

Oral History Collection

Ms. Amy

Interviewer: W. Davis

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Place of Interview: Denton, Texas

Male voice in background: --but we all still question, I
heard the sighs out there when I
mentioned it, that we all
wonder, 'How can this judge rule
fairly against anybody in the
oil and gas industry who knows
it's going to negatively affect
his bottom line?' And I don't
want us to have--[Break]

Female voice in background: --It's being shot by Garrett and
Candace. It's a documentary
about-

Amy [?]: Hi, I'm Amy.

W. Davis: Hi, it's nice to meet you, Amy. How are you doing tonight?

Amy: I'm good. Just enjoying the party.

W. Davis: All right. So what brings you to the show tonight?

Amy: Actually, my friends, they're over there, they kind of brought me with them. And we're just here to learn a little bit about fracking.

Davis: All right. What do you do?

Amy: I'm an English major at TWU [Texas Woman's University].

Davis: All right. That's cool.

Amy: Yeah!

Davis: Okay, let's see. So, how long have you been living in Denton?

Amy: Only two years. I'm from Abilene. Went to Community College first.

Davis: Oh, very cool. So tonight, have you learned anything about fracking new? Or have you decided whether or not fracking is a good idea or a bad idea?

Amy: I haven't been here too long, so I haven't really learned much yet. But from what little I know, I

think it's kind of a bad idea.

Davis: What's bad?

Amy: As far as I know, it's pretty bad for the environment. It's doing a lot of damage global warming-wise. And there have been some small earthquakes out in the west part of the Metroplex, that I heard were caused from fracking.

Davis: Yes, very true. That's why we are all here, hoping that we can change something about that. So if they had another vote, would you vote to ban fracking? Or would you think that it might bring enough revenue for the city to keep it?

Amy: Well, from what I know of fracking, even if they allow it, it won't be much of the city that we know to have money for? So if there's a vote, I would definitely vote to ban it. [Break]

Davis: So what brings you guys to the show tonight?

Female 1: Yes, well, I'm here supporting the fracking. Because, my gosh, I mean, it needs a lot more attention out there. It's very important. So I'm here tonight, trying to see if anybody else feels the same.

Male 1: It's a great cause. It needs more attention to-- the important thing that I believe that most

people that live here, go to school here, should become more aware about. I think this is a good starting point for us.

Davis: How long have you guys been living here?

Female 2: I'm a freshman. I just started. Not very long.
[Laughs].

Davis: Oh okay.

Male 1: I've lived in Denton for 6 years now.

Davis: All right. Wow, that's a while. So why, exactly, if there's one thing you could name, why exactly are you against fracking?

Female 1: They go in and they want to drill into your land. And I understand if you have that land and you have someone drilling into it, you don't even know if these are harmful gasses or not that are coming up and so yeah, we're trying to be aware of--something harmful that can cause this.

Davis: Yeah, those dangerous fumes and stuff.

Female 1: Yeah! No one wants that, especially when you own the land.

Davis: Yes, exactly.

Female 1: So... no.

Male 1: Me, I genuinely think it's detrimental to the environment. It can cause long term and short

term effects for a lot of people that live here in Denton. If it continues it could just grow to more and bigger cities in Texas. Or you know—

Davis: Do you think they will ever be able to reinstate the ban on fracking? With all the lawsuits against the city council, it might be pretty hard so, do you think they might ever work some kind of way?

Male 1: Yeah... yeah I mean if they were to bring down the corruption going on in the city council, bring in some people that will actually care about people and the environment and stuff, maybe some changes would happen.

[End of interview]