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Women Working Together
Patricia Schwartz discusses how relationships between women in the workplace have changed over time.

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I always thought it was a great place for women to grow, once you get past that stereotype of women being your boss. Now there are some women that are good bosses, and some that are not, but the same way with men, across the board. And I think initially, women tend to be their own worst enemies initially, way back when, not anymore. I think they’re more mentoring than they used to be, in this day and age. And they’re more aware that if you see someone struggling, especially if it’s a female, and you’re a female. “What’s going on? What are you trying to do? Tell me what’s happening. Okay, well let’s try it this way, or this way.” Because you want them to succeed, it’s not a competition. You’re not competing with each other, and initially, when it first started out, it was women kind of competing with each other for a job. Now, it’s, we’re all, we’ll rise together type thing.