

## Autumn Bermea Thesis Interview Protocol

Tell me about the relationship with the mother of your children.

- Are you still in the relationship?
- If so, for how long?
- If not, how long was the relationship?
- What was your main reason for ending the relationship?
- Are you currently co-parenting?

What is/was your relationship like?

(If in a relationship) How do you feel about your partner?

How did you feel about your partner when you first started going out?

How has that changed?

All couples argue, it's part of being in a relationship. What kinds of things do/did you fight about?

Tell me about a time when you and your partner had an argument.

What was it like when you argued?

How did you feel when you two had an argument?

How do/did you think those arguments typically start?

Who, in your opinion, is/was usually "at fault" for the arguments?

Do you feel like these arguments ever got out of control?

What kinds of things does/did she say/do during the arguments?

Why do you think she said/did that?

What kinds of things do/did you say/do during these arguments?

Why do you think you said/ did that?

You said your partner \_\_\_\_\_. Had that ever happened before?  
You said your partner \_\_\_\_\_. What did you think when she did this?  
How did you feel?  
Did you feel scared when your partner \_\_\_\_\_?

How did it change your relationship with your partner?

What do you think others, like your friends, would say if they knew she did this?

What about your family?

How do you think other guys your age would respond if their girlfriends \_\_\_\_\_?

Did you tell someone about what happened?

What did they say when you told them? Who?

If not, why not?

How did they respond?

Who did you live with growing up (parents, grandparents, ect.)?

What is your relationship with your family like now?

Were your parents married?

What was their relationship like?

How often did they fight?

How did they resolve conflicts?

How did your dad treat your mom?

How did your mom treat your dad?

Everyone's idea of a perfect relationship is different. What do you think a perfect relationship looks like?

What are arguments like?

Who works in the relationship?

Who takes care of the kids?