

# Ali Fedotowsky: Stay-At-Home-Mom Not in Future Plans



(Spoiler alert!)

Last week on ABC's *The Bachelorette*, a competitive reality dating game show, Ali Fedotowsky, had a one-on-one date with contestant Ty. She found out he ended his previous marriage because his ex-wife worked, and he was looking for a traditional stay-at-home mom. Traditional is something that Ali is certainly not. "I imagine a lot of the women cringed when they heard Ty make the comment about women being presidents of companies," Fedotowsky told Reality TV Calendar last week. "Ha ha. Trust me, I cringed too." Ty ended up being eliminated last night – Ali was still concerned about his traditional values.

**What should you do if you're dating a man who expects a "traditional" wife, and you are anything but?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

While more women opt to work and pursue a career than be a stay-at-home mom, many men still expect a 1950's housewife. Here's Cupid's take on dealing with this outdated stereotype:

**1. Talk before you walk:** Make sure you're both clear with what you are looking for from the other person. Also, consider that some men look at women working as a loss of power. In the book *Choices in Relationships: An Introduction to Marriage and the Family*, the author says many men who want a traditional wife think that a woman earning more money threatens their masculinity, and their status as head of the household.

**2. Think of the kids:** According to family therapist Gayle Peterson, studies show that children who have working mothers tend to have higher self-esteem, since working mothers feel happier with themselves, and those good feelings spread to family members. Also, some families might need that two person income to provide for the children.

**3. Figure out work/life balance:** Talk with your partner to figure out the best way to balance work and house duties. Map out schedules and share responsibility.