

Women's voices and
feminist visions:
chapter 3 learning
gender



GenderThe way society creates, patterns, and rewards our understandings of femininity and masculinity, or the process by which certain behaviors and performances are ascribed to " women" and " men".

Gender is culturally and historically changeable.

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Social and Economic Arrangements of GlobalizationIncludes economic and political expansion, militarism and colonial conquest and settlement, disruption/appropriation of indigenous peoples and resources, and the exportation of ideas through world markets.

Helps shape global gender arrangements and transforms gender relations.

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NowPerformativityPerformativity is how we " do" gender, such as walking, speaking, or sitting in a certain way. These actions are shapes by discourses or regimes of truth.

Performativity is constrained by social norms.

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How is the relationship between biology and culture more complicated than the assertion that sex is biological and gender is a social interpretation of

sex? 1) There is greater gender diversity in nature than one once thought. Many species are not just male or female.

2) While biology may imply some basic physiological "facts", cultures give meaning to these in such a way that we must question where biology can exist without the society that gives it meaning.

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Intersex When one has a reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not seem to fit the typical binary definitions of "female" or "male".

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Gender Assignment Usually given at birth and determined by our physical body type to be male or female.

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Gender Identity Concerns how one feels internally about one's own gender. May or may not match one's assigned gender given at birth.

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Gender Expression How we perform and express gender to those around us.

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What are stereotypical qualities of "femininity"? Passive, dependent, intuitive, emotional.

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What are stereotypical qualities of "masculinity"? Strong, independent, in control, out of touch emotionally.

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Gender Acquisition A process in which we practice the performative aspects of gender and learn "appropriate" thinking and behaviors associated with our assignments as girls and boys.

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Transsexual Used to describe transgendered people who believe they are born with the bodies of the wrong sex and who desire chemical or surgical altering in the form of hormone therapies or sex reassignment surgeries.

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Androgyny Defined as a lack of gender differentiation or a balanced mixture of recognizable feminine and masculine traits.

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Genderqueer Combines alternative gender identity and sexuality, although you may see it used to imply someone who is transgendered without concern for sexual identity.

Generally, it describes someone who is a nonconformist in challenging existing constructions and identities.

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Machoism Breaking rules, sexual potency contextualized in the blending of sex and violence, and the contempt for women (misogyny).

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Provider role Associated with masculinity. Composed of ambition, confidence, competence, and strength.

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Four Dictates of Masculinity 1) No "sissy" stuff, the rejection of femininity.

2) The "big wheel", ambition and the pursuit of success, fame, and wealth.

3) The "sturdy oak", confidence, competence, stoicism, and toughness.

4) Give 'em heck, the machismo element.

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NOMAS National Organization of Men Against Sexism

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What qualities does the contemporary "ideal woman" hold? She is someone who is smart, codependent, independent, beautiful, thin, athletic, and sexy. She is also loving, sensitive, competent domestically, and emotionally healthy.

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Gender RankingThe valuing of one gender over another. Typically, masculine is favored over feminine.

Occurs across gender categories and within gender categories (for example, economically privileged women are represented differently than poor women).

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