

I don't think it's good. I think they're ^{healthier} ~~happier~~ than what they are with a bottle, when you nurse them. See, my granddaughter, she wanted to put her kids on the bottle. I said, "No. You're not going to put them kids on the bottle. You got tits to nurse it," I told her. Alta. Same way with Imogene, and Cordelia--all of them--they raised their kids by breast. "You ain't got no money. You ain't got enough money to spend on these milk for them. Be safer for you to nurse your baby." And she raised her kids on the breast.

(Who was that--Imogene?)

Imogene and Cordelia, and then her daughter, this Wanda. I made her. And then Margaret--Alonzo's wife--I made her nurse her first baby on her breast. And the second one. Now, this little one, she's got it on the bottle, and it's just skinny. I guess Alonzo told her to put it on the bottle. "Well, they got plenty of money," I said. "You can get two or three gallons of milk and put it in the ice box," I told them. "Oh," she said, "I think it was better for me to have it on my breast," she said. "But he didn't want me to put it on my breast anymore." But them two she put on her breast, they're healthy. And look at Floyd's kids. I don't think they ever nurse on their mother. Right the day they were born they had bottles. And they're sure weakly, you know. They got colds all this week. And then that little one--but they got one big fat one.

(Is that Brian?)

Brian. He's fat.

(He's real big for his age.)

Yeah. You know Dr. Hart, one I used to work for, he used to tell me if a child gets real fat, you know--real fat-- "That's not fat," he used to say. "It's water. And they don't live to be old." That's what he used to tell me. I used to work for Dr. Hart over here after that school. Well, we'd already moved over here and I used to go every morning and go work for him.