through well-planned and prepared policy programs rather than by reluctantly and belatedly yielding to the social pressures exerted in the direction of greater flexibility. The individual should be free to switch between periods of income-earning work, education or training, childbearing and child care, weekly hours years of schooling and access to adult training and education...  

Given the popularity of “flexitime” schemes such a possibility may not be as improbable a vision as it might at first appear to be.

If such a plan were implemented Bernard believes that there is a possibility that women would come to see their lives as whole, and plan for the pattern that is going to characterize the lives of at least half of them. This would be a step toward proposing and implementing alternatives that will benefit all people. It would certainly make possible Charlotte Perkins Gilman’s dream of a woman’s achieving economic independence and it would point the way for a new life of interdependence in which women and men might relate to each other in lifestyles which would enhance the human potentiality for all.

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