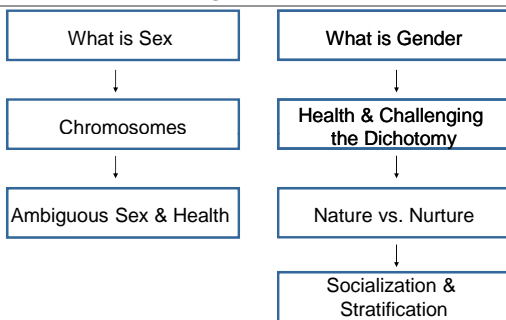


Gender

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Big Picture



Sex vs. Gender

- Sex is a biological category
- Gender is a social category

Sex: A Closer Look

- Chromosomes
 - XX
 - XY
 - XXY
- A Case for 5 Sexes (Anne Sterling, 1993)
 - Females
 - Fems
 - Herms
 - Merms
 - Males

Sex: A Closer Look

- Biological Health
 - Birth: 105 boys for every 100 girls
 - Infant mortality
 - Life expectancy

Gender: Social Health

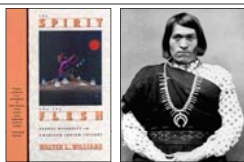
- Female infanticide
- Medical care access
 - Unbalances the sex ratio

Gender: Challenging the Dichotomy Overview

- The Berdache Tradition
- Androgyny
- Transgender
 - Transsexual
 - Transvestite

Berdache Tradition

- The Berdache Tradition
 - Defined
 - Purposes
 - Papago Indians excerpt (Walter Williams, 1986)



Androgyny

- Ambiguous dress



Transgender

- ▣ Defined
- ▣ Subcategories

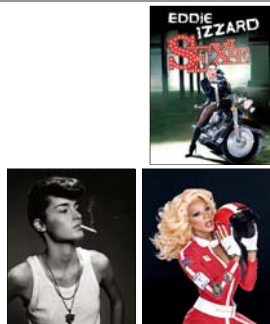
Transgender: Transsexual

- ▣ Transsexual



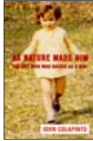
Transgender: Transvestite

- ▣ Heterosexual
 - Cross-dresser
- ▣ Homosexual
 - "Drag King"
 - "Drag Queen"



Gender: Nature vs. Nurture

- Nature (John/Joan/John Story, 1966)
- Nurture (Socialization)



Gender Socialization: Activity

- Get into groups of 4-5 based on the gender you identify as and discuss the following:
 - How did you learn about how to act like your gender?
 - What did you learn?
 - And who or what taught you each thing you learned?
- Afterwards share with the class.

Socialization: The Family

- Handling children
- Learning Masculinity: Boy Myths (Pollack, 1998)



The Family: Handling Children

- Consider the following from Lenore Weitzman's Sex Role Socialization: A Focus on Women:
 - "Cultural Assumptions about what is 'natural' for a boy or for a girl are so deeply ingrained that parents may treat their children differentially without even being aware of it" (p. 2-3)
- Thoughts?

The Family: Handling Children

- Color coding
- Response to crying (Condry, Condry, & Pogatschnik, 2004)
 - Mothers (Respond faster)
 - Female infant: **Quicker response**
 - Male infant: **Slower response**
 - Fathers (Respond slower)
 - Female infant & Male infant: **The same**

The Family: Learning Masculinity Boy Myths

- "Give 'em Hell"
- "The Sturdy Oak"
 - Stable & independent
 - No grief
- The "Big Wheel"
 - Drive for status
 - Dominance & Power
- "No Sissy Stuff"



Gender Stereotype Bias

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Socialization: Peers

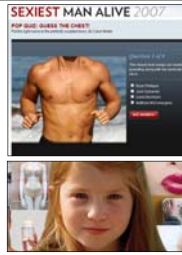
- Play different types of games
- Communication styles

Socialization: School

- Reinforce gender roles (Review)
- Push to different fields (Review)
- Behavior gender interpreted

Socialization: Media

- Reinforce gender roles
- Problems
 - Males [Link 1](#) & [Link 2](#)
 - [Females](#)



Gender Stratification: Terms

- Patriarchy
- Matriarchy
- Egalitarian



Gender Stratification: Workplace

- Pink occupations
 - Prestige
 - Money
 - "Glass escalator"
- "Glass ceiling" (Gay Bryant, 1984)

Chore List: Studies Found...

- Men's Chores
 - Mowing the lawn
 - Yard work
 - Taking out the trash
 - Maintaining vehicles
- Women's Chores
 - Taking care of children
 - Cooking
 - Grocery shopping
 - Washing dishes
 - Laundry
 - House maintenance

Gender Stratification: Housework

- Who does what?
 - Before and after children
 - Marital satisfaction
 - Influence of education
- Emergence the "Second Shift"
 - Gender role conflict



Sociological Perspective: Gender

- How would each theoretical perspective interpret gender stratification?

Reading Raves

▣ Williams



▣ Pollack

