

for us is trapped in this situation. On the hand, the *señora* who used to work for us has fewer job options and has little chance of moving out of the economic niche in which she finds herself.

The dilemmas associated with family life as the context within which we conduct our professional lives are not only the constant juggling of schedules, the hurried pace to life, the missed leisure, and our dependence on other less fortunate women, but also the real possibility that access to power, including power that can be used to eliminate or minimize such conditions, can and will be restricted to those who have demonstrated their ability and their willingness to compete and excel under the current arrangement, restricted to those who don't question assumptions or those who do not insist on re-ordered priorities.

III. The Textual Dilemma of Learning Silence

My memories from law school begin with the first case I ever read in Criminal Law. I was assigned to seat number one in a room that held some 200 students. The case was entitled *The People of the State of California v. Josefina Chavez*¹¹. It was the only case in which I remember encountering a Latina and, in this instance, she was the defendant in a manslaughter prosecution. The facts, as I no doubt selectively remember them, involved Josefina giving birth one night over the toilet in her mother's home without waking her brothers, sisters or mother. The baby dropped into the toilet.