Distinguished Woman Award; Making a Difference in the Texas Panhandle Award from Texas Tech
- 23:15 Planned Parenthood as crucial for poor women; Stravato started health center for poor men
- 24:46 2009 Gloria Hobson Nordin Social Equity Award, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award as being a community health leader; Distinguished Graduate Award; NAACP's Humanitarian Award; Teaching Excellence Award from West Texas A&M

- 27:46 President of American Civil Liberties Union in Amarillo and case against men in Hereford, Texas; help from Southwestern Voter Registration Project in San Antonio; got two women elected to city office; Molly Ivans wrote editorial “Hereford: Little South Africa”; undocumented immigrants in Hereford
- 33:24 Membership and work with NAACP
- 33:40 League of Women Voters
- 34:03 on State Board of ACLU
- 34:38 Texas Abortion Rights Action League; Religious Coalition for Reproductive Freedom; Unitarian
- 35:56 Health and government two themes of life
- 37:57 Children; husbands 3 kids and her 2 kids
- 38:37 Affect of NWC: helped her understand feminism and the work of previous generations of women
- 39:19 “Women’s Libber” term and other gendered terms
- 40:32 Example of an experienced microaggression; and credit given to NWC for helping to notice microaggressions and other forms of mistreatment
- 43:40 Bullock’s decision to get rid of a lot of employees and Stravato’s influence against this
- 45:50 Early involvement in Texas Women’s Political Caucus; and National Women’s Political Caucus; Bella Abzug; Patti Reagan
- 47:35 Interest/involvement in criminal justice; poverty; immigration
- 50:07 Thoughts about current separation of children from parents at the US-Mexico border
- 51:50 Bob Bullock and topic of getting rid of food stamps